



Ravensworth

Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 7**

16.10.2026

Autumnal Fun



As we start to approach the end of this half term, school days are feeling very autumnal. Journeys to school involve passing a myriad of beautiful colours and we have experienced some very blustery days too. It isn't long until the half-term break, with just next week to go. Children in Year Two and Year Five continue to prepare for their joint Harvest Festival Performance and the RTPS Event Team are very excited about next Wednesday's Monster Mash which is now sold out.

Reception

In Maths, we have been meeting the Numberblocks characters. They invited our teddies to a party, and we had to explore groups of three. We have been subitising amounts, identifying more and less and using language to describe and compare amounts. We had the best teddy tea party and went on to create more groups of three for them in our independent play.

Three is the magic number!



Year 1

In PSHE we have been learning about the importance of asking for consent before we touch someone else. We have asked for consent to give each other a hug and then asked Teddy questions to see if he would give consent.



Meet the staff

I am Mrs Costigan and I have worked at RTPS for 12 years.

I am an HLTA working in The Butterfly Room and Early Years.

I love running the roller disco on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Outside of school I am a very proud mam to Jennifer and Matthew and a dog mam to Marty. I love strength training, Latin and Ballroom dancing, yoga and adventures in my campervan.

Much to the disappointment of the majority of children in school, I am also a Sunderland season ticket holder.



Year 2

Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying our class text, Traction Man. This week, we discovered that the poor sea creatures had been buried under a mountain of mashed potato by the wicked Menacing Masher! Fortunately, Traction Man was on hand to save the day. Inspired by this exciting adventure, we have been writing our own comic strips to show what happened next, using illustrations, speech bubbles, thought bubbles and captions to bring our stories to life.



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

In our History unit so far, we have been focusing on the Stone Age, learning about the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. We are now focusing on the Bronze Age, which occurred after the Stone Age. We have been looking at the changes that occurred over time and how people in Britain were becoming more advanced in their use of tools and weapons and in their way of life.

Can you see the differences in the pictures below?



Tools & Technology	Living & Housing	Food	Society
			
• Stone tools (hand axes, flakes, spears) • No metal • Simple technology	• Hunter-gatherers • Small groups • Caves, huts, or simple shelters	• Hunting • Fishing • Gathering wild plants	• Nomadic or semi-nomadic • Small, family-based groups • No cities or writing



Tools & Technology	Living & Housing	Food	Society
			
• Bronze tools and weapons • Metalworking (smelting, casting, forging) • Improved farming tools	• Farming communities • Permanent settlements • Stronger, larger houses	• Farming (crops and livestock) • More varied diet • Food storage	• Larger populations • Trade and specialized jobs • Hierarchies and leadership • Early cities and writing (in some regions)

Stone Age = Stone tools, hunting and gathering, simple shelters, small groups, no metal, no cities.

Bronze Age = Metal tools, farming, permanent settlements, larger societies, trade, and the first cities.

Stone Age
2.6 million BC
- 2500 BC

Bronze Age
2500 BC
- 800 BC

Year 4

This week, the children have been learning about Black History Month and why it is important to celebrate the achievements and contributions of people throughout history. They explored the lives of nine significant individuals and learned about their impact on the world. Working in pairs, the children were given one person to research in greater detail and created an informative fact file to showcase what they had discovered.

Black History Month: Significant People

Lilian Bader



My drawing of Lilian

Date of birth: 8th June 1918
Date of death: 5th March 2015

Lilian Bader is significant because she broke down barriers and showed that black women can have important roles in the armed forces. ✓

Interesting Fact!

Lilian loved flying. She earned several flying badges. She worked to make the RAF more diverse. ✓

Black History Month: Significant People

Paul Stephenson



drawing of

Date of birth: 6 May 1937
Date of death: 2 November 2024

Paul Stephenson is significant because he led the Bristol bus boycott in 1963, which helped to challenge racial discrimination in Bristol. He brought about changes in the town and helped to create a fairer society for Black and Asian people.

Interesting Fact

Paul helped to set up the Bristol Black Archive Partnership to make sure the history and events of Black people are remembered. In 2007, he resigned the freedom of the City of Bristol.

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Focus on Values

At RTPS, we have five core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

At RTPS, we all share our classrooms, corridors, playgrounds and outdoor spaces. Showing **Respect** means taking care of these places so that everyone can enjoy them.

We can show Respect by:

- *putting litter in the bin*
- *looking after books, equipment and resources*
- *keeping our classrooms tidy*
- *caring for plants and wildlife*
- *using things carefully so they last longer*
- *taking pride in our school environment*

When everyone plays their part, we create a school that is clean, safe and welcoming for all.

Respect our school.

Respect our environment.

Respect each other.

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.*

Respect helps us understand that being part of a community brings both rights and responsibilities. Looking after our shared environment means thinking about how our choices affect other people. By following agreed rules, listening to others and taking responsibility for the spaces we share, we help make RTPS a better place for everyone. Mutual Respect reminds us that our actions matter. When we care for our school and our surroundings, we are showing consideration for everyone who shares them with us.

**We all belong.
We all share.
We all care.**

Year 5

Our new Geography topic, 'Investigating Our World', got off to a fantastic start this week. We explored an OS map of the local area, identifying familiar places, using compass directions and learning how to read map symbols with a key. The children particularly enjoyed a group challenge where they raced to find locations from given clues!



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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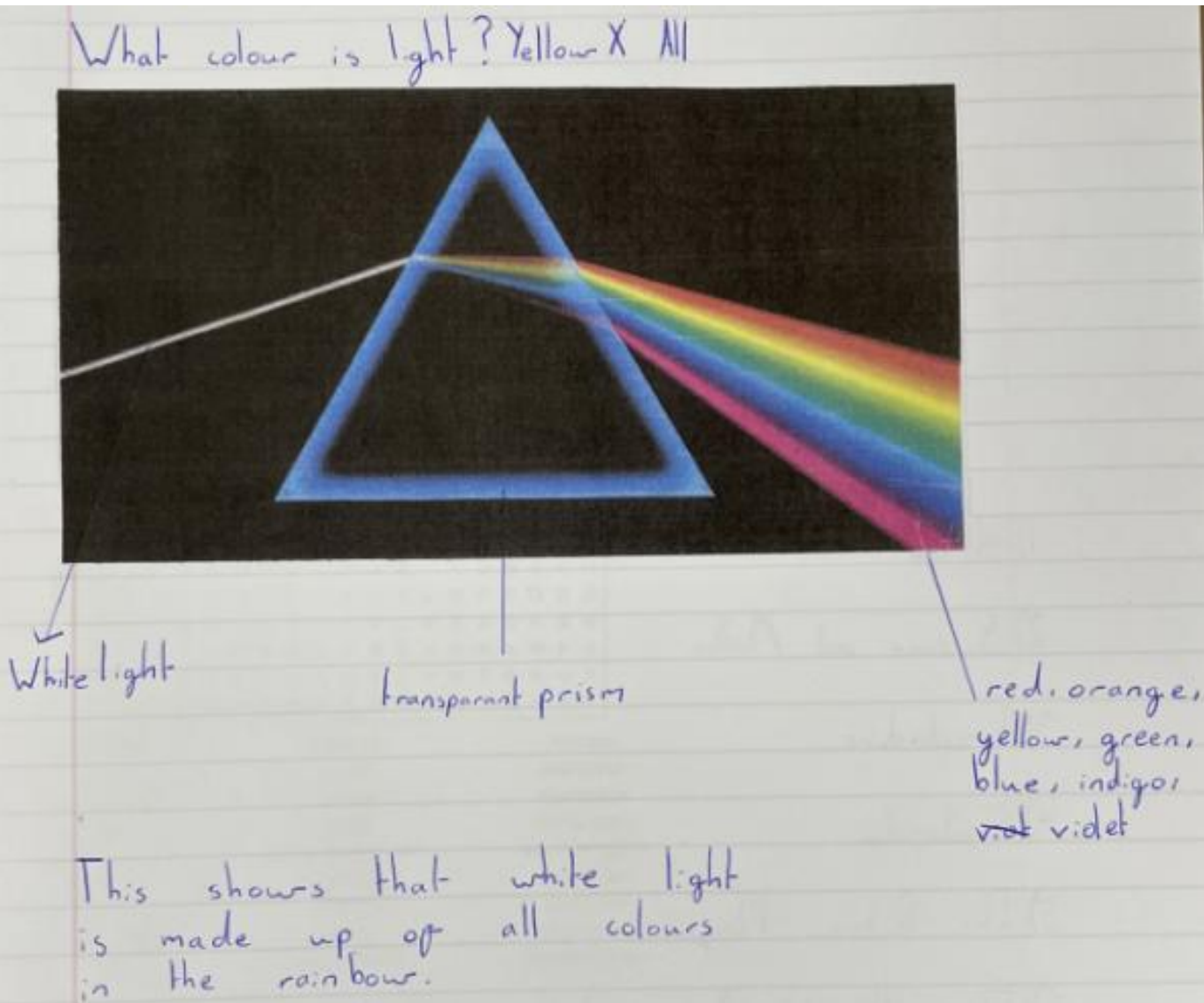
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Year 6

This week in Science, Year 6 have been exploring the fascinating world of light and colour. They learned about Isaac Newton's famous experiment using a prism to split white light into the colours of the rainbow. The children also explored refraction, discovering how light changes direction as it passes through different materials. They enjoyed investigating how white light is made up of a spectrum of colours and how prisms can help us see this in action!



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
DISCO



POCKET
MONEY STALL



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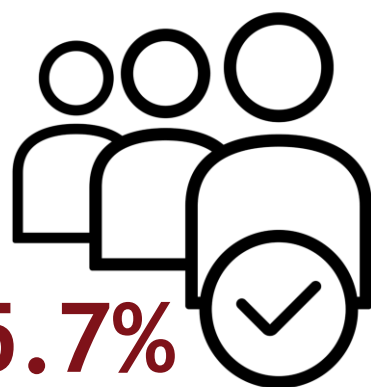
GLITTER
TATTOOS

BEST DRESSED GROWN UP
& BEST DRESSED CHILD

★ ⇒ WIN A PRIZE! ⇒ ★



Attendance



95.7%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.4
Rec B	Miss Phazey	94.2
1A	Mrs Johnson	97.6
1B	Mrs Linsley	96.9
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	95.6
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.2
3A	Mrs Shaw	95.3
3B	Ms Attwood	94.2
4A	Mrs Beard	97.4
4B	Miss Rooney	97.2
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	95.8
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	91.2
6A	Mr Catton	94.4
6B	Miss Iredale	97.0

Ready | Respectful | Safe

House Points

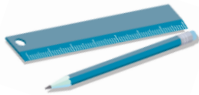


Millennium
Bridge

5160



5153



Queen
Elizabeth II

4812



Swing Bridge

4426



Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more
about our reward systems

CLICK HERE



Next it is Week 8



PE



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



Y5 Swimming
every Tuesday

Mon

Return next half-term

Tue

Return next half-term

Wed

Return next half-term

Thu

Return next half-term



Clubs







WEEK 2

Click on Week 2 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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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!



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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

