



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 6**

9.10.2026

Harvest Time



This week Year 2 and Year 5 have continued practising for their Harvest Festival Performances on Friday 23rd October. To celebrate Harvest, we are collecting donations for Birtley Community Centre Food Bank. We appreciate that these are challenging times for many families across Gateshead, but we know that even the smallest donation would be gratefully received and would like to thank families for the kind donations we have already received.

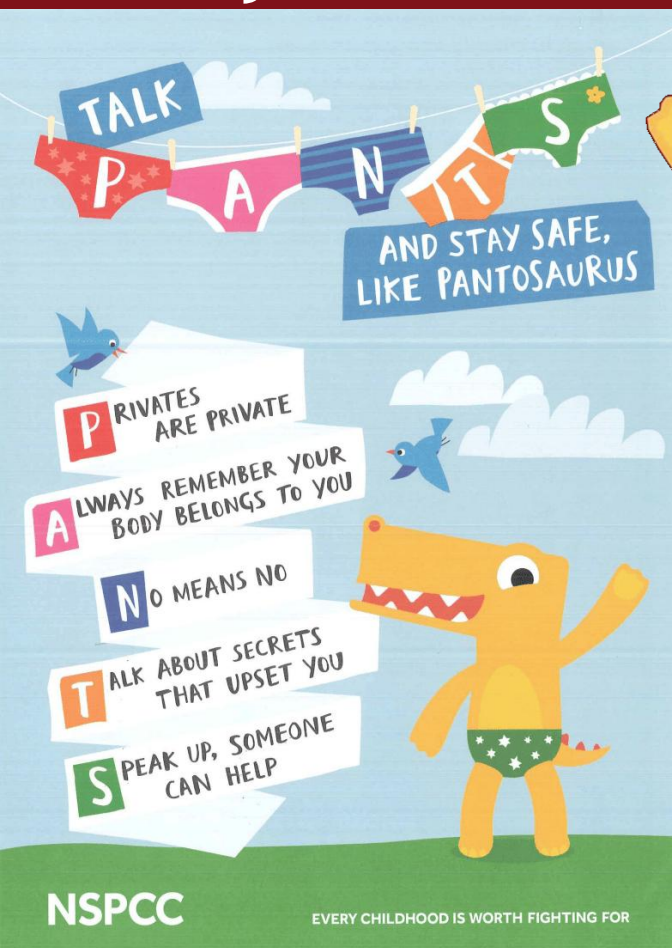
Reception

Our Reception children have had a wonderful time at Forest School recently! They impressed us all with how sensible and responsible they were, confidently remembering and explaining the Forest School rules to adults and their friends. Because they showed such excellent understanding of how to stay safe, we were able to enjoy a special campfire experience together. This week, we will be searching for signs of Autumn together. Please send in wellies if you have not already done so.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning the NSPCC rule about PANTS. The children worked in teams to unscramble the jigsaw pieces to discover each rule. You can use the links below to find out more and watch a fun video that has already been shared in class.



Click to
watch
my
video!

FIND OUT MORE



Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day at West Boldon Lodge this week. During the morning, they learnt about fire safety and the events of the Great Fire of London. The children loved making model houses and watching them burn to show how the fire spread. In the afternoon, they made and cooked bread around the campfire. What a wonderful time they all had!





Raring to go?



Ready for RTPS?

A clipboard with a green clip at the top and a yellow border. It contains a checklist with four items, each followed by a checked box. A small blue cube with the number 5 is at the bottom left of the clipboard.

- Born between 1.9.22 & 31.8.23? ☒
- Due to start Reception in 2027? ☒
- Turning 5 between 1.9.27 & 31.8.28? ☒
- Want to join our lovely school? ☒

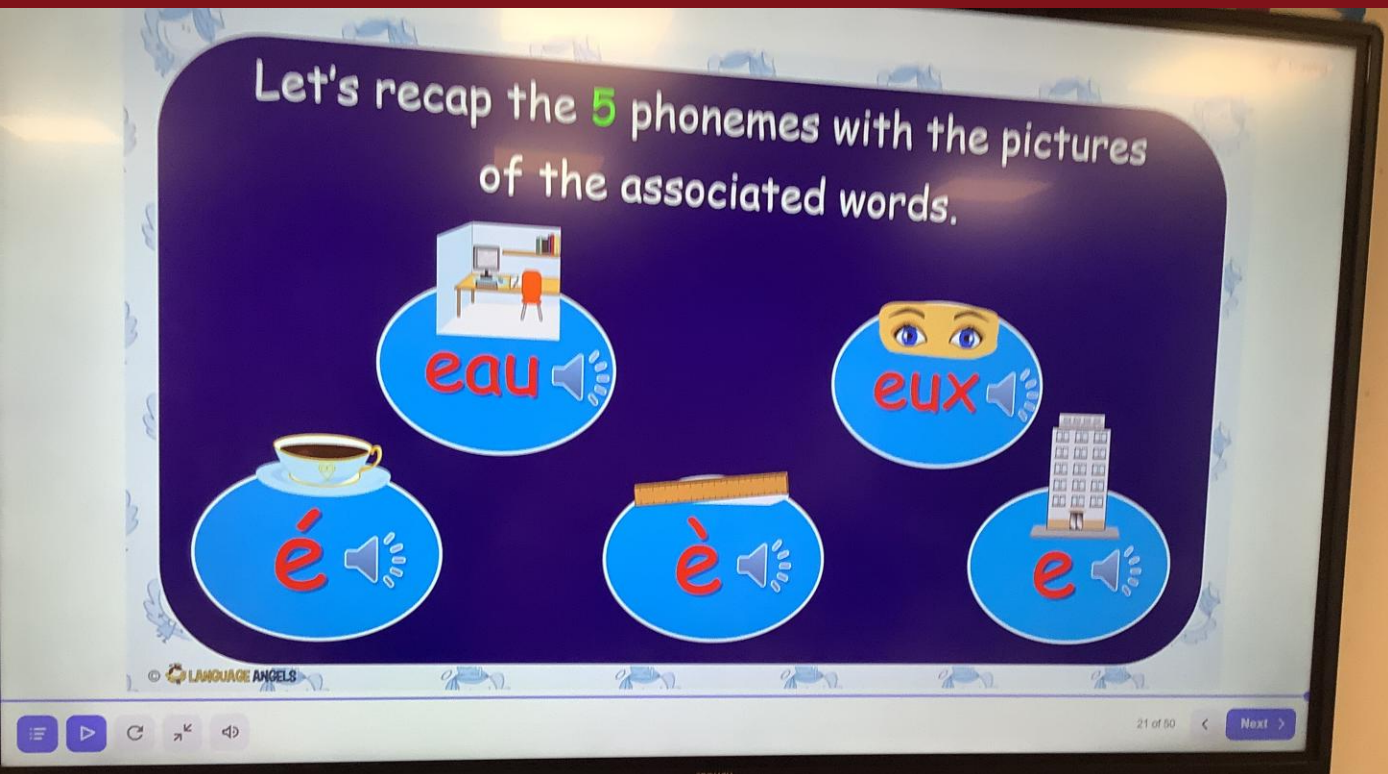
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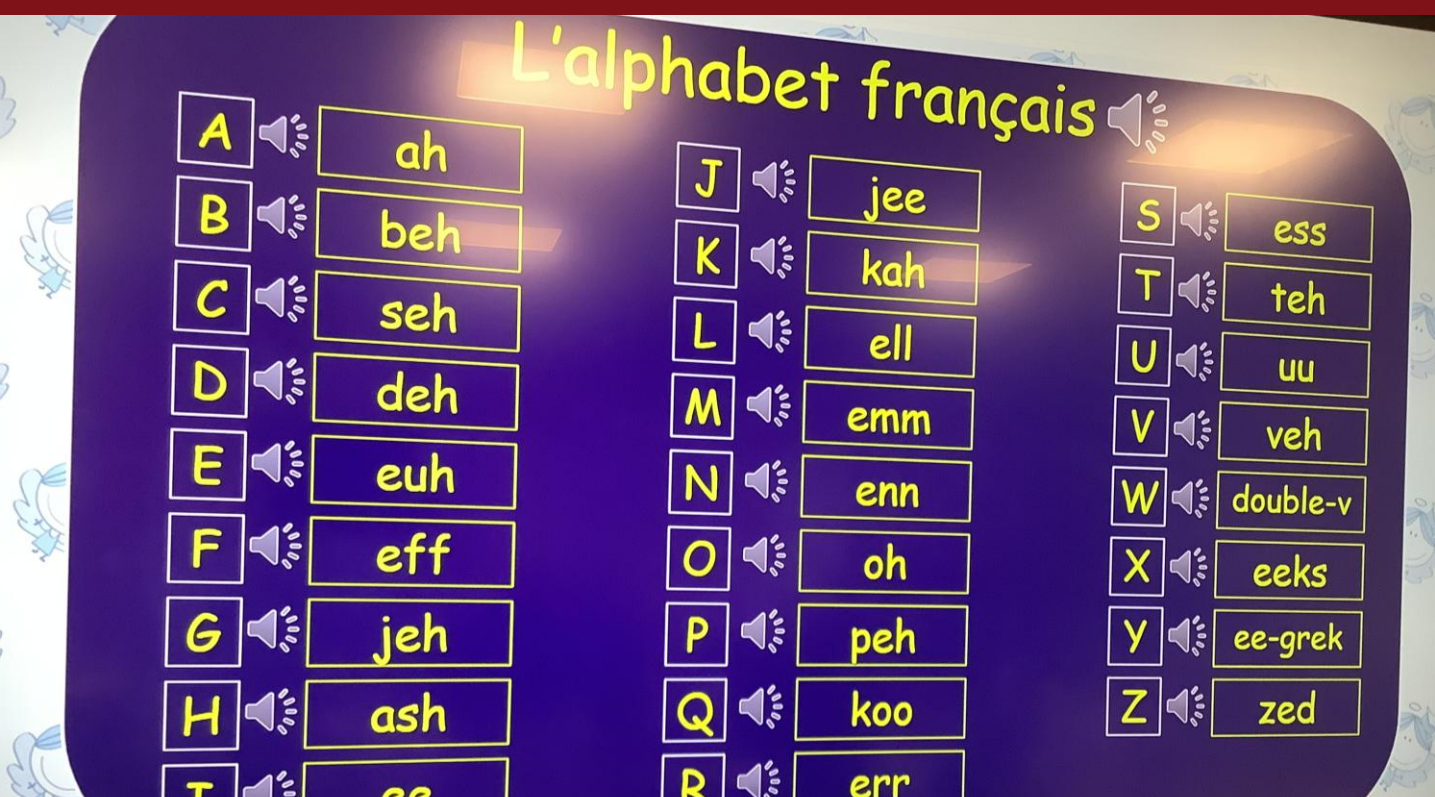
**Apply before 15.1.27
see page 14 for more**

Year 3 News

Since starting Year 3, we have been learning how to speak and write in French! In our first unit we have been learning the alphabet and phonics. Today's focus was on the sounds below.



Why don't you test our Year 3s on their knowledge of the alphabet? They are making super progress in school.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 celebrated National Poetry Day by creating their own 'I Wonder...' poems. The children used their imaginations to write thoughtful questions about the world around them and shared their creative ideas through poetry. We were very impressed with the wonderful poems they produced.

I wonder about the bugs

I wonder where the bugs go when the moon shines bright. I wonder what the bugs do when sun shines its light.

I wonder why ladybugs have colourful spots. I wonder why worms come up when the rain falls.

My Magical wonders

I wonder what hides under the blankets of unsailed waves. Could it be mermaids or treasures. Could it be dangerous or safe?

I wonder if aliens exist if they come in all shapes, colours and sizes. Do they despise humans. Which surprises do they live in this Galaxy?

British Values

Our School Values of **Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Independence** and **Perseverance** support us in promoting British Values:

*Democracy,
The Rule of Law,
Individual Liberty and
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with
Different Faiths and Beliefs.*

Together, they help children develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become responsible, active and caring members of society.

Mutual Respect & Tolerance is supported by the value of **Kindness**, which teaches us to value differences, appreciate the beliefs and experiences of others, and treat everyone with fairness and consideration.

Through showing empathy, listening to different viewpoints and including others, pupils help create a welcoming school community where everyone feels valued, respected and safe.

Focus on Values

At RTPS, we have five core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Kindness is more than just being polite - it's about caring for others, showing empathy, and making positive choices. For children in primary school, learning to be kind is essential for their emotional development and social success. This is important as it:

- Builds strong relationships
- Encourages empathy
- Creates a positive learning environment
- Boosts confidence and wellbeing
- Prepares them for life beyond school



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the life of Arthur Wharton during Black History Month. Arthur Wharton (1865 to 1930) was a pioneering athlete who is widely recognised as the world's first Black professional footballer. An exceptional all-round sportsman, Wharton excelled in athletics, football, cricket, cycling, and rugby. In 1886, he equalled a world record by running the 100-yard sprint in 10 seconds, earning a reputation as one of the fastest men of his era.

Tuesday 6th October

Black history

He was the first black footballer ✓

played cricket rugby and cycling

And Arthur Wharton

There's a statue of him in Saint Georges park ✓



played 7 games of football in 10 days for charity ✓

born in Gerna 1865 ✓

fastest man on the planet ✓



Secondary Schools

The deadline for Y6 families to apply for secondary school is 31st October 2026. You must apply to your home local authority, and applications are open for all local authorities.

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children
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Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been preparing to write their own suspense pieces based on our class text, *Groosham Grange*. They have been identifying key features and exploring different writing styles and techniques used to build suspense. They have also begun planning their own suspense pieces, thinking carefully about how they can use these techniques to engage and intrigue their readers.

<u>Description of the setting</u> <u>Time of Day – Show that it is night</u> inky night sky moonlight illuminated the corner of the room <u>Weather</u> • there's a thunderstorm outside • the sky was painted with shades of black and grey • the twinkling stars had been destroyed and patched up with pitch blackness <u>Where are your characters?</u> <u>Describe specific features.</u> • diamond chandelier hung to the ceiling • crackling fireplace • antique, matted carpet • large, weathered arm chair • stuffed animals stood in glass boxes. There their ~~ghostly~~ eyes watched david as every move • sharp, pointy claws had scratched across	<u>Describe features of your character but don't tell me what it is</u> • Something, or someone lingered in the darkness • emerald ^{green} beddy eyes stared into ~~her~~ ^{his} soul. Eyes that had seen many horrors. Eyes that looked for death. Eyes that longed to kill. • mysterious shadow • sinister shape	<u>Show not tell & actions to show fear</u> • He came to a breathless halt • His heart thudded • Trembled, shaken • uncertain, terrified • David couldn't shake the feeling that something was watching him. • he whirled around	<u>Short sentences</u> • Something was there • He stopped • keep moving. just keep moving • darkness swallowed her • There weren't any books
	<u>Repetition</u> Someone was watching him. Somewhere, they lurked in the darkness. Some how, David could not catch even a glimpse of them.	<u>Sounds – What can be heard?</u> • footsteps • eerie ~~to~~ silence • thump. thump. thump. • David's heart was the only thing he could hear.	<u>Rhetorical Questions</u> Who or what was watching him? Would he escape alive or would this be the end? Why him? Where were the books?

• emerald ^{green} beddy eyes stared into ~~her~~ ^{his} soul. Eyes that had seen many horrors. Eyes that looked for death. Eyes that longed to kill.

Reception 2027



Have you heard that you can now apply for a place in RTPS Reception class for 2027?

Yes! You can find out more below.



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RTPS MONSTER MASH

HALLOWEEN EVENT

Wednesday 21st October
4:00 – 5:30pm

Ticket price per child - £3

OWL EXPERIENCE



BROOMSTICK FLIGHT ACADEMY



WEREWOLF ACADEMY



THE POTION LABORATORY



MONSTER BAKERY



THE SPOOKY SCIENCE LAB



IN THE HALL



MONSTER MASH
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POCKET
MONEY STALL



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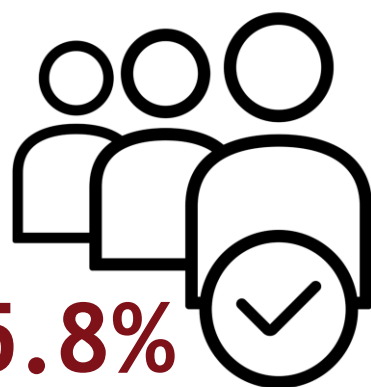
GLITTER
TATTOOS

BEST DRESSED GROWN UP
& BEST DRESSED CHILD

★ ⇒ WIN A PRIZE! ⇒ ★



Attendance



95.8%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.4
Rec B	Miss Phazey	93.4
1A	Mrs Johnson	97.2
1B	Mrs Linsley	97.0
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	95.3
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.4
3A	Mrs Shaw	95.2
3B	Ms Attwood	94.3
4A	Mrs Beard	97.9
4B	Miss Rooney	96.9
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	95.3
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	90.8
6A	Mr Catton	94.7
6B	Miss Iredale	93.4

Ready | Respectful | Safe

Next it is Week 7



PE

Tue	Y1 & Y6
Wed	Y4 & Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y2
Fri	Y5



Y5 Swimming
every Tuesday

Mon

Buzz Dance KS1 & Artventurers

Tue

JJ Football, Lego &
Forest School

Wed

Artventurers & Buzz Dance KS2

Thu

JJ Football & Forest School



Clubs



Gateshead
Council

WEEK 1

Click on Week 7 for next week's menu

Coming soon at RTPS



Ravensworth Key Dates
Terrace Primary School

Keeping families informed



A copy of '**Dates for Families**' was sent home today; ideal for sticking on the fridge. Click on the image above for a digital version if you're out and about.

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**Monday 19th
October**

**Individual & sibling
photographs**





Ravensworth
Terrace Primary School

Tea & coffee
Pasta
Tinned Food

Long Life Food
Rice
Other non-perishable items

Harvest Festival Performance

Friday 23rd October 2026

9:15 am - Year 2 Families

2:30 pm - Year 5 Families

Donations

gratefully received

from 29.9.26 until 16.10.26

serving Tea & Coffee

See you there!



Flu Immunisations

5.11.26



Ravensworth
Terrace Primary School

The Children's Bookshow



Poet, Matt Goodfellow



Y5 Northern Stage

Thursday 5th November 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether

seven stories



Y1 Visit Seven Stories

Monday 9th November 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether



