Soaring High Newsletter

October/November 2026

Our School Values are

Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

Fire Service



The Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service visited Year 6 during the last week of half-term. As part of their Safety Campaign, GMFRS shared key messages about fire, water and road safety as well as what to do in an emergency. They also discussed with our Year 6 children the dangers and consequences of anti-social behaviour including hoax calls as we enter the Bonfire season.

Bikeability



Watch out for Year 5 out and about on the local roads next month as they hone their cycling skills. Aimed at all children – regardless of their ability – there will be a range of levels available from starting to ride to learning to ride safely on roads. Delivered by specially trained instructors over two days to enable all our children to be safe and considerate cyclists.

Remember them



The school councillors have been busy selling poppies and gifts on behalf of the Royal British Legion. They will still be selling these until November 11th.

As part of our Remembrance commemorations. The School Council will also be representing Ravensfield at the cenotaph at 11am on Wednesday 11th November. We are also looking forward to welcoming some veterans into school that week to talk to children about why remembering is so important.

After-school fun

Our first set of after-school clubs have proved really popular and we are now ready to deliver the next selection: choir, story club, multi-sports, arts and crafts as well as a coding and computing club! If these don't whet your interest then look out for the Spring 1 selection – information and bookings available in December.

Attendance

Our attendance total for this term stands at 94%. Our target is 97% to ensure that children get the best start possible; not just receiving great teaching but that they continue to forge those social interactions vital to maintaining friendships; ensuring resilience and well-being.



In December those with 100% attendance will receive a special Star Award to wear on their lapel. There will also be a prize draw for their parents who make sure that their children get to school every day. Remember that school gates close at 8.50am.

Parent survey

It was lovely to see everyone at the parents' evening. Thank you everyone who attended and took part in the parent survey. This is what you said:

- 90% agreed or strongly agreed that your child is happy at school
- 90% agreed or strongly agreed that your child feels safe at school

BBC Children in Need Day

This year, it falls on Friday 13th November. Make a donation through SchoolMoney and add some spots or Pudsey accessories to your school uniform.

St Mark's Christmas Trees



Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 have already started work on their Christmas Tree entries for this year – based on the theme of Christmas songs – while the choir have been practising their songs for the concert in the church on Saturday 21st November. There will also be stalls and a café to visit. But don't forget to vote for your favourite of the decorated trees. We all look forward to seeing you there.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 will all be visiting the church on Monday 23rd November to see trees and to hear the Christmas story. Look out on ClassDojo for further information.

Baby Ravens







Share with us in sending our congratulations to three new Ravens: Mrs Evans has given birth to twins Bryson and Bethany while Miss Saxon now has a second daughter, Primrose.

Online stranger danger



Ofcom have reported that half of children play online games with people they have never met in person and that this is now the biggest worry parents have ahead of bullying, content and pressure to make in-game purchases. To help parents navigate this safely, online safety watchdog *Parents:PowerUp* is encouraging parents to take three simple actions:

Check: settings are in place – who children can be contacted by and the content they can see

Chat: talk to your children about who they game with and if anything makes them feel upset or uncomfortable

Change: what you need to from restricting contact from unknown players, switching on safety features and agreeing family rules around gaming.

Want to find out more? Then follow this link: www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/parents-power-up-how-you-can-help-your-child-stay-safe-while-gaming-online

Harvest thank you

Thanks to everyone for their generous donation of food and warm coats. These have all been collected by the Moravian Church who will ensure that your contributions make life a little easier for local families.

Halloween Haul

A huge thank you to the PTFA who ran a hugely successful Halloween Disco – the proceeds from which will be paying for a theatre company to perform a special production of *A Christmas Carol* for the whole school.

Friday Assemblies

Everyone is welcome to our *Soaring High* assemblies which will take place every Friday at 9am. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate children's successes that week. Due to INSET on Friday 20th November – Soaring High that week will be on Thursday 19th at 9am.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 11th November** – School Council to Cenotaph Year 2 trip to the Beach
- **Thursday 12th November** – EYFS 2027 Open Evening
- **Friday 13th November** – Children in Need Day
- **Thursday 19th November** – Soaring High Assembly
- **Friday 20th November** – INSET day – school closed
- **Saturday 21st November** – **St Mark's Christmas Tree Festival**
- **Monday 23rd November** – EYFS and KS1 visit St Marks
- **Friday 27th November** – Christmas Carol production