



Ravensworth

Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 8**

23.10.2026

Half-term Time



After a busy eight weeks, we have finally come to our first break of the academic year. This week we held our spooktacular Monster Mash and those children that attended had a great time; you can see some pictures inside. Today Year Two and Year Five performed for their families to celebrate Harvest; they were wonderful. We hope you have a happy and safe half-term and look forward to welcoming the children back in November. In the meantime, remember that the clocks go back this weekend.

Reception

Developing a love of stories in Reception is fundamental to children's early literacy development. Sharing engaging stories regularly develops children's vocabulary, listening and comprehension skills while encouraging imagination, curiosity and meaningful talk. Becoming familiar with favourite stories also enables children to anticipate events, join in with repeated language and retell narratives. Most importantly, creating positive and enjoyable experiences around books helps children view reading as something they choose for pleasure, supporting the development of confident, enthusiastic and lifelong readers.





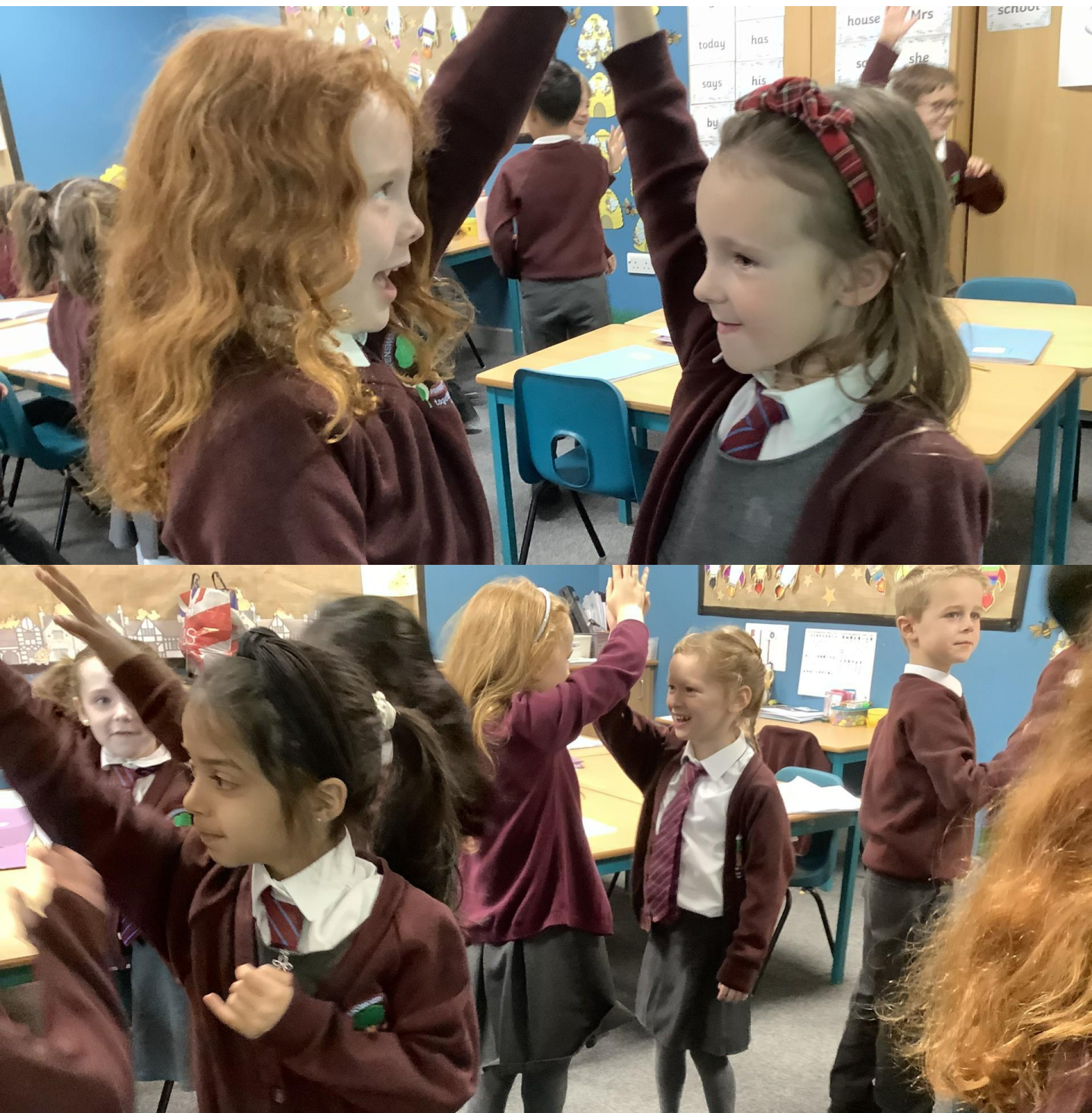
Year 1

This half-term, Year 1 have been learning about childhood in the 1950's. They had an amazing time learning about the toys and games that children in the 1950s played with. Some of their favourites were: skipping, dominos and marbles.



Year 2

Year 2 started their unit of work focusing on list poems this week. We read the poem Ten Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket by Ian McMillan. The children loved this poem and found it very funny. We used Think, Pair and Share to share our favourite lines from the poem with each other. We also talked about the unusual lines that made us giggle.





Meet the Staff

I am Mrs Kirk and I have been teaching at Ravensworth Terrace for 12 years. Prior to this, I taught within Durham and Hackney local authorities. I have always loved working with children and whilst studying at university, I worked in a local nursery, visited and taught in an orphanage abroad and later visited schools in Canada.

I have three wonderful children who keep me very busy and a border collie named Branston. I love spending time outdoors with my family and enjoy visiting the theatre when I have the opportunity.



Raring to go?



Ready for RTPS?

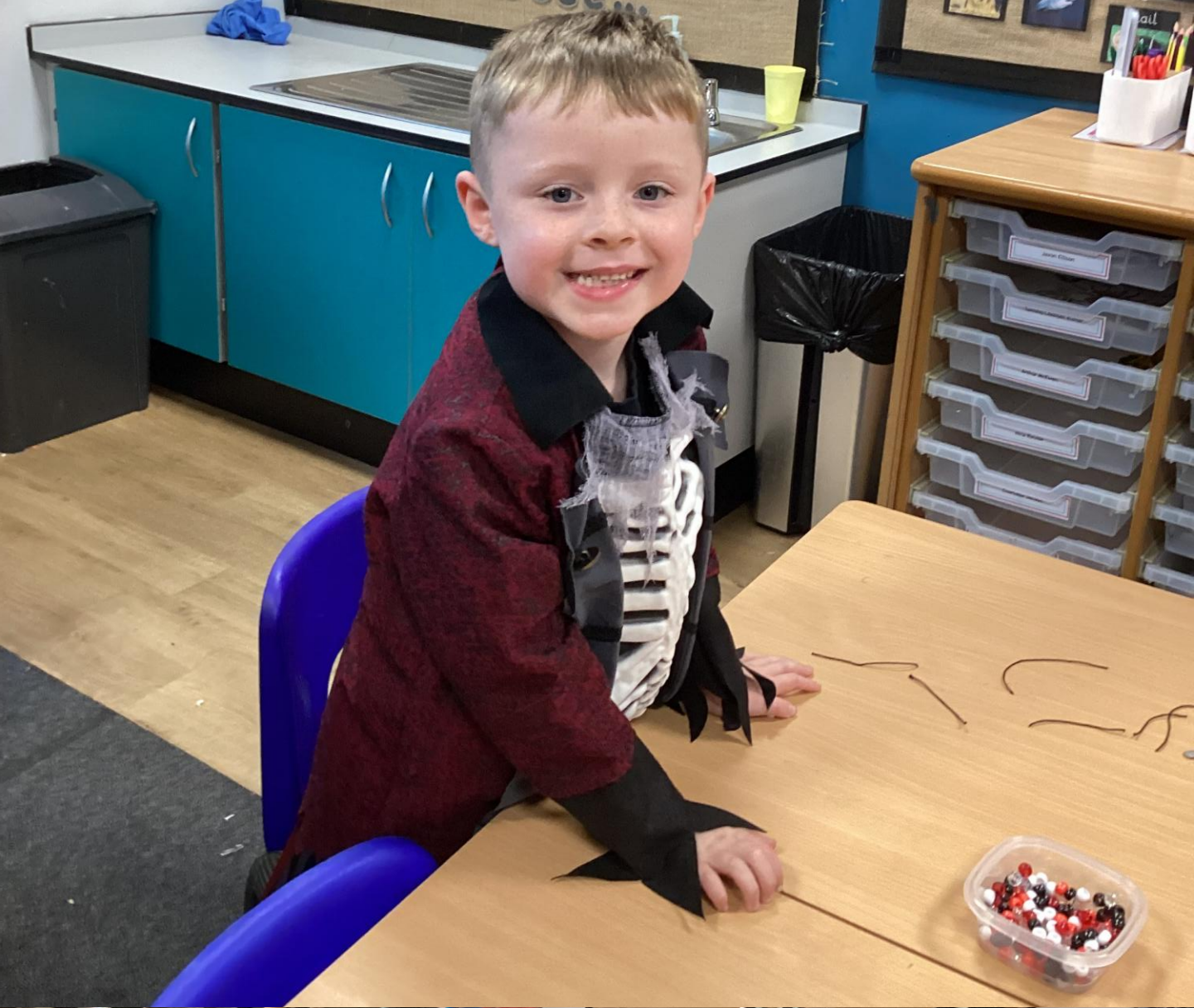
A clipboard with a green clip at the top and a yellow border. It contains a checklist with four items, each followed by a checked box. A small blue cube with the number 5 is at the bottom left of the clipboard.

- 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
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Year 3 News

In our English lessons, we have been reading the life story of Wilma Rudolph, the famous Olympian. In order to prepare ourselves for writing our own biography, we have been learning the layout features. In this lesson, we focused on how key information is separated into paragraphs. We wrote the subheadings on our tables and sorted key facts under these headings, reading the information carefully to make sure it fitted into each category.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 worked collaboratively in groups to create their own audiobooks using 2cast on the iPads. Each child had a specific role and responsibility, helping their team to plan, record and produce their final audiobook. The children showed excellent teamwork and creativity throughout the project, particularly when creating their own sound effects to bring their stories to life. They did a fantastic job using a range of sounds to make their audiobooks engaging and entertaining for listeners.





Year 5

Year 5 have been fabulous in their Harvest Festival performance this week.

They have put so much hard work into learning their lines, speaking expressively and singing beautifully throughout.

They have enjoyed learning about the value of harvest and how it is celebrated around the world. We are extremely thankful to all of the donations of food for Birtley Food Bank. What a fabulous sense of community! Well done.





Our talented Y6 gymnast is now in a new gymnastics season, a new partnership and has a new routine. She has been partnered with her big sister, and they achieved a great score for their first competition of the season. They are looking forward to seeing how they progress together.



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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Year 6

Year 6 were delighted to receive a very special gift from Her Majesty Queen Camilla: a copy of *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell, to celebrate the National Year of Reading. This wonderful gift is sure to spark imaginations, inspire a love of reading and provide many hours of enjoyment. The children will treasure this special book and savour every moment of their reading adventure!



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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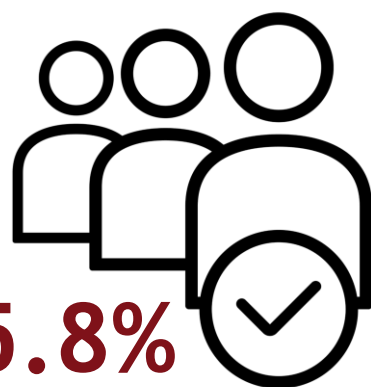
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Attendance



95.8%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.0
Rec B	Miss Phazey	94.6
1A	Mrs Johnson	97.9
1B	Mrs Linsley	96.6
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	96.1
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.2
3A	Mrs Shaw	95.2
3B	Ms Attwood	94.9
4A	Mrs Beard	97.5
4B	Miss Rooney	96.8
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	96.1
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	91.5
6A	Mr Catton	94.7
6B	Miss Iredale	97.0

Ready | Respectful | Safe



House Points

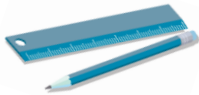


Millennium
Bridge

6063



6019



Queen
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

5827



5363



Tyne Bridge

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

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Next it is Week 9



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



Click on Week 3 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.

Flu Immunisations 5.11.26



Ravensworth
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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

