

# Ravenswood Primary School



## February 2026

## Parent/Carer Newsletter

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see everyone return to school, we hope you had a great break. It has been wonderfully wintery however chilly! Please remember winter woollies for break times at school.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
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Thank you, Miss Purdon!

*thank you*

Miss Purdon has supported our school for many years initially as a Class Teacher and then securing her post as Principal Teacher. Miss Purdon will be leaving the team and taking on new adventures. We are so grateful for her support over the years and wish her all the best. We will ensure that February 2026 is her best working month yet! The Principal Teacher advert is live, and we hope to have this recruited soon.

### Primary 1 Enrolment

Mrs Whitton has already started to visit local nurseries for children who have enrolled with us for August 2026. We are looking forward to getting to know all new children and their families. It is important that we make transition as smooth as possible, if you know anyone who has not yet enrolled but is looking to attend Ravenswood Primary next session, please spread the word that important transition opportunities are underway.

### School Uniform

We have seen a significant dip in children wearing appropriate clothing to school. Children will be asked to remove any jumpers that are not school uniform when in class. Please wear school uniform every day to school. At times, parents/carers

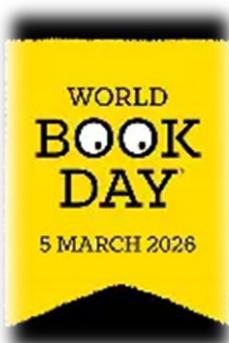
may be called to bring uniform to school if children are not dressed appropriately. We have no school stock, please send your child to school wearing uniform.

If sourcing uniform is a problem, we can help. The Cumbernauld Clothing Bank are a great support and will happily assist once we know your child's size details. Request support by emailing the school enquiries address or talk to a member of the team.

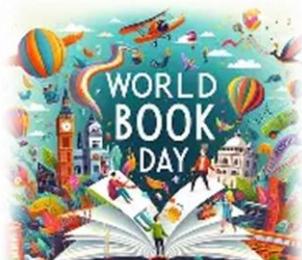
[enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-ravenswood@northlan.org.uk)

## Handball Tournament

We are delighted to report that our handball team played a blinder last week in the local tournament at the Tryst. They cooperated, communicated and scored goals, goals, goals! Well done team, you placed silver overall! BUZZING! 😊



## World Book Day



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a fun day where children will enjoy everything about books. Children can dress up as a favourite book character or come to school ready for a cosy reading day wearing their pyjamas. Can't wait! 😊

## Reading Schools Week, 2026

We will be participating in Reading Schools Week from the 2nd – 5th of February. The Reading Schools committee have LOTS of fun activities planned across the week. They have organised the ultimate reading challenge...the 'Raven Reader'. Starting on the 2nd of February over the next 30 days children are challenged to read/be read to every day for at least 15 minutes.

Each day you complete you should colour in one book on the tracker attached at the end of the newsletter. The tracker can be printed, for those without a printer you can take a screenshot of the tracker and use 'Mark Up' tools within the iPhone Photos App to digitally colour. Once you have completed your 30 days please bring your tracker into school, or email to Mrs Whitton – [NLRobertsonA@northlan.org.uk](mailto:NLRobertsonA@northlan.org.uk)

Good luck and happy reading! 😊

## School Car Park and Playground

St Mary's school car park is not the biggest and we are trying to squeeze two staff teams in! The car park is only for staff, including at breakfast club drop off, and for access for one child with a disabled badge. Please park and stride using designated parking spaces and leaving pavements clear for our children to walk safely to school. Please do not use the car park at the end of the school. Thank you to everyone who is parking safely in the community. There is a one way system in operation around St Mary's school with double yellow lines that must be kept clear. We understand parking locally is a nightmare and appreciate everyone in working together with the local community. 😊

All classes will be escorted to the playground by staff. There are artificial road markings (a solid white line) that we ask all parents/carers to stay behind so children and staff can clearly see parents/carers. This is for the morning drop off and afternoon collection.

We are escorting bus lines and ask that parents/carers leave a clear pathway.

Staff will be on hand to help.

P1 – P4 children are escorted to the playground by the teaching staff to ensure they are met with a safe adult. P5 – P7 leave independently. Thank you for cooperation keeping our children safe.

## Absences and Late Comings

Absence and late comings emails have been shared with parents and carers for those below 95% attendance at school. We are keen to support high attendance

and punctual time keeping. Please speak to a member of the team if you are looking for supports.

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

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 or Miss Rose 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.

### Weekly Snapshots

We have started sharing weekly snapshots of learning to our school website class pages. These are updated every Friday for you to enjoy.

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

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

### 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. NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

## School Information

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

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 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, GroupCall and/or letter.



## Diary Dates

It is possible that some changes will be made throughout the school year. Please keep an eye on newsletters and check your emails for updates from staff.

### Important Dates 2025-26

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1.45pm Spring Service P5 leading, all welcome 😊
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	PCA Spring Disco P1 - P3 6.30pm - 7.30pm P4 - P7 7.45pm - 8.45pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	2.30pm - school closes
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	9.30am - Potential Sports Day - more information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	3.15pm onwards Progress Conferences
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1.45pm whole school concert
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1.45pm whole school concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1.45pm Celebration of Achievement - all welcome 😊
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	PCA Summer Disco P1 - P3 6.30pm - 7.30pm P4 - P7 7.45pm - 8.45pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1.30pm Summer service - P7 leading - all welcome 😊
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Ravenswood Primary at St Mary's	1pm - school closes

## Raven Reader Challenge – February

For the next 30 days read/be read to for 15 minutes or more each day. For each day you complete, colour in a book. You can either print this sheet out or take a screenshot and colour it digitally using the iPhone 'Mark Up' tools in Photos.

