Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 9** 6.11.2026

Welcome Back



It has been lovely to welcome the children back and we hope families had an enjoyable half-term; the children have been keen to share how much they enjoyed Halloween as well as having a break from school. This first week of November has seen the busyness of last half-term continue and you can read all about it in this week's edition of @The School Gate.
We hope you enjoy catching up!

Reception

This week we have been enjoying Squiggle While You Wiggle, a fun and active way to develop the gross motor skills needed for pencil control and letter formation. We have also been practising holding our pencils correctly by pinching them between the thumb and index finger and resting them on the middle finger. The children have enjoyed reading together and are excited to start books with their new sounds next week.











We are delighted to share some exciting news from a former member of our staff team at RTPS. Jessica Maitland, who left us last summer, was proud to represent England at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this week. She performed incredibly well in her Kata competition on Thursday when she received a Gold Medal for all her endeavours. She is the first English female to win senior Kata at the Commonwealth games.

Jess is a real inspiration to us all and demonstrates how hard work and determination can pay off with well-deserved success. Well done Jess!

Year 1

This week we have been doing lots of fine motor skills activities to get our finger strength up for writing. We have been making patterns and writing letters and words in the sand. We have also been working on threading, and rolling using our fingertips. These skills help us in all areas of the curriculum.



Raring to go?



Ready for RTPS?

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? ✓



Apply before 15.1.27

see page 13 for more

Year 2

We have enjoyed starting our new Geography topic, 'Let's Explore the World'. To help us learn the seven continents and five oceans of the world, we participated in a range of active learning activities. We played a game and then worked in pairs to complete a jigsaw. We also learnt a great song to help us remember them!



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We will remember

Wednesday will be 11th November, and we will be marking Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day. This commemorates the end of WWI when an agreement to stop fighting was reached on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. The truce is called the Armistice.

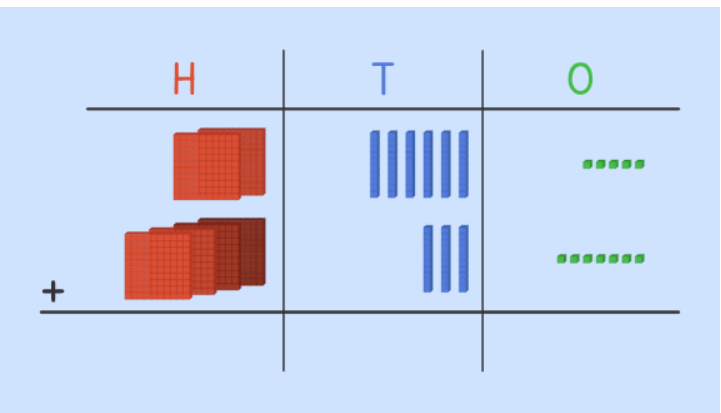
It is now held to remember all those who have died in wars and is marked by a two-minute silence at 11:00am every 11th November. It is also an opportunity for people to learn from history and to think about the importance of peace. This week we have been continuing to support the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day & the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

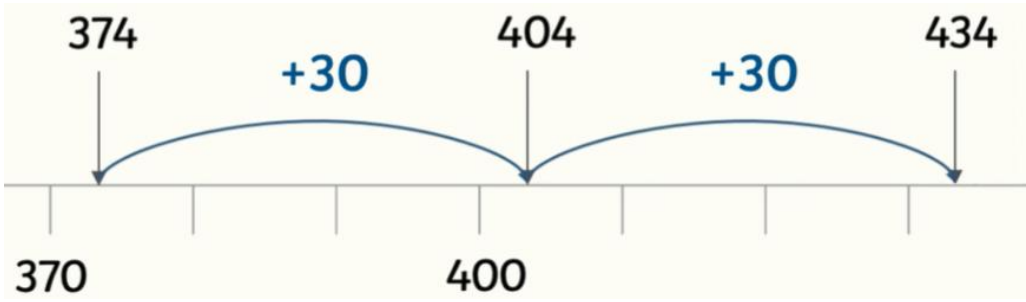
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you

Year 3 News

In our Maths lessons, we have been learning how to use the column method of addition. After previously using practical equipment, place value charts and number lines, we are now laying out our calculations in a more formal written method. We have made so much progress, and we are now confidently exchanging across tens and hundreds. I'm sure our Year 3s would love to show off their new skills at home!





234 + 57

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+	5	7
2	9	1

Meet the staff

I am Mrs Beard, and I have worked at RTPS for 7 years. I am a teacher who is currently in Year 4 and I also help with RE and sports events.



Outside of school, I am lucky to be the mam of Adam, who is 4 years old, and married to my husband Dan. I love watching Disney movies, going to musicals with my friends and having games night with my whole family. Recently, my family and I have enjoyed going for walks around the local nature parks. At home, I love cooking baked goods and home cooked meals with Adam. Every Wednesday, I play darts for a local woman's team and have won a few trophies over the years.

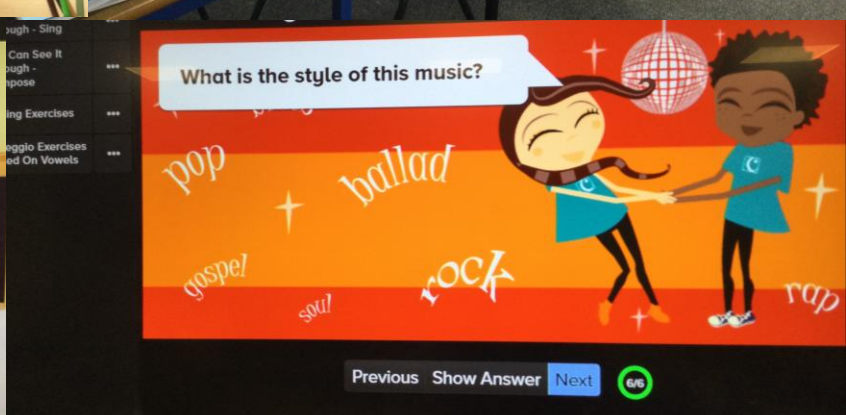
Year 4

This week in Music, Year 4 were introduced to the electronic dance music (EDM) piece You Can See It Through, which explores an environmental theme. The children listened carefully and identified a range of instruments and sounds used in the music, including electronic beats, synthesisers and percussion. They used musical vocabulary such as tempo, rhythm, dynamics and texture to describe what they heard and shared their ideas about how the music helped to convey its important message about caring for our environment.











Sunday marks the start of Diwali – The Festival of Lights. Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word ‘dipavali’ and means row of lights. The festival, which normally lasts over five days, celebrates the story of Rama and Sita’s return home from 14 years of exile. The story of Ramayana shows how good won over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. We’d like to wish all of our families who celebrate this festival a very happy Diwali.

Year 5

Year 5 have been on a visit to the Northern Stage Theatre for the Children's Book Show this week to meet Matt Goodfellow, the poet who we have been studying in English. We had a fabulous time listening to his poetry and watching him perform some of our favourite poems.







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.

Gateshead residents

APPLY HERE

Admission to Primary School

Guide for Parents/Carers 2027/2028

Gateshead Council

Click images above for more information

Durham residents

APPLY HERE

Durham County Council

Click image above for more information

Sunderland residents

APPLY HERE

Admission to Primary Schools

Information for parents 2027–2028

Sunderland City Council | together for children SUNDERLAND

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Year 6

This week in Art, Year 6 have been developing their sketching skills through observational drawing. They carefully studied a bee, focusing on capturing its proportions and finer details. The children explored how to use shading to create depth and dimension, as well as observing and recreating the intricate patterns and textures of the bee's body and wings. They have worked hard to develop their attention to detail and use a range of sketching techniques to bring their drawings to life!



British Values

Our School Values help us promote British Values:

Democracy,
The Rule of Law,
Individual Liberty and
Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Our value of Independence links closely to Individual Liberty, which teaches children that they have the right to express themselves, make choices and pursue their interests in a safe and supportive environment. Whether choosing a book to read, selecting an approach to solve a problem, taking on a leadership role, or sharing their opinions respectfully, our pupils are given opportunities to develop their confidence and independence every day. By encouraging independence, we help children understand that freedom comes with responsibility as they learn to take ownership of their actions. These are important life skills that prepare them to become thoughtful, responsible and active citizens in modern Britain.

Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect Kindness Teamwork

Independence Perseverance

Independence is a vital life skill that helps children grow into confident, capable individuals. During primary school years, children are at a stage where they can begin to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning.

This is important as it:

- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Encourages problem-solving skills
- Prepares them for future challenges
- Promotes responsibility
- Reduces anxiety and builds resilience









Attendance



95.8%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.0
Rec B	Miss Phazey	94.8
1A	Mrs Johnson	97.6
1B	Mrs Linsley	96.8
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	96.5
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.6
3A	Mrs Shaw	95.2
3B	Ms Attwood	94.5
4A	Mrs Beard	97.6
4B	Miss Rooney	96.5
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	96.3
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	91.1
6A	Mr Catton	95.1
6B	Miss Iredale	96.5

Ready | Respectful | Safe

House Points

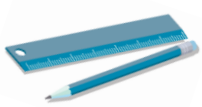


Millennium Bridge

6989



6800





Queen Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

6850



6149





Tyne Bridge

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

CLICK HERE

Tidiest Class



Y6 monitors inspect the school and identify the tidiest class. This is announced in Monday's assembly with the winning class getting a trophy to look after for the week. Next week it will be for Mrs Johnson's class, 1A Well done!



Next it is Week 10



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 1 for next week's menu

Coming soon at RTPS

Ravensworth Terrace Primary School Key Dates

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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seven stories







Y1 Visit Seven Stories

Monday 9th November 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether

WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Non-Uniform Day

Wear Something Spotty

13th November 2026

#RTPSHelpingOthersTogether





BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Learn With Your Child

17.11.26 Y4
18.11.26 Y2
19.11.26 Y1



Learn With Your Child

23.11.26 Y5
24.11.26 Y6
25.11.26 Y3




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PRIMARY SCHOOL
together we remember


RAVENSWORTH TERRACE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
together we are greener


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