

Soaring High Newsletter

November 2025

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Introducing a new Behaviour Policy

Schools regularly update their policies to ensure that they are relevant and useful. Following on from parent, student and staff surveys, Ravensfield has updated the Behaviour and Relational Policy taking on the feedback from everyone involved. We have slimmed the school rules to three:

- Work hard
- Be kind and gentle
- Show respect

The policy outlines what behaviours we expect of everyone, possible consequences and how we will work together. November will see this policy being introduced and you can access the latest version yourselves via the school website.

Exploring Dukinfield



As part of their geography topic this term, Year 1 set off to look at different aspects of the streets and places near our school. It was a

glorious autumn day and the children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the walk – especially the leaf collections they made. Thank you to parents who gave up their time to walk with us. The event made the children's learning real and inspired them to find out even more.

From stone age to space age

Ravens are out and about again this month, with upcoming visits and visitors. Year 5 are visiting Jodrell Bank with other Year 5 children from CLIC schools as part of their science topic, while Year 2 are finding out the Great Fire of London in an active learning day and Year 3 become stone-age inventors and creators for the day.



Poppy spotters

There are poppies, snap bands and reflectors on sale. The School Council will represent the school on Tuesday 11th November while Miss Leyland will be laying a wreath for Ravensfield as usual during the Dukinfield Remembrance Sunday Parade on 9th November.



Ant-bullying week

National Anti-bullying week starts on Monday 10th November. The week kicks off with Odd Socks Day with adults and children encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Pudsey's back

Children in Need day is on Friday 14th November this year. You can make any donations via SchoolMoney. Children are encouraged to wear Pudsey merchandise or something spotty in addition to their school uniform.



Soaring high

Our first Soaring High Assembly this month is on Friday 7th November at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the children who have gone above and beyond this week.

School meals

Remember, 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. Watch out on ClassDojo for special Themed Lunches – and in particular Christmas Lunch.

Tree Christmas festival



Children in Nursery, Reception - as well as Years 1 and 2 - are busy making their decorations for the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St Mark's Church. The theme this year is *Bible Stories*.

Trees from different organisations in Dukinfield will fill the church at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November. There are crafts and activities galore on offer too. All the children from Nursery to Year 2 will visit the church on Monday 24th

to see the trees and listen to the Christmas Story.

Online safety

From chatting apps to scams – it can be difficult to keep up to date. The NSPCC have a range of articles and advice aimed at parents. It can be difficult to know where to start when talking about online safety with your children; but for children



growing up with technology and the internet, there isn't a difference – online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace. So it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. This link gives advice, openers and advice for having that all important online safety conversation -

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

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.

The beginning and the end of the day can be very busy, please take care as you walk along the paths to ensure that there is enough room for everyone.

Class Dojo

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



class information as well as 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 email:

mainoffice@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk

No smoking

Ravensfield is a smoke-free school so please ensure that there is no smoking (or e-cigs) on the premises.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Monday 10th November** – Odd Socks day
- ❖ **Tuesday 11th/Thursday 13th November** – Parents' Evenings
- ❖ **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need Day
- ❖ **Wednesday 19th November** – Messy Play Nursery Workshop
- ❖ **Saturday 22nd November** - St Mark's Christmas Tree Festival
- ❖ **Thursday 4th December** – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
- ❖ **Wednesday 10th December** – Year 1 and 2 present their Christmas Play
- ❖ **Thursday 11th December** – Key Stage 2 – Years 3-6 walk to St Mark's for our Christingle celebration
- ❖ **Tuesday 16th December** – Reception and Nursery Christmas performance
- ❖ **Friday 19th December** – school finishes at 2pm.