



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

What an amazing start back after Christmas! We have enhanced learning this half term with our exceptional experiences including – Y4 Greek Day, Science workshops delivered by AMRC, Y1 and Y3 Local area walks, and FS2 Owl Adventures in school. We have many more exceptional experiences to look forward to including the Y5 Robinwood residential, Young Voices, Y2 Tropical Butterfly House and GB Athlete visit.

Our Academy is committed to providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond the classroom. Educational experiences play a vital role in this. To continue organising these valuable outings/visitors in school, we rely on voluntary contribution payments from parents. Whilst we understand that financial circumstances vary, we kindly request your support in making a voluntary contribution to help cover the costs associated with educational visits. Our school office is always here to support families with this.

At the start of this term, FS1 welcomed 9 new children to join Robins class. Starting school can feel daunting for some children but they have all settled in so well. We look forward to watching them flourish.

We have also welcomed our new PTA team. Mrs Rowbottom (Chair) joined by Rebecca Hague (Vice Chair), Harrie Moore (Treasurer), Amy Pickering (Treasurer), Vicki Patching (Secretary), Rachel Burns, Hayley Roddis and Elle Roddis. They are all eager to continue the success of the PTA and are bursting with many exciting ideas. More information will follow regarding future events.

Miss Jepson

Associate Principal

KEY DATES

Monday 19 February
Back to School

Wednesday 21 February
Young Voices

Monday 26 February
Y6 at Maltby Academy

Wednesday 28 February
Y2 Tropical Butterfly House

Friday 1 March
Olympic Athlete Visit

Thursday 7 March
World Book Day

For further key dates and term dates please click here:

[Ravenfield Primary Academy - Upcoming Events](#)

SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT - MATHS

At Ravenfield Primary Academy we recognise that mathematics underpins much of our daily lives and therefore it is of paramount importance to ensure all children leave Ravenfield being competent and confident mathematicians.

We use White Rose Maths to plan/deliver our maths lessons. More information about White Rose can be found here: [Maths & Science resources](#) | [CPD courses](#) | [White Rose Education](#)

We also encourage our pupils to access TTRockstars regularly: [Times Tables Rock Stars – Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](#)

Did you know It is a statutory requirement for pupils in Y4 to take a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Test at the end of the year? This means we aim for all our pupils to be fluent in their times tables – up to 12 x 12

COMING SOON...

We are excited to announce that after half term we will be launching our new behaviour incentives. As part of our reward system, we will be introducing postcards and stickers to acknowledge those who consistently demonstrate our Core Learning Characteristics!

More information to follow.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Robins FS1 – 93.9%	Starlings Y3 – 95.8%
Owls FS2 – 95.9%	Hawks Y4 – 95%
Swallows Y1 – 95.3%	Falcons Y5 – 95.8%
Kingfishers Y2 – 90.5%	Eagles Y6 – 93.5%



WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK...

Some FS1 parents have suggested the start and end time changing to facilitate collection of other siblings. Unfortunately, due to hours children do, we are unable to facilitate this.

We have had lots of positive feedback regarding how we now enter school in a morning. I appreciate some Y3/4 families have concerns around how busy it can get outside the Y3/4 entry point. Please be assured we are looking at ways of providing more space. We do politely ask all parents supervise their children in this area.