

Soaring High Newsletter

July 2026

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Gulliver's World Take Over

Year 6 went to Gulliver's World in Warrington on Thursday 16th July to celebrate the end of their time at primary school before they set off for their next chapter in their learning journey.

To help them prepare for this next step they have had successful transition days at their new high

schools meeting their teachers as well as workshops to prepare them from the school's Mental Health nurse as well as from Tameside's School Outreach team. Year 6 made their grand farewell on Wednesday 22nd July in their performances for school and for parents all about *The Story of Us*.



Summer Fair

On Thursday 9th July rain was not even on the horizon this year as the sun beat down on tombola, bottle games and penalty shout outs. Mr Coward won the poll for dunking the teacher and he was the coolest one on the field! The school choir



performed brilliantly and that to Miss Burrows and her team for working so hard.

Hot dogs and ice creams were excellent as usual and it was great to see the Sea Cadets and welcome the Mental Health School

Team to school. Thank you to all who attended and a huge thanks to the work put in by Miss Wood and the PTFA.

Disco Fever

Following on from the success of the Summer Fair, the PTFA held Summer discos to celebrate the end of term on Thursday 23rd July. EYFS and KS1 danced away to start with Years 3-6 at joining the fray later. Thanks to all parents and teachers who gave up their time to organise and run this. From these two events in July, the PTFA have raised £1,513.68.

Off to pastures new

This is the time of year when staff often embark on new adventures and this year is no exception: Miss Collins, Miss Copeland and Mr Jenner leave us to take up new posts while Miss Welch is also heading for a new post in Manchester. It is with huge thanks that we also say goodbye to Miss Firth, Mrs Charlesworth, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Anderson, Miss Myerscough and Miss Akhtar who are also leaving us for new adventures in the UK and further afield! They have all made a hugely positive contribution to school and I am sure that you will join with us in wishing them all the best for their future.

Keeping in touch

Teachers are on the playground each morning to welcome the children. If you need a longer chat, please contact the teacher via the school office or via ClassDojo to arrange a meeting. We will continue to use ClassDojo to share information, updates and images.

Choose your bottle

We are retiring the Ravensfield branded water bottles so we are asking children to bring their own named water bottles into school in September.

Stay up-to-date

Please keep the office informed of any changes of contact numbers by phoning 0161 344 2905 or email to:

mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

If there are changes in collection of children or your child is absent for any reason please notify school via the school office.

Sporty Ravens

We hosted three separate Sports Days this month to ensure that everyone could keep as cool as possible in soaring temperatures. The children had a great time and the PTFA did a roaring trade in snacks and cold drinks. A huge thanks to everyone who attended and to Miss Welch and team for organising it all.



Adventurous Early Years



Over the last month, Reception hosted an Africa Day with making masks, learning to play drums and perform dances before setting off to RHS Bridgewater



Gardens to take part in a growing

workshop as well as exploring the woods and making butterflies.

New invaders

Fairy doors have been appearing over school this term. No one has observed the inhabitants and there is no sign of life as yet – but we are keeping our eyes peeled!



Children's University Graduates

Salford University hosted our Children's University graduates this year again. Wearing cap and gown, all the children were awarded the Children's University National Award at Salford University in front of their teachers and parents.

Congratulations to everyone who have supported and encouraged children throughout the year as they have taken part in a huge array of out-of-school activities.

Hare raising



Or Bunny Hopping to raise money was something we loved doing at Easter. Willow Wood have let us know that we have raised over £1000. Thank you to everyone who donated and bounced. You are amazing.

High flyers

Congratulations from us all to four of our teachers who have completed their ECT training this year: Mr Heap, Miss Ballagher, Miss Firth and Miss Sewell. Each concluded their training with in-depth and thoughtful presentations around the research they had done.

Drops ins and coffee

We have held two coffee morning this month – one for parents with questions about SEN and the other for our mental health team. Look out for more coffee mornings coming up in September with a chance to find advice and support from a range of services.

Be scam aware

Parent Zone have developed a set of free videos and tools called *Everyday Digital* to help families develop their media literacy skills in just a few minutes from responding to online scams to setting healthy routines around screen time and online gaming. Find out more at

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Mobile phones

Are allowed in Years 5 and 6 if children are walking home alone. However, phones must be turned off on school grounds and given to the classteacher as they enter the building for safekeeping. They will be returned to children at the end of the day and should only be turned on as they leave school property.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Thursday 3rd September**
Everyone is back with Nursery children starting at 8.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. For everyone else, doors open at 8.40am and hometime is at 3.15pm.
- ❖ **Thursday 10th September**
Reception Phonics Workshop – look out for more details in September,
- ❖ **Thursday 17th September**
Parent Support Team Coffee Morning – 9am in the Conference Room
- ❖ **Thursday 17th September**
Year 6 Arts Award Presentation – 9am in the hall