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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Carers,  
I hope you had a pleasant half term. As we approach our second half term, I asked for an update from the council regarding the progress of the relaying of the cobbles at the end of Pepper Street. The below is their response:

*'The sett laying is a very specialised skill requiring the sorting of setts for appropriate size prior to laying to ensure compatible widths, to enable the linear bond to be achieved. Specialist materials are needed for bedding and jointing of setts. Wet weather will severely affect the bedding material and jointing in the same way as brickwork in a wall.'*



*We are regularly checking the traffic management and alternative routes. We have listened to concerns from residents, and others, and have continued to amend the traffic management to improve effectiveness. We now have the right balance, but this will continue to be monitored throughout the works.*

*We do appreciate that a major project of this nature will be disruptive. However, we assure everyone affected that we are constantly checking works and improvement have been made to ensure completion of works as soon as possible, and, weather permitting, we are anticipating that the Pepper Street will be reopened to traffic from the village end around the end of November/beginning of December.*

*We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and patience during the progress of your environmental improvement project on Pepper Street.'*

Thank you for your patience. We will continue to keep the register open until 9.20am whilst the roadworks are on-going, but we are pleased to say that the majority of children are in school promptly each morning. Thank you for your support with this.

## INJURIES

If your child injures themselves outside of school and they need to wear a boot, plaster or a sling, please inform the office so they can do the required risk assessments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 11th November:

- Anti-Bullying Week

### Tuesday 12th November:

- Odd Socks Day (see next page)

### Friday 15th November:

- My Happy Mind talk for parents (9am)
- Children in Need (spotty clothes!)
- Y4 trip to Chester

### Thursday 21st November 2.30pm:

- Year 4 Assembly

### Friday 22nd November 9am:

- Year 4 Assembly

### Monday 25th November:

- Flu Immunisations

### Tuesday 26th November

- Reception & year 6 height and weight measuring

### Thursday 28th November:

- Christmas Jumper & Nativity Costume Sale

## CLIMBING TREES

When collecting your child at the end of the school day, please ensure they do not climb the trees. We've had some incidents of children climbing very high with no adult supervision. A reminder not to use the play equipment after school as the gates are locked at 3.30pm for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your understanding with this.

## USEFUL REMINDERS

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

A reminder that on Tuesday 12th November, all children are invited to wear odd socks. This is to encourage children to celebrate their individuality and uniqueness as part of Anti-Bullying Week.



### PHOTO PERMISSIONS



At Ravenbank, we value the opportunity to celebrate and share our children's achievements, participation, and learning experiences. As part of our ongoing efforts to communicate more effectively with our school community, we would like to use photographs and videos of children on our social media channels, including platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. These channels allow us to showcase the enriching activities, events, and curriculum-based learning that take place throughout the year.

We are requesting specific permission to use your child's image on our official school social media accounts. Please note that any images or videos shared will focus on the positive aspects of life at Ravenbank School, and children will not be identified by name unless otherwise agreed upon. Additionally, all social media posts are managed by school staff and are in line with our safeguarding policies.

Your decision will be respected and followed as part of our commitment to ensuring the privacy and safety of all children. If at any time you wish to update your consent, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us celebrate the achievements and experiences of all our children.

The link to this survey has been sent via School Spider.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

We are supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November with an own clothes day where children can come in their own clothes, wear something spotty or anything related to Children in Need. We are asking for a £1 donation per child via Parentpay.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/ NATIVITY COSTUMES

A reminder that we're collecting Christmas jumpers and good condition nativity costumes. We will then be holding a sale to raise fund for the PTA (and it's good to recycle!). You can leave these in the front entrance or send in with your child.



## OPAL PLAY

If any of our parents are interested in learning more about the power of play and want to get top tips for play at home, Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC is running a short webinar next week that you might be interested in. OPAL Director Michael Follett will be exploring some of the key benefits of play and sharing his top tips for play at home.

Find out more and book your free place here: <https://bit.ly/4fgpQKK>

#PlayForEveryChild #OPALSchools #PlanForPlay #Parents #PrimarySchools

The webinar is free to attend, but they encourage parents to make a

donation: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/project-play-playforeverychild>



## ATTENDANCE

Over the holiday, I have been reviewing the overall and individual attendance figures. As part of our trust policy for Attendance, it is my responsibility to communicate with parents and carers around their child's attendance and follow up on any incidents of persistent poor attendance. I am pleased to report that the overall attendance figure is 97%, which is well above national averages. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school regularly and on time.

New government guidance around attendance is much stricter and I cannot authorise absences which haven't been properly explained, birthdays or holidays in term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance. We understand that there will be occasions that circumstances mean you need to take your child out of school, but this will appear as 'unauthorised' on your child's attendance record.

If you need to request an absence, we ask that this is done on School Spider and if your child is unwell you can either inform us via School Spider or by calling the school office by 9am. We also ask that parents request that medical or dental appointments are made outside of school hours but understand that this isn't always possible.

Please see our attendance policy on our website for more information:

Below 90%	90-93%	93-96%	96-98%	98-100%
Classed as 'persistently absent' and action should be taken by the school to improve children's attendance.	20 days missed over the year	10 days missed over the year	6 days missed over the year	2 days missed over the year

# MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



We hope you've noticed the new banner outside school. Next week with the children we are launching the NHS endorsed program, My Happy Mind. The program helps children to understand how their brain works and supports them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

We want parents to be fully involved in the program and we would like to invite you in for a presentation to learn more on **Friday 15th November at 9am** (in the school hall) with Miss Green, who is leading the initiative for us. There will also be a parent video available after the session. You can download the My Happy Mind App or log in here: <https://myhappymind.org/> . Please use code **148457** to access resources.

There is also a competition that parents can enter on the app and win resources for the school.

Last half term we introduced our 'zones of regulation' to the children. The zones are designed to teach children about the full range of their feelings. Feelings are complicated, they come in different sizes and levels of energy that effect our bodies in different ways. Small children may not understand the link between the physical sensations in their bodies and the feelings. By using a simple common language, we can support children when they move in and out of the different zones.

At Ravenbank, in each classroom there are pots for each colour and the children put a lolly stick with their name on in the pot that best describes how they are feeling. This allows the adults in the classroom to spot children who may be feeling sad, anxious or angry and take some time to support them. You can find out more by watching this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZ9X-d3oZvQ>



## Blue Zone

Sad - Bored  
Tired - Sick



## Green Zone

Happy - Focused  
Calm - Proud



## Yellow Zone

Worried - Frustrated  
Silly - Excited



## Red Zone

Overjoyed/Elated  
Panicked - Angry - Terrified

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The week beginning 3rd February 2025 is **Children's Mental Health Week** and we are planning lots of activities for the children to take part in at Ravenbank. It would be amazing for the children to take part in a yoga session so if you are a yoga teacher and are willing to volunteer some of your time to deliver a yoga session to a year group of your choice, please get in touch with Miss Green via the school office. Many thanks in advance!



## WINTER WONDERLAND

Ravenbank's very own Chamber Choir will be performing in Golden Square as part of Warrington's Winter Wonderland event on Sunday 24th November at 12-12:30pm. There are lots of family-friendly festivities over the weekend and the children are very excited to be invited to perform and represent our school. Further information can be found by following this links:

<https://www.visitcheshire.com/whats-on/warringtons-weekend-wonderland-p312411>

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/warrington-town-centre-events>



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NATURE GARDEN!

We'd like to say a massive congratulations to Nature Garden, the nursery and wraparound care facility on Ravenbank's site. They were inspected by Ofsted in September and have achieved outstanding judgements in all areas. If your child attends Nature Garden, I'd urge you to take a look at their report when this is published online.

<https://naturegardennurseryforestscool.co.uk/>



## JEWELLRY & WATCHES

We've noted an increase in children wearing jewellery and smart watches. Jewellery is unsuitable for school wear and children will be asked to remove and put into their school bags. The only exception to this is stud earrings.

If your child has a smart watch, this should not be worn to school as they are a distraction to children's learning. If wearing one, a child will be asked to remove it and give it to their teacher to keep safe until the end of the day.

# PE AND SPORTS NEWS



Due to the half term, there are no sporting updates. There will be lots coming up though as we share news of upcoming competitions.

## England Autumn 2024 Fixtures



**England 22-24 New Zealand**  
Allianz Stadium, Twickenham  
Saturday 2nd November 2024  
Attendance: 81,910



**England v Australia**  
Allianz Stadium, Twickenham  
Saturday 9th November 2024  
Kick-off: 3:10pm



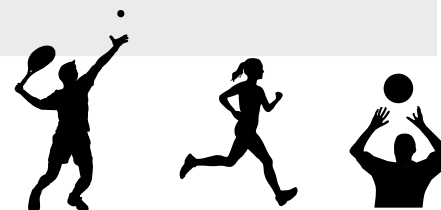
**England v South Africa**  
Allianz Stadium, Twickenham  
Saturday 16th November 2024  
Kick-off: 5:40pm



**England v Japan**  
Allianz Stadium, Twickenham  
Sunday 24th November 2024  
Kick-off: 4:10pm



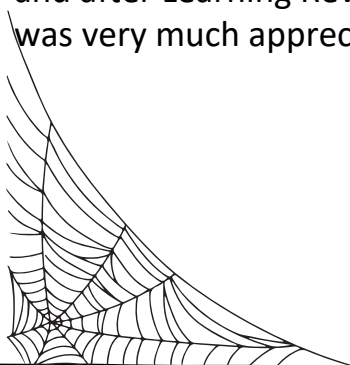
Don't forget to share your sporting news with us by sending to [ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk](mailto:ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk)



# THANK YOU

It seems like a long time ago, but a huge thank you to incredible PTA team who organised the Spooky Disco. The children had an amazing time and the entertainer did a fabulous job, but the extra effort the PTA team went to should be recognised by the whole school community. We're incredibly lucky to have such support.

A huge thank you to the staff who also stayed to support. It was the end of a very long term and after Learning Reviews, but the effort they made to stay and have fun with the children was very much appreciated!



# DO YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT AND HELP PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Would you like to have more knowledge around  
healthy relationships and domestic abuse to support  
family and friends?



**PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR P.R.A.D.A  
INFORMATION EVENT ON  
Monday 25th November, 12:30–14:30  
at the Hub, Capesthorpe Road, WA2 0JF**

Please contact Sonya Dennis for further information  
[sonya.dennis@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:sonya.dennis@warrington.gov.uk)



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**Breakfast in  
Bethlehem**

Saturday 7th December 2024

9:30am – 12.30pm

Lymm Baptist Church  
Higher Lane

Immerse yourself in the real Christmas Story at this family friendly event.

Crafts, stories, dress up and songs and an interactive Live Nativity.  
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