

Soaring High Newsletter

February 2026

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

January has proved to be a more than usually challenging month which has tested the resilience of children, parents and staff. We are grateful for your continued patience and support - both the school and the Trust are fully committed to driving the improvements needed. Our priority remains providing the best possible education, care and stability for every child in our community.

Welcome to the team

Wellbeing is everyone's concern and Ravensfield work closely with a host of agencies including Tameside's Mental Health Support Team, which means that we now have a mental health practitioner in school once a week. She will be working with children individually and in small groups and she plans to put on parent workshops too. Watch this space for more details.

Jewellery and make-up

The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch (non-recording) and stud earrings if children have pierced ears. All jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming. For younger children we recommend that parents remove earrings before school. Make up, nail varnish, acrylic nails etc are not permitted. Children may bring lip balm to provide protection from dry lips.

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 details.

School dinners

Please order school dinners via the Eduspot and SchoolMoney website. If your child brings lunch from home please remember that we are a nut free school.

Fire, Fire

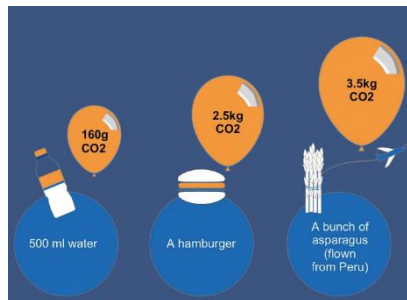


Year 2 took to *alfresco learning* in their exploration about the Great Fire of London last month. This workshop provided outdoor experiences to build their knowledge of science, history and design technology. Starting with mud and sticks, children recreated wattle and daub walls. Then they

explored how the wind and the weather contributed to the spread of the fire before finally helping poor Thomas Farriner rebuild his bakery to be stronger and waterproof.

Climate change

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been working with the charity Climate Ed each week to find out more about how our climate is changing and what part we can play. Climate Ed deliver an education programme to primary schools consisting of workshops combining drama, knowledge sharing, conversation and games. So far children have looked at food, transport and greenhouse gases exploring everything from burping cows to melting icecaps.



Staying safe online

ROBLOX

All programs and devices come with parental controls so that you can make sure that your children

stay safe online. However, these are not always easy to navigate. You can access step-by-step advice on how to do this for: Facebook, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox, Netflix and Yubo at: <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>

Hopping along

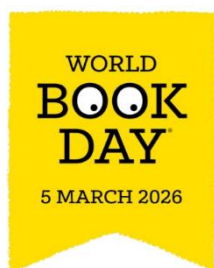
Last year, more than 8,000 little bunnies pulled on their ears and got hopping across playgrounds, halls and parks throughout Tameside and Glossop – raising an amazing £50,000 for Willow Wood



Hospice! Ravensfield were proud to take part and will be donning our ears again this year on Wednesday 25th March.

Every child will receive a brilliant Bunny Hop pack bursting with Easter fun, including an activity pack, a cute snap wristband, a Creme Egg and, of course, the all-important bunny ears for hopping in as we raise money - through sponsorship - to help Willow Wood care for local people and families when they need it most.

World Book Day



This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March. 2026 is also the National Year of Reading which should make this annual celebration of authors, illustrators and the sheer joy of reading even more special. The theme this year is *The Word Collector*, a book by Peter H Reynolds.

Children are invited to dress up as a word. You could opt for **Sparkle** with glittery clothes or accessories, **Brave** with a cape, shield or medal, **Sleepy** with pyjamas and a teddy or even **Busy** with wings and antennae.

We are also having a competition to create a shoebox book scene which will be displayed around school, with the winner receiving a copy of *The Word Collector*.

In addition, all children from Nursery to Year 6 will choose a book of their own to take home with them.

Topical news

Watch out for half-termly updates from your child's classteachers about what they will be learning. Spring sees Nursery looking at *Moving* and Reception exploring the topic of *People Who Help Us* including a trip to the National Emergency Services Museum. Find out more at: www.ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk/curriculum/half-termly-overviews/

The year of the horse

While Chinese New Year takes place during half-term this year, children in Reception and Nursery have been exploring the traditions of the festival such as the Jade Emperor's race. They have also been trying their hand with Chinese calligraphy.



Toys and collectibles

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

Phones

While Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring phones into school if they are walking home alone, these **MUST** be turned off as children enter school grounds and handed to their classteacher for safekeeping.

PE Kits and Uniform



Children can come into school in their school PE

kit on PE days. This is a white Tshirt, pumps/trainers and black shorts/leggings.

Keeping safe

Remember to take extra care when driving along Clarendon Street. Children need to be supervised carefully as they do not have the road and traffic awareness that adults do.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Friday 13th February – school closes for half-term at 3.25pm with Nursery finishing at 3.30pm and we're back on Monday 23rd February.
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March – Parents' Evenings
- ❖ Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- ❖ Friday 13th March – Mother's Day Events
- ❖ Tuesday 24th March – Easter Egg Competition
- ❖ Wednesday 25th March - Willow Wood Bunny Hop
- ❖ Friday 27th March – school closes for Easter at 2pm.