

# Soaring High Newsletter

May 2026  
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## New arrivals

We have had a delivery of five blue eggs into the Rainbow Room. All eggs are in incubators to ensure that they receive the right amount of warmth and the children were all on tenter hooks waiting for something to happen. Then one by one, the eggs have started to crack and so far four beautiful ducklings have made their home with us.



Meanwhile, in Reception we took delivery of a host of larvae which have now grown from caterpillars to chrysalises – we are now waiting for the first Painted Lady butterfly to emerge.

## Children's University



Keep your eyes peeled for new challenges and opportunities to up your Children's University points. These go towards earning a place at a very special Graduation ceremony in July. Your child can obtain a form from their class teacher to record the

activities they are involved in:

- Clubs they attend
- Competitions they've trained for
- Dance / Drama Performances they've rehearsed for
- Holiday activity camps they've attended
- Holiday Dojo Challenges they've completed
- Sports Leadership training they've participated in

If you have any competitions / performances planned later in the year, add them on too.

## Make your vote count

Polling stations come in many different shapes and sizes and . Dukinfield library became one on 7<sup>th</sup> May, so the School Council decided to look at what voting is all about and why it stopped Year 3 from changing their books! Watch out on ClassDojo for the results!



## 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.

## Parking prettily

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our children safe by observing the cones and signs – parked cars increase the possibility of accidents and we all want to keep our children safe.

## Toys and collectibles

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

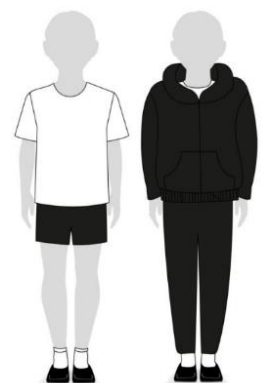
## Ravensfield School Club

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.

## 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. No micro-shorts please.

Remember that no jewellery apart from non-recording watches is allowed and long hair should be secured with a bobble.

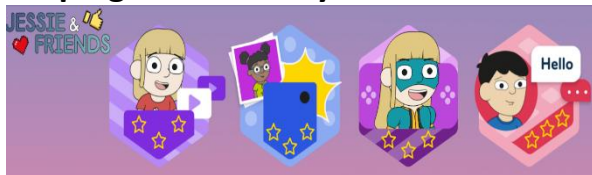


## Testing times

May and June see the time of year when children throughout the country - in Years 1, 4 and 6 - take part in statutory assessments. The children and staff have been working hard to ensure that they are well-prepared and are supported. It is important that children in these year groups are in school to ensure that they are able to access the full support we have in place. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classteacher and look on ClassDojo for information specific to your child.

Year 6 SATs start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and while these exams do not define our children we want all their hard work to be recognised. To help them start the day on the right foot, we will be providing a free breakfast in the hall for Year 6 from 8.15am from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our thanks go to the kitchen staff for organising it all. It is a great opportunity for a relaxed start to the day chatting to friends and staff as well as getting fuelled up for the day ahead.

## Helping children stay safe online



Technology is moving faster than ever and children are getting

involved at an ever younger age. For parents this can be quite overwhelming so to find out more pop along to CEOP's 4-7 Website. This helps children develop the skills and knowledge they need to stay safe online AND earn badges! There is also a guide for parents and carers with information on how to help your child develop the skills and resilience they need. You can find out more at:

[www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/4-7s-website/](http://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/4-7s-website/)

## Deaf awareness week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May saw the start of this year's *Deaf Awareness Week*.

Following on from Reception's superb performance of *I'm Great* in words and sign in Soaring High assembly,

we followed up with the song *7 Days a Week*. As well as thinking about our school value of Respect we also looked at how we need to be deaf-aware.

The children (and teachers) have really taken to learning the different signs. Why not ask your child to teach you the days of the week in British Sign Language?



## 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.

## 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](mailto:mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk)

## Friday assemblies

Everyone is welcome to our Soaring High assemblies which take place every Friday at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate children's successes that week.

## Under the weather?

The Minor Ailments Service is available from most Community Pharmacies. This service allows Community Pharmacies to provide over-the-counter medicines free of charge to people who are currently entitled to free prescriptions and are unable to buy the medicines they need to treat their minor condition. Conditions such as: constipation, fever, head lice, toothache and many more. For more information visit:

[www.tameside.gov.uk/helpinghand/healthandwellbeing/minorailments](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/helpinghand/healthandwellbeing/minorailments)

## Food for thought

Do remember to book your child's school dinner online. Using our system makes it easy to book the meals you want for your child. There is a great range of choice including a hot meal each day. All dietary needs are catered for by our dedicated school catering team. Please speak to the main office if you have any questions.

## Diary Dates

- ❖ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs start for Year 6 pupils
- ❖ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent meeting about the Ofsted Report from 3.30pm
- ❖ **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Nursery parents invited to BookStart event
- ❖ **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – school finishes at 3.25pm for half-term.