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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – October 2026 – Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children settle so quickly back into school life, embracing new routines, demonstrating positive attitudes to learning and approaching each day with enthusiasm and determination.

Throughout Autumn 1, our pupils have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. They have embraced new learning opportunities, challenged themselves, shown resilience when faced with difficulties and taken great pride in their achievements. Our classrooms have been filled with engaging learning experiences, exciting topics and opportunities for children to develop their creativity, curiosity and confidence.

One of the highlights of this half term has been the exceptional behaviour and conduct demonstrated by our pupils. They consistently embody our school values through their kindness, respect and responsibility, helping to create a positive learning environment where everyone can thrive. We are particularly proud of the way children have welcomed new classmates and families into our school community.

Beyond the classroom, children have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences, from clubs and special events to wider curriculum opportunities. One particularly memorable moment was seeing our Reception children perform at Sheffield Theatre. Their confidence, enthusiasm and bravery as they performed in front of an audience were truly remarkable, and they represented the school wonderfully. Experiences such as these help children to discover new talents, develop important life skills and create lasting memories.

As we look ahead to Autumn 2, we are excited about the many opportunities, experiences and successes that await our pupils. We have lots to look forward to and cannot wait to see our children continue to flourish and grow.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Mrs Shortland, who has recently been successfully appointed as our Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). We are delighted to have her continuing to support our children in this new role.

On behalf of everyone at Ravenfield Primary Academy, I would like to wish you and your families a happy, restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful half term on Monday 2nd November.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Jepson
Principal

KEY DATES

Back to school
PTA Halloween Non Uniform
PTA Halloween Disco
02 November 2026

Y2 Consibrough Castle Trip
05 November 2026

Y5 Vikings Workshop
10 November 2026

Nursery Woodland Tales
11 November 2026

Children In Need
Y4 Pollution Workshop
13 November 2026

Anti Bullying Week
16 November 2026

TTRS England Rocks
17 November 2026

School Photo Day
19 November 2026

Ravenfield Light Switch On
20 November 2026

Panto Day
04 December 2026

The Deep
10 December 2026

Rocksteady Concert
14 December 2026

For further key dates and term dates please click here:

Ravenfield Primary Academy - Upcoming Events

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Good attendance has a significant impact on children's learning and social development, and we appreciate your partnership in helping every child get the most from their education.

Even occasional absences can mean children miss important learning experiences, making it more difficult to keep pace with their peers. This half term, we have been delighted to see many pupils demonstrating excellent attendance and punctuality, reflecting the commitment shown by both our children and families.

Please continue to support us by ensuring children arrive promptly each morning, ready to learn and participate fully in the school day.

Together, we can ensure that every day counts.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Year to Date

Robins FS1 – 93.9%

Owls FS2 – 94.3%

Swallows Y1 – 97.0%

Kingfishers Y2 – 98.2%

Starlings Y3 – 96.7%

Hawks Y4 – 96.7%

Falcons Y5 – 94.8%

Eagles Y6 – 97.7%

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Partnership Matters

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout this half term. The strong partnership between home and school is at the heart of everything we do and plays a crucial role in ensuring our children are happy, confident and successful learners.

Your support with attendance, reading at home, homework, school events and daily routines helps to create the foundations for children to thrive both academically and personally. We value the positive relationships we have with our families and greatly appreciate the encouragement, trust and commitment you show each day.

By working together, we can provide the very best opportunities for every child to achieve their potential, develop a love of learning and make lasting memories during their time at school. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to continuing our partnership throughout the year.