

Soaring High Newsletter

September 2026

Our School Values are



Love, Honesty, Forgiveness, Respect, Hope

September has started with a raft of new experiences and adventures - Year 6 are particularly excited by their residential visit to the Lake District.

We have also been reviewing how parents, children and staff feel about behaviour at Ravensfield. Children feel safe in the classroom and at dinnertime and feel that children follow the school rules. While staff feel overwhelmingly that behaviour has improved, parents report improved awareness of routines and expectations, hold positive attitudes towards learning and have an improved view of the schools positive and respectful culture.

Afternoon Tea



New this term has been the Spot Prizes celebration. For children who have been spotted being especially kind, polite or hardworking, their names are popped into a box. Names are pulled out and the winners that week have a sumptuous afternoon tea with Mrs Rowe courtesy of the school kitchen and Miss Wassall.

Arts Award

Mrs Rowe welcomed the Civic Mayor of Tameside Councillor Helen Bowden and local councillors to school on 17th September as Year 6 received their Arts Awards. Parents were invited to see their children's canvasses around staying safe which they had worked on with professional artist, Caroline Coates last summer. Our congratulations to everyone who took part.

Halloween Disco

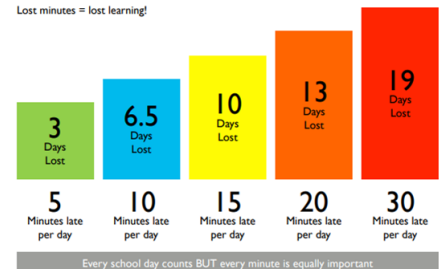
The PTFA have organised a disco for the whole school on Thursday 15th October. The fun will start at 3.30pm for EYFS and Key Stage 1 – please send your children's clothes into school with them. As well as fun and games, there will be goodies to eat. Please collect your children from their normal classroom exits at 4.30pm.

Key Stage 2 should turn up in their costumes at the hall for 4.45pm and the disco finishes at 5.45pm and they will leave from the main hall. If you haven't got your tickets yet remember to send in £3.



Attendance

Lost minutes = lost learning!



From September, new measures have been introduced in England aimed at improving school attendance and providing earlier support where attendance is becoming a concern. We aim to work with you to understand the reasons behind absence and provide appropriate support where possible. Next month we will be sharing the results of the best attending classes and setting our targets for the year.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. This will be face-to-face and is a great opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new class.

ClassDojo Streamlined

Thank you for your support with the new streamlined version of ClassDojo.

The reduction of direct messaging ensures that important messages are not missed.

Contact the school office on 0161 344 2905 to report absences, appointments as well as changes in collection arrangements or medication. Teachers and school leaders can always be found before and after school.

A huge thankyou to all the staff and parents who make such events possible - if you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming PTFA events, please speak to Miss Wood via the main office.

Harvest Festival



As the leaves begin to fall, the newly elected school councillors are putting together the Harvest Assembly, to which you are all cordially invited at 9am on Friday 16th October. We are collecting for the Moravian Food Bank who this year are asking for tinned and packet goods as well as any preloved children's coats to ensure that all children in Dukinfield have a good warm coat for the winter. Can you send in any donations starting

the week beginning 12th October.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. The PE kit is a white T-shirt with plain dark shorts/leggings or tracksuit-bottoms with suitable pumps or trainers. With the weather due to turn cooler do send in a tracksuit/leggings and a jumper for

PE. Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name. If your child wears earrings, these must be removed as must all jewellery for PE.

We are pleased to welcome Mr dSilva to our team who will be running PE sessions this year across the school.

MONDAY	Year 6 and Year 1
TUESDAY	Year 3
WEDNESDAY	Year 5, Year 2, EYFS
THURSDAY	Year 4 (Class 8)

Any changes or additional sessions will be posted in your child's ClassStory on Class Dojo.

British Values - in action



We have been learning about the British Values of Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance throughout school.

When it comes to democracy, children have been making their applications for the school council, lunchtime leaders and assembly leaders – watch this space for the results.



New Starters

A warm welcome to two new teachers this term – Mr Jones in Year 6 and Mr Micklethwaite in Year 4 who is covering Mrs Evans while she is on maternity leave.

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.

What's in the news?

We have a special assembly each week looking at a news event and how this relates to the British Values of: Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy and Respect & Tolerance. This month alone we have looked at the diverse topics of the cycling Tour of Britain, the increase of the tiger population in Nepal, Andy Burnham's homelessness pledge and the Bayeux Tapestry. Look out for information on these on ClassDojo each week.

SEN Changes

If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) these will now be coming to you via email as they are now integrated into our tracking and assessment system.

Jewellery

The only items of jewellery allowed in school are non-recording watches and stud earrings.

Diary Dates

- ❖ **Thursday 15th October** – Halloween Disco
- ❖ **Friday 16th October** – Harvest Festival
- ❖ **Tuesday 20th October & Thursday 22nd October** – Parents' Evening
- ❖ **Friday 23rd October** – school closed for an INSET day
- ❖ **Monday 26th October** – half-term
- ❖ **Monday 2nd November** – school reopens