

Soaring High Newsletter

April 2026

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope



Join us



The PTA is having a relaunch this month – Miss Wood has very kindly agreed to take the helm again. The PTA is all about supporting our children: from fun events and exciting visitors to extra classroom resources, playground upgrades and more.

It's a chance to build connections, share ideas and help make our school the best it can be.

As a member, you'll be involved in meetings, helping to organise events and working together to raise money for the school - all with the goal of creating the best possible environment for our children to thrive.

Anyone can be involved - whether you have lots of time or just a little, every contribution counts. If this sounds like something you'd love to be part of, please contact Mrs Alexander-McCue or Miss Wood. Together, we can achieve amazing things for our children.

Outdoor learning

Mr Woodall has been turning over the garden in preparation for spring and has discovered unharvested beetroot – and they are big! Meanwhile, down on the farm went Year 4 finding out (in very muddy conditions) how the food comes from the field to the fork. As ever, the goats were a big hit with everyone.



The school field should have played host to Year 1 Castles day but the "interesting" weather meant that this was transferred to the hall!. But castles, flags and shields were created by all as well as some brilliant team-building.

Hellos and goodbyes

Returning to us from her maternity leave this month is Miss Winston. We are all very pleased to have her back on the team.

But as she returns, Miss Harrison begins her maternity leave and we look forward to seeing her again soon.

Holding the fort in her absence will be Mr Heap who we are really happy to welcome into the Ravensfield family. It is also a new beginning for Mr Ball too who leaves us for adventures new in the world of cricket. We wish him all the best for the future.

TimesTable RockStars



Launched this term, children can access this at home and school to gain points as they learn their times tables. Children are challenged to get onto the HiScore. Suitable for 6 years and up the games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs and is accessible on any device.

Mobile Phones

Phones must be turned off when children **enter** the school grounds and handed to their class teacher who will secure them safely; returning these to children at the end of the day.

Toys and collectibles

Just a quick reminder that toys and collectable cards etc are not allowed in school.

From Tudors to Vikings



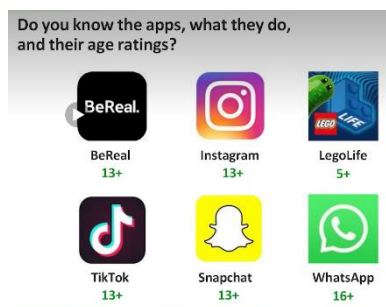
Dressing up was the order of the day for Year 5 when the Tudors came to visit. Some magnificent creations could be seen - a huge thanks to parents and grandparents for their time and effort with these. They had an amazing day finding out what everyday life was like – and just how heavy a helmet would have been! Following on from this, Year 4 will be Vikings for

the day this month – finding out about how these Norsemen (and women), lived every day. Their impact can still be seen today in English place names as well as our laws and traditions.

Free online workshop

Technology has never moved faster and as a parent it can be harder than ever to keep up. The NSPCC are providing a free online safety virtual workshop covering everything from online bullying to mental health and social media.

The workshop lasts for 40 minutes and as it is pre-recorded you can access it when best suits you. Find out more here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/



Bunny hoppers



Wednesday 25th March saw Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Ravensfield hopping for charity as we supported WillowWood Hospice in their annual fundraising egg-travaganza. Thank you all for your support and generosity. We will let you know the total raised once all the monies have been collected by WillowWood.

Mad scientists

We have been visited by Mad Science North who brought the science of the water cycle and sustainability to Key Stage 2 this week. A fully interactive experience if brought the topic to life. “We made a cloud using a bowl with ice and pouring hot water into it made a big cloud. It was super cool. My favourite bit was when she had a pretend tap and she poured blue water through it and it all came out into the tub even though it was fake!” reported James from Year 3.



Ravensfield School Club

Our club offers excellent before and after school care. With a focus on fun and a great deal of care from all members of the team, children really are the centre of this work. Please see the school website for detail.

Contacting staff

ClassDojo is our main communication tool, however if you want to contact the headteacher and need an urgent response please contact the school office.

PE Kits and uniform

Children should come into school in their



school PE kit on PE days. This is a white T-shirt, pumps/trainers and black shorts/leggings. Remember that no jewellery apart from non-recording watches is allowed and long hair should be secured with a bobble.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Monday 20th April** – BookStart for Nursery children 11am
- ❖ **Wednesday 22nd April** – World Earth Day
- ❖ **Thursday 23rd April** – Class photos
- ❖ **Monday 11th May** – SATs start for Year 6 pupils with a special breakfast each day at 8.15am
- ❖ **Friday 22nd May** – school finishes at 3.25pm for half-term.
- ❖ **Monday 8th June** – school reopens