



Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**14th Jan—Year 5 Greek Day**

**21st & 22nd Jan - Group 1  
year 5 Bikeability**

**28th & 29th Jan - Group 2  
year 5 Bikeability**

**24th Feb - Class Photo's**

### **RECEPTION 2026**

Applications are now open for  
Reception 2026— closing date  
15th January 2026.

Please apply online via Essex  
County Council.

# NEWSLETTER

A message from our

## **Academy Improvement Partner**

Happy New Year!

I wish you and your families the very best for 2026.

We have had a positive week at the academy and a good start to this term. There are lots of bugs and illnesses around, which have had an impact on our attendance this week, which stands at 92.7% for the week and 94% for the year so far. We hope to see attendance creeping up over the coming weeks. Please see details about our attendance draw that will be awarded on a Friday.

As I wander around the academy, it has been great to see how your children have settled quickly and are engaged in their learning. We have asked Year 6 to help support the management of lunchtimes and they are doing a brilliant job.

There are a significant number of coats, hats, bags and gloves that children have left at school, which are just outside the staffroom. Please can you check they do not belong to your child, as we are aware of how expensive these items are to replace. Putting names on all items really helps us to return lost property to the right person.

Have a good weekend!



## Staff Announcements:

We would like to wish Mrs Laird the very best of luck in her new post at another local primary school. She will be dearly missed by all staff and children, especially for her wonderful contribution to all things creative.

Mrs Hart, a valued member of our kitchen team, has decided to pursue other opportunities. We wish her every success in the future.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Perryman as our new Year 6 teacher and would like to offer him a very warm welcome to our school. We are excited for the year ahead and the positive impact he will have on our Year 6 class.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Maguire to the support staff team. She brings a wealth of experience across various educational settings and will be a great asset to the school.

We are pleased to share that over the coming weeks, Mrs Cartwright, our Principal will start to return to the academy, a few days each week. During this phased time, please continue to share any communications with Mrs Cabak, Mrs Watson and Mr Trott.



## Peter Pan came to Ravens (oh yes he did!)

We were thrilled to welcome *Outside the Box Productions* to Ravens Academy for a spectacular Pantomime performance! The hall was filled with laughter, cheers, and plenty of smiles as our children enjoyed every moment of the show. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to the team for bringing so much joy to our school!



## *AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/BOOSTERS*

Day	Club / Spaces	Year Group	Staff Name
Monday	Football KS2 20	KS2	Colchester UTD & Mr Clark
Monday	British Sign Language 20	Years 4, 5 & 6	Ms Shelton
Monday	TT Rock Stars 20	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Norman
Monday	Board Games 12	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Pritchard
Tuesday	Netball KS2 20	KS2	Mrs Harris
Tuesday	Choir 20	Years 1 - 6	Mrs Young
Thursday	Recorder 10	KS2	Mrs Sacre

*After school clubs start week commencing 12th January until the Easter Hols. Please sign up via the MYCAS app.*

*\*\* Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear to change into for football club if it is not their PE day\*\**

## *BOOSTERS– INVITE ONLY*

Monday	Maths Booster – Yr 6 invite only <b><u>4pm finish</u></b>	Mrs Watson
Tuesday	Spelling Booster – Yr 6 invite only	Mr Jeetooa / Ms Pilgrim
Tuesday	Reading Booster – Yr 6 invite only	Mr Perryman / Ms Paul

# PE DAYS

See below:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAY
Reception - Donaldson	Wednesday & Friday
Year 1 - Carle	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2 - Bond & Browne	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Jeffers	Monday & Thursday
Year 3 / 4 - Dahl	Monday & Wednesday
Year 4 - Rosen	Monday & Thursday
Year 5 - Morpurgo	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5 - Wilson	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 6 - Tan	Thursday & Friday
Year 6 - Pullman	Thursday (swimming until 12th February) & Friday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

## PE Kit

Navy or White polo / t-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers

In winter -a black or navy tracksuit



## MESSAGE FROM OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER:



Dear Parents

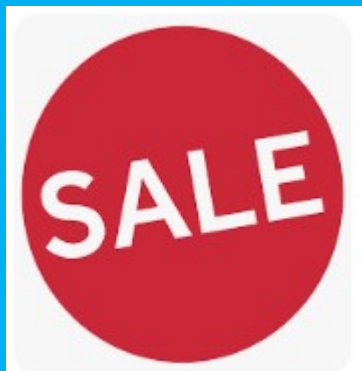
Ravens School have recently decided to standardise their uniform and settled on a V Neck Sweatshirt in the future. However for the time being children can still wear the Crew Neck Sweatshirt until our stocks run out.

As a result we have decided to reduce all School Crew Neck Sweat-shirts to £10 while stocks last which means an amazing deal for you !.

This offer is only while stocks last so get online using this link and grab yourself a bargain and let your friends and families know so they can take advantage of these amazing reductions.

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after the Christmas holidays, and it has been particularly nice to see so many smiling faces at the school gate each morning.

Attendance this week has been strong at 92%. Our year-to-date attendance currently stands at an impressive 94%, which is a fantastic achievement. We are outperforming many primary schools in the local area, and I am extremely proud of our school community. Thank you to all families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly. We are keen to maintain this high standard, so please continue to send your children into school every day.

Friday attendance remains an area for improvement, particularly during periods of poor weather. Although Fridays are a half day, attendance is still very important. Children who do not attend school on Fridays are missing out on important learning opportunities, as well as enjoyable activities that are an integral part of the school week. To encourage improved attendance on Fridays, we are trialling some incentives. **As shared via Class Dojo last week, children who attend school on a Friday will be entered into a draw to receive an additional £10 Works voucher. This initiative will run until the February half-term, after which we will explore alternative ideas.**

Mrs Love  
Attendance Officer



## ATTENDANCE

For all school attendance queries or if your child is going to be absent from school please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Love on:

01255 424 328 option 1





## LUNCH NEWS

We have a three week menu rota

W/c - 12th January - week 2

W/c - 19th January - week 3

W/c - 26th January - week 1

Please ensure the school are aware of  
any food allergies or dietary  
requirements your child has.

### PACKED LUNCHES

Please be reminded we are a nut  
free school.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is PMG  
school wear, please go to  
[www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk) to  
order uniform

# Term dates

## Spring 2026

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February Half Term  
16th Feb - 20th Feb

Last day of term: 27th March

## Summer 2026

Pupils return: 13th April

Bank Hol: 4th May

May Half Term  
25th May - 29th May

Non Pupil Day: 26th June

Last day of term: 17th July