Friday 16th January 2026

# Ravensbourne News

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## Message from SLT

**Most important:**

Please be aware that we have the school photography company Kittles Photographic coming into school next week on Tuesday.

They will be taking photographs of all learners and new staff during their visit so please remember to have your son or daughter in school uniform or clothes that you would want them photographed on that day. Proof copies will be available and you may purchase copies later.

I am delighted to report that from this term Rebecca Masar our school nurse, will be working directly with us three days per week now. This will really help with the ongoing medical work we do and with training and family contact. Welcome to the extra days Rebecca and thank you to the NELFT team who have been working with us to develop this provision.

We have our next coffee morning on Tuesday next week. 21.01.26 10 - 11.30pm

It is the much requested return visit from one of our liner suppliers' reps. The Attends Rep to answer questions, explain any changes in products

One of our older learners was the proud recipient of an offer from Tescos to come in and use one of the tills on training mode in the next few weeks as part of his life skills curriculum.

## Teaching & Learning Trust Visit

On Tuesday this week, we were delighted to welcome colleagues from the Trust's central team for a full-day Teaching and Learning visit. Their aim was to gain a clear picture of the great work happening across the school and to offer supportive, constructive feedback.

The team visited a wide range of classes, reviewed our curriculum and assessment information, and spoke with staff throughout the day. We are very pleased to share some of the key highlights from their visit:

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## What They Were Impressed By

**High-Quality Teaching and Learning**
The team were extremely positive about the teaching and learning they observed across the school. They described experiencing many *"lovely moments"* during their time in classrooms.

**Innovative Use of iPads**
The rollout of iPads is already having a visible impact. The team were excited by how confidently both pupils and staff are beginning to use the devices to enhance learning.

**Strong Relationships with Families**
A visit to our parent coffee morning highlighted the warm, caring, and supportive relationships between school and families. This was a particular strength they noted and celebrated.

**Outstanding Life Skills Provision**
The life skills session that the team observed was a real standout. They commented that they would love to *"bottle it and show it to other schools in the Trust"*—a wonderful reflection of the quality of this work.

## Next Steps

We also discussed some helpful next steps with the central team. These will be shared with staff through briefings and meetings over the next couple of weeks to ensure we continue to build on our strengths.

## A Big Thank You

Thank you to all staff for being so flexible and welcoming during the visit. Your hard work and dedication were clearly recognised and very much appreciated.

## Pupils of the week

**Scarlet in Weir Class:** For eye pointing to make choices, when we were out in the community at Tesco.

**Meadow in Wonder Class:** For beginning to try her school dinner and showing emerging independence by using her fork to feed herself with adult support.

**Sara in Bayley Class:** For her overall independence, persistence in practicing letter formation and for using verbal words to request a drink.

22.01-parental coffee morning with Continence nurse
06.02-Skills learning session for families-exploratory play
**16.02-20.02 school closed Half term**
24.02- Bamboozle for some ASD pupils
05.03-world book day
06.03- coffee morning
17.03 St Patrick's Day

Please see poster at end of newsletter with all dates and information.
20.03 Comic Relief
24.03 -parental coffee morning finance and legal advice from different companies
27.03 Inset Day
30.03-10.04 school **closed Easter**

# Safeguarding

During the Trust central team visit they also audited our safeguarding systems and processes and were positive about

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the work we do with staff, pupils and families to ensure a safe and caring environment. We have requested an external audit sometime next term as well.

# Welfare

**Parent Partnership Update**

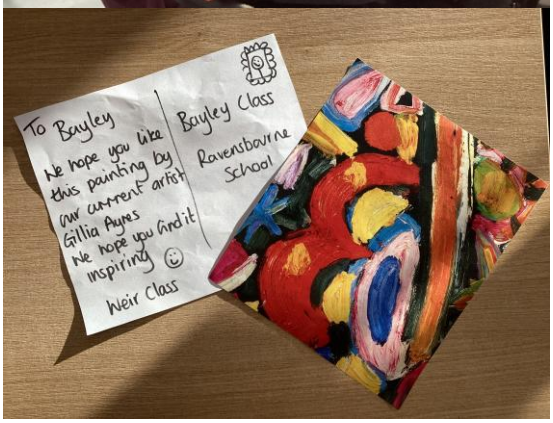
This week's parent meeting was extremely productive. Parents worked together to identify a list of ongoing challenges around hospital trips and admissions, and then collaborated on ideas for improvements and potential solutions. Claire has kindly offered to share these points with the wider parent WhatsApp group so that everyone can contribute their views.

Lynn will now bring all of the suggestions together and draft a letter to the local MP. This will be shared with the school team by **1st February** for Jo to review, and for Kirsten to pass on to the panel, as previously offered. Photos from the meeting have also been added to this newsletter.

Parents who attended were very keen for as many families as possible to be involved in the conversation. They have therefore asked for another call-out inviting parents to join the WhatsApp group. To support this, we will be sending a letter—with the QR code included—in every learner's bag this week We have also copied the letter to the end of the newsletter with the QR code on.

# In Class...

Weir Class delivered postcards with inspiration for creativity inspired by Gillian Ayers. They also did their own creativity, exercising choices with paper and paint colour. The cling film was the main attraction with most learners transfixed by its movement in the air!



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## Around school

During physio and dog therapy, one of our pupils independently reached out to explore the book while listening to a story and showed awareness by looking at Peggy laying beside him.

As part of our Gillian Ayres artist of the term work Hawking class have been exploring colour in different ways as ar of their creativity curriculum slots.

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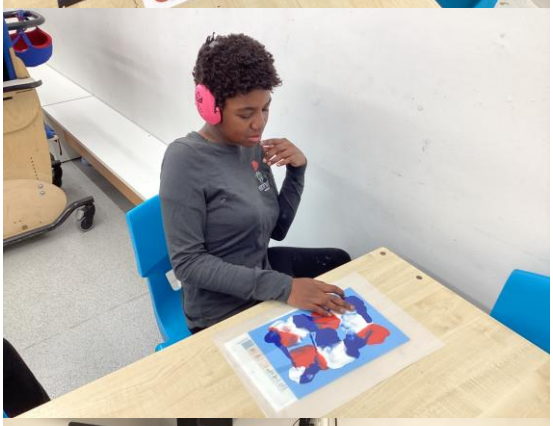

Weir class too have been exploring colour in a variety of media. It looks like they have been having lots of fun with it too.

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Parents Coffee Morning – brainstorming!

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# Activities with Families: Spring 2026

| Date | Time | Event | Details |
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| **Tuesday 13th January** | 10 – 11.30 | Coffee Morning for Families | Post-Christmas catch up, hospital passports & write to MP about safe spaces in hospitals for all children with complex needs |
| **Thursday 22nd January** | 10 – 11.30 | Coffee Morning for Families | Continence Nurse |
| **Friday 6th February** | 10 – 11.30 | Play Session for Families | An opportunity for parents and carers to work with school staff to develop strategies for exploratory play. |
| **Friday 13th February** | Time tbc | Shared Learning and refreshments with SLT | Families welcome to join their child's class for activities |
| **Half Term (16.02.26 - 20.02.26)** | | | |
| **Tuesday 24th February** | Times tbc | Bamboozle for some ASD learners | Details of classes and times to follow |
| **Thursday 5th March** | All day | World Book Day | Dress up as a book character |
| **Friday 6th March** | 10 – 11.30 | Coffee Morning for Families | Guest tbc |
| **Tuesday 17th March** | All day | **St Patrick's Day** | **A chance to dress in green!** |
| | 10 – 11.00 | Stay & Play | Guest under 2s families to explore the Sensory Room |
| **Friday 20th March** | Time tbc | Comic Relief Shared Learning | Dress in red and send a £1 in for Comic Relief<br>Families are welcome to join their child's class for activities |
| **Tuesday 24th March** | 10 – 11.30 | Coffee Morning for Families | Finance and legal - Support with benefits, charities, and legal advice regarding power of attorney – more information to come |
| **Friday 27th March** | **School Closed** | **INSET DAY** | **All staff to Milton Keynes for a whole Trust training day** |
| **Easter Break (30.03.26 - 10.04.25)<br>Summer Term begins on 13.04.26** | | | |

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Putting Learners First

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I have been asked to contact you on behalf of our parents' forum group. They regularly meet in school to discuss matters of interest to them and their families. From these meetings the group have shared a WhatsApp group that is run by families for families. This is independent of the school and is a place for families to interact with each other.

All parents and carers only are warmly invited to join. This group has been created to strengthen communication and support within the parent/carer network and is strictly for parents and carers of Ravensbourne pupils.

The WhatsApp group offers a quick and convenient way to share practical information, such as contact details for wheelchair services or updates about the school bus. It provides useful reminders about school events, including coffee mornings, shared learning events and special activities. Parents and carers often use the group to exchange knowledge, share helpful resources, and offer guidance based on their own experiences.

In addition to information-sharing, the group provides a supportive space where families can connect with one another, offer encouragement, and feel part of a welcoming community.
If you have already joined the group, we thank you for your connecting. If however, you would like to join, please use the link below or scan the QR code:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FpMhSLGUTMI0xsaVbgeICQ?mode=hqrt3

We hope you find the group both useful and supportive.
Yours sincerely,

**Andy Smith**
**Headteacher**



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