

Soaring High Newsletter

January 2026
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Happy New Year

Welcome 2026! Thank you to all the staff who spent a lot of time and effort on making Christmas special - from Christmas dinner to an array of cards, calendars and treats. Our Ravens sang their hearts out at St Mark's Christingle celebration and at the nativities from Early Years and Key Stage 1 – it was great to see so many of you in the audience.



We ended the school year with Carols around the Tree with the whole school from Nursery to Year 6 taking part in a glorious rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

It is always lovely to see parents at our Friday Soaring High assemblies which take place at 2:30 each Friday - the perfect way to end a school week.

Online Safety

Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Having this conversation helps to prepare your child from an early age, so they can safely explore the internet and know who to speak to if things go wrong. It's also important to listen to your child and give them a chance to talk about what they're experiencing online, what apps and sites they use and who they're talking to. You could try making it part of a daily conversation, like you would about school. This can help your child feel relaxed, and means that if they do have any worries about online safety, they're more likely to talk to you about it. The NSPCC have created a pack to guide parents through these conversations whatever the age of your child. To find out more visit:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/



Ravensfield Choristers

Candles, hot drinks and mincepies accompanied an excellent inaugural performance by Ravensfield Choir in December. A truly seasonal offering from the children who made us all very proud and were a credit to the team: Mrs Burrows, Mrs Moss, Mrs McCandless and Mrs Stephens. Watch this space for future performances.

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.

It is lovely to see children riding bikes into school but please dismount when you enter the school gates and push your bike along the school path or down the drive – the same for scooters too please.

Class Dojo

We use ClassDojo as our main communication tool for key messages and class



information as well as a way of celebrating achievements specific to a child or class. It is a great way of sending messages to staff too. Please note that staff will only access these messages between 8am and 4pm. Therefore, if your child is not going to be in school please ring the school office on 0161 344 2905 or send an email to: mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

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.

School Uniform



What a child wears to school reflects their attitude to learning. It portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. We have a very

simple uniform that the pupils must wear to school.

- Yellow polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Maroon sweatshirt, cardigan with the school logo
- Grey trousers/shorts or skirt/dress
- School appropriate plain black footwear with either grey or white socks or tights
- Discrete plain black hair clips or bobbles
- Black footwear

If children arrive without uniform, a spare t-shirt or sweatshirt will be provided to wear for the day.

Our logoed school uniform can now be purchased from Kids Stop. They offer a fast and reliable service. They can be found at **Kids Stop, 49 Market Street, Hyde SK14 2AB**. They are open Monday to Saturday from 9:30am to 5:00pm. Telephone number **0161 368 4500**. The website is www.kids-stop.co.uk. Local super markets sell uniform in school colour. These items will not carry the school logo. **If you have any difficulties providing uniform contact Mrs Evans, our family liaison officer, on admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk. We will do our best to help.**

Attendance and Punctuality

School opens at 8.40am (8.30am for Nursery) and gates close at 8.55am. Thank you to those of you who arrive before 8.55am ensuring your child is not late for school. Lessons finish at 3.25pm (and 3.30pm for Nursery). We expect that children are collected at this time. When parents are late to collect their children, this can cause worry and anxiety, as children are often having to wait in the school office to be collected. This also has an impact on teaching staff who have to remain with the children. If you are going to be late please contact the main office in plenty of time so that a communication can be sent to the class teachers.

The peak of the cold and flu season is upon us. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the guidelines given to us by the NHS, see the following link:

www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#maincontent

Mental health can also be a concern during the cold, dark winter months. Usually when a child or young person feels sad, stressed, frightened, or worried, these feelings will pass with time and with help from family, friends, teachers or other health care professionals. If you require any help or support please contact Mrs Evans or Mrs Chalmers at the school office.

Dogs

Just a reminder, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

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.

New Beginnings

January sees us welcoming back Mrs Begum who returns to Reception after

her maternity leave. Meanwhile, Miss Potter, who left us in

December, has given birth to baby Sullivan. I am sure that you will join with us in wishing them all the best.



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.

Diary Dates

- ❖ Friday 13th February – school closes for half-term.
- ❖ Tuesday 17th February – Lunar New Year – year of the horse
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 4th March – Parents' Evenings
- ❖ Friday 27th March – school closes for Easter at 2pm.