

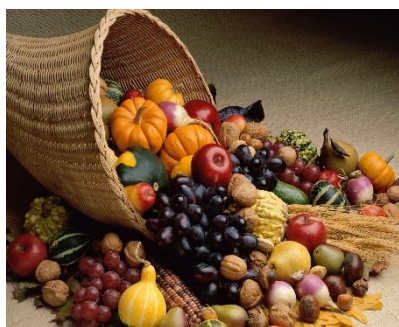
# Soaring High Newsletter

October 2025  
Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

## Harvest Home



Ravensfield families have always been most generous in their responses to appeals from a range of charities. This month the Moravian Church and Trussell Trust will be distributing your contributions of tins and packets to families and individuals around the local

area. This year they are also asking for pre-loved children's coats, gloves, scarves, hats and (new) socks. If you are able to help please send donations into school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We will be having a Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

## How does your garden grow?

Staying with the Harvest theme – children have been picking a bumper crop of apples from our trees this year which Mrs Wassall in the kitchens has made into splendid apple crumble for children and adults have enjoyed.



Mr Ball's team of gardeners last year have planted had a splendid crop of chard as well as other vegetables – while the sunflowers are destined for our scientists in Reception. Pride of place though goes to the variety of colourful pumpkins and squashes but whether they make it into a pie or into a pumpkin lantern has yet to be seen.

## Parents' Evening

The first parents' evening of the year will be held in the hall over two nights – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This is a chance to meet your child's school teacher and see how they have settled into their new class. The school kitchens have a range of delicious food to try, to give you a taste of our dinners, while Mrs Alexander-McCue will be there to answer any questions about reading and Miss Novak for any SEN enquiries. Book your slot online between 4pm and 6pm.

## Better behaviour

We are always looking to improve our policies and procedures and we would like your help in designing our new Behaviour Policy. Could you complete the survey by following this link - <https://forms.gle/kXaekiYUfZB8wWNs7>  
The closing date is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## New to school

Do you have a child who will be 4 before 31st August 2026? Do you have family or friends who do? We are holding an Open Evening for parents looking for a nursery or Reception place for September 2026 – on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

You will be able to speak to our experienced early years team as well as look around the setting and explore what we have on offer. The doors are open from 4pm to 6pm.

## Poppy Spotters

We will also be selling poppies and merchandise for Remembrance Day after half-term - watch out for information on ClassDojo. Our school council will be representing school at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day as usual.



## 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.

## More new graduates



Years 3 and 4 received their graduation certificates from the Children's University in September. The Children's University is a charity that works in

partnership with schools to develop a love of learning by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. You can start claiming your points today. As your child's teacher for more information.

## Parent Phonics Power



Reception parents are invited to come into school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October to join in with their children's Read Write Inc lessons. This is the principle way we teach phonics and decoding. These sessions allow

parents to understand how we teach reading and how they can support their children in this important life skill.

But while phonics and decoding are important this is only part of the story; reading to your child before they start school instils in them a love of reading. Continuing to read with them as they move through school builds fluency and the skills children need to read to learn.

## Online Safety and Wellbeing

There are lots of positives for being online. But for some children it can become overwhelming. Many things can impact our online wellbeing and you can take control of the choices made to reduce any

negativity. Being aware of the impact of being online, just like you would be aware of the impact of offline activities, is the first step to managing your children's online wellbeing. Visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/) for practical advice and tips.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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:

[admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ravensfield.tameside.sch.uk)

## Diary Dates

- ❖ **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival
- ❖ **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Phonics Workshop
- ❖ **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – EYFS Open Evening
- ❖ **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day - the school is closed to students
- ❖ **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – deadline for Year 6 to make their applications to high school
- ❖ **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – School reopens
- ❖ **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents' Evening