



# Ravenwood Primary School

December 2024/January 2025



## Parent/Carer Newsletter

November is here! Find out all of the November news in our latest Newsletter. It is a busy month with lots of fun to be shared.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	-	School Photographer
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 6pm	-	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	-	P6 and P7 Dance Competition
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P1-P3 Nativity 1.30pm – tickets available
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P1-P3 Nativity 6.30pm – tickets available
9 <sup>th</sup> December – 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P7 Fordell Firs Adventure Residential
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P5 and P6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P3 and P4 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	P1 and P2 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas lunch menu
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas service 1.30pm – all welcome!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School closes 2.30pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	-	School opens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Doors open afternoon- 1.30pm all welcome!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	-	Burns celebration P4 – all welcome!
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Progress Conferences

### School Photographer



The school photographer has confirmed for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Individual photographs as well as sibling photographs (providing they attend our school) will be taken. We encourage all children to wear school uniform on this day. The PE timetable will be adjusted to accommodate any lessons missed on this day. There will be no outdoor learning or Forest School on this day.

### Christmas Celebrations Preparations

Our Christmas Fayre is shaping up to be the BEST yet! It will be a fun filled Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November evening. From 6pm – 8pm you will be able to enjoy some sweet treats, visit Santa and get some shopping for the big day. Last year the nativity tickets were sold as part of the fayre. This will happen again this year. A staff stall will sort families out with as many tickets as they need. Tickets will be priced £3.50. First come, first served!

Many children ask if they are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers throughout the month of December to school. There is no pressure to do this but all children can do so if they wish. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are too snug for your children but have life in the yet, we will happily offer them in our school swap shop. Please hand them in to the office.

Christmas parties are always so much fun. All year groups celebrate together, no matter if they are in a composite class or not. Tuck will be sold at the Christmas party, feel free to send your child with some money (but not too much) to enjoy a sweet treat. P7 are too cool for the school parties although they are happy to help. They will celebrate with a cinema outing. 😊



## School Car Park and Playground

As you will know, our school car park is not the biggest! We have a big bus and after school care mini bus that must access it twice daily. Please park and stride using designated parking spaces and leaving pavements clear for our children to walk safely to school. The car park can be accessed between 8.15am and 8.30am to drop off any children attending breakfast club. If you are dropping children off after 8.30am, please do not use the school car park. Please do not use the car park at the end of the school day for collections as it is impossible for the school bus to turn. Our school car park has one disabled access space. This must be used by a child in our school. Any parents/carers who require to use the disabled bay can arrange to do so by contacting Mrs Hawthorn 01236 632100.

P1 – P3 children are escorted to the gates by the teaching staff to ensure they are met with a safe adult. P4 – P7 leave independently. Please wait at the gates for children to leave the playground. Please share this message if any family members or friends are supporting with collection at the end of the day.

Thank you for cooperation keeping our children safe.

## Fordell Firs – Questions and Answers

Miss Goodbrand and Miss Phillips are very excited to lead the Fordell Firs residential trip for our P7 learners. They delivered a comprehensive video answering many questions about the residential. Most have paid, if you need help to do so, please contact the school. We cannot accept cash payments, this is a North Lanarkshire Council policy.

### Miss Purdon Returns!

We are so excited to welcome Miss Purdon back to school in January. Miss Purdon has enjoyed her maternity leave but certainly missed the whole school. We are delighted to have confirmed that Miss Reid will continue in our school for the remainder of the school session. To minimise disruption to learners as much as possible, Miss Reid will lead Primary 3 class from January 2025 – June 2025. She knows the class well and will be able to complete a comprehensive transition throughout December. We wish Miss Low all the best and thank her for being a wonderful addition to our team. When Miss Purdon returns, she will support P6 on a Tuesday, P7 on a Wednesday and P4 each Friday. All of the children are aware of this having heard the good news at SHANARRI time. Looking forward to having her back! 😊

### Absences and Late Comings

Mrs Reid is the only member of the clerical team working in the school office presently. The office role is very busy, please help us out by emailing or calling the school to inform us if your child is off. The school phone has an answering machine that is checked throughout the day. Please inform the school, ideally prior to 9am. This saves Mrs Reid having to contact individual families.

[enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk)

01236 632100

We are lucky that our school is well supported by a Family Engagement Support Assistant (FESA). The FESA supports families identified by the school whose attendance is concerning. Our aim is for children to attend at least 95% of the school year. We understand that this is not always possible. Communication is vital so we know why children are off school. We are keen to support in any way we can.

We have noticed that many children are attending late to school and missing vital teaching time. The school is happy to help families who are struggling with

time keeping. I have attached the council Attendance Matters information guide for your reference.

## Head Lice

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies. Please check hair regularly and follow the guidance below to treat the lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Sickness bugs

It is that time of the year when we are suffering from many bugs, hopefully they will all be gone in time for Christmas! Children cannot attend school if they have been sick. Please keep your child at home for an additional 48 hours from their last sickness. This is the best we can do to stop the spread of germs. This is the same for diarrhea. Recently we have sent several children home suffering from sickness bugs. Help to keep each other germ free! 😊

## Community Learning and Development Officer

Our Community Learning and Development Officer, Val is amazing! She supports many families in our community and would love to add more! Please see attached information regarding the workshops she has on offer. This information is also on the school app. If you would like Mrs Hawthorn to make a referral on your behalf, please contact the school.

[NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk](mailto:NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk) or 01236 632100

## Financial Inclusion Team

The Financial Inclusion Team help North Lanarkshire residents with money advice and welfare benefits. The team includes a combination of debt advisers and welfare rights staff. If you are worried about debt or experiencing financial difficulties, the debt advisers can provide free, impartial and confidential advice.

If you would like Mrs. Hawthorn to make a referral please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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## Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care are a registered charity, working since March 2016, with the aim of helping families in our community. They provide two services in our local area – a school uniform bank and a Baby bank, both of which support children of all ages. If this is a service that could help your family please contact the school. Mrs Hawthorn would be delighted to make a referral on your behalf.

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## School Information

Keep up-to-date with the latest School news and events on:

Twitter: Follow us on @Ravenswood PS  
Our Twitter feed is updated daily.



School Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/ravenswoodps/>



Please visit our School Website for more School, staff and class information.

Contact Us - Telephone - 01236 632100



First point of contact for all enquiries should be directed, in the first instance, to the School Office on the above telephone number. In most cases, these enquiries can be addressed and answered promptly by School staff. These arrangements should also be followed for any other specific issues which might require the personal attention of the Class Teacher and/or Principal Teachers or Acting Head Teacher during School hours.

## Changes to information

Please note that some information included in this Newsletter may be subject to change. If any changes are made, Parents/Carers will be notified in advance via email, Twitter and/or letter.

## Many Thanks

Thank you for your continued support, it means the world to us!



## Diary Dates

It is possible that some changes will be made throughout the school year. Please keep an eye on newsletters and the school app for information.

### November

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

School Photographer

Flu Immunisations

PCA Christmas Fayre

### December

4<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> December – 11<sup>th</sup> December

10<sup>th</sup> December during school

11<sup>th</sup> December during school

12<sup>th</sup> December during school

19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January

P1 – P3 Nativity

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P7 Fordell Firs Adventure Residential

P5 and P6 Party

P3 and P4 Party

P1 and P2 Party

P5 Christmas service

School closes

Holiday

### January

17<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> January at 1.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm

Open Afternoon

P4 Burns Celebration

Progress Conferences

### February

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Holiday

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 1.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.45pm – 8.45pm  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 3.30pm

P4/5 Easter Service  
P1 – P3 Disco  
P4 – P7 Disco  
School closes  
Holiday  
School returns  
Family fun event

## May

5<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

School closed  
Holiday  
Progress Conferences  
Holiday

## June

4<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> June 7.45pm – 8.45pm  
13<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm

Whole School Concert  
Whole School Concert  
P1 – P3 Disco  
P4 – P7 Disco  
Celebration of Achievement  
P6-P7 Summer service  
School closes