



Ranskill Primary School

Summer 2 Newsletter

Head of School Greeting

This half term has given us so much to celebrate. We are incredibly proud of our pupils' achievements in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Year 6 SATs. These results reflect not only the hard work and determination of our children, but also the dedication of our staff and the invaluable support of families at home. Well done to everyone involved!

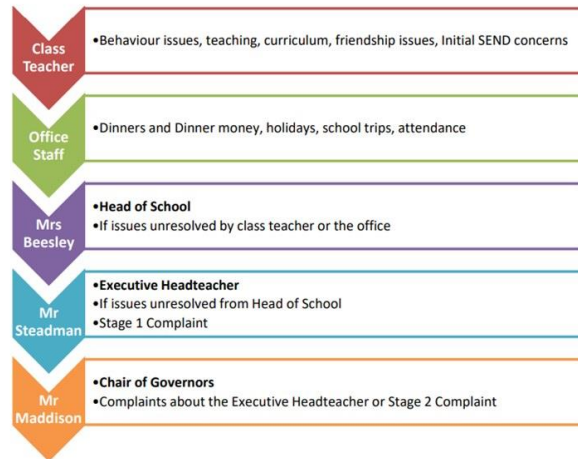
As always, the end of the school year brings mixed emotions. We are especially sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been fantastic ambassadors for our school and have made us incredibly proud throughout their time with us. Although we will miss them greatly, we are excited to see all that they will achieve as they move on to the next stage of their education. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness for the future, and we hope they will come back and visit us to let us know how they are getting on.

This term also marks a change within our staff team. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Lyons, who is moving on to pastures new. Mrs Lyons has made a valued contribution to our school, and we thank her for everything she has done for our pupils and the wider school community. We wish her every success and happiness in the future. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Kirsopp to Ranskill Primary School, where she will be teaching Year 6, and Mrs Denton, who joins us as our KS2 Phase Leader and Year 4/5 teacher. We are excited to have them as part of our team and know they will be a wonderful addition to our school community. In addition to this, Miss Rush will also be leaving us after just over a year here and we wish her the best for her new venture.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We hope you have the opportunity to make special memories together, rest and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful summer!

A graphic illustration of a human head in profile, facing right, with the interior filled with a dense collection of colorful icons representing various aspects of modern life, technology, and communication. The icons include a smartphone, laptop, camera, microphone, newspaper, heart, globe, and many others. The head is outlined in blue on the left and orange on the right.

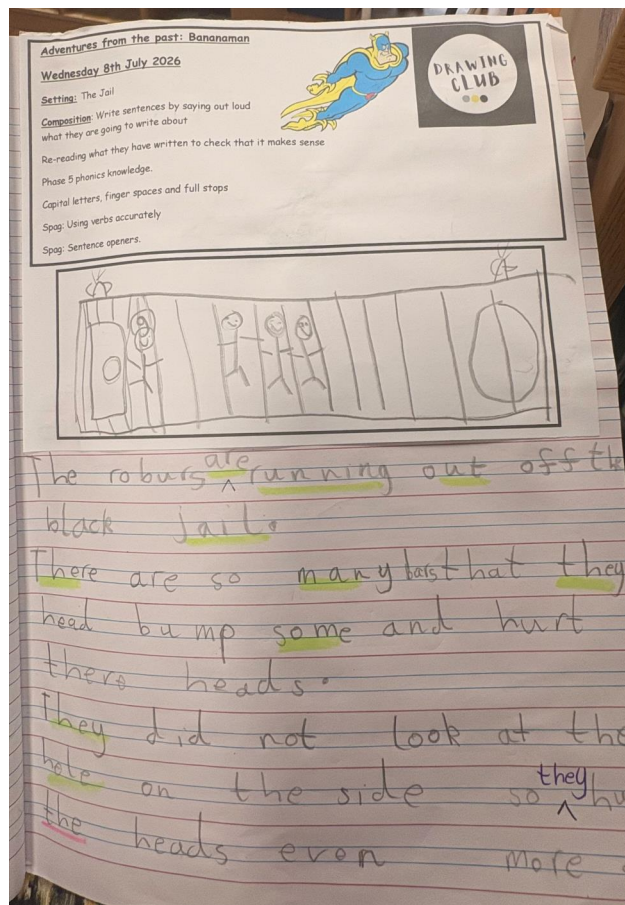


Look at what we have all been up to...





1 - In Nursery this half-term we have been exploring the topic 'Are we nearly there yet?' which has covered the seaside, other holidays and transport that can be used to get to holiday destinations. We have enjoyed exploring texts such as 'The Train Ride', 'Message in a bottle' and 'Pirate Pete and his Smelly Feet!' (a firm favourite!). The children have really enjoyed listening to music from all around the world and having a go at traditional dances from these places in our music sessions. We have also had our new Nursery flooring laid in our outside area which the children have been enjoying this week, thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we got this sorted.



2 - Class 1 had an amazing drawing club event, where we invited parents to experience how we immerse ourselves in the wonderful world of writing and creating. We focused on adventures from the past and watched 'Bananaman'. We enjoyed

creating a new way to capture the robbers. We used construction and even the creature area to design our ideas. Thank you so much for the adults who came to experience a wonderful morning.



3 - This term, Class 2 have been learning all about healthy lifestyles, focussing on good hygiene, balanced eating and exercise. As part of our healthy food learning, we have designed and made fruit kebabs. We have also painted some beautiful still life pictures of different, delicious fruits. The children have really enjoyed learning about how to stay healthy and can explain what we should do and eat to stay super happy and healthy!



4 - Class 3 have had a fantastic time exploring poetry this term, inspired by the incredible journey of Nellie Bly. The children learnt about a range of poetic devices and experimented with powerful, descriptive vocabulary before creating their own original journey poems. Once their poems were complete, we discussed what makes an engaging performance, thinking about expression, volume, pace and audience engagement. The children then performed their poems to the whole class with great confidence. It was wonderful to see so many using expressive voices, actions and even memorising parts of their poems!



5 - Class 4 has had a fantastic few weeks packed with exciting learning across the curriculum! Wimbledon fever swept through the classroom as Miss Shaw's love of tennis inspired a new craze, with football temporarily taking a back seat. Children enjoyed watching highlights from the tournament, calculating scores in maths, developing their tennis skills during PE and even taking advantage of some free coaching from Miss Shaw! We've already spotted some impressive talent emerging. In English, the class became sports journalists, writing exciting live match commentaries for England's World Cup games before using our famous **'Rose Gold Mic'** to interview fans, managers and players, showcasing their fantastic speaking and listening skills.



6 - Year 6 have really embraced every last moment of their final year of primary school this term. We have enjoyed our residential to Gullivers Valley, laughed loads on our Y6 leavers trip and focussed on our production: Darwin Rocks. Mrs Lyons has loved spending time with her class and we're going to be sad to see them all go. Good luck to Class of 2026 as they head off to secondary school!

Important Dates for your Diary - Autumn one



Autumn one dates so far

21st September single photos

22nd September 'Unplugged day'

24th September flu vaccines

10th October World Mental Health Day

13th October Harvest Festival at the church (KS2 only)

16th November Anti Bullying Week

20th November Children in Need

23rd November Parliament Week



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

We are delighted to share that our school's current attendance rate is **96.5%**, which is **above the national target**. This is a fantastic achievement, and we want to thank all our families for their continued support in helping children attend school regularly and on time.

Attending school every day has a huge impact on children's progress, wellbeing, and confidence. Here are some of the **positive benefits** that regular attendance brings to both children and families:

Why Good Attendance Matters

- **Supports Structure and Routine:** Children thrive when they follow a consistent daily pattern. Good attendance helps them feel secure and organised.
- **Builds a Vital Life Skill:** Being present and on time prepares children for secondary school and future employment by developing discipline and responsibility.
- **Ensures Safety and Support:** School provides a safe environment, daily meals, and wellbeing support—not just for pupils, but for parents and carers too.
- **Boosts Confidence:** Regular attendance helps children grow socially and academically, making them more confident in the classroom and the playground.
- **Strengthens Relationships:** Being in school every day allows children to build strong, positive, long-lasting relationships with both staff and their peers.

- **Improves Teamwork and Class Progress:** When everyone attends regularly, classes can learn, collaborate, and achieve together.
- **Eases Pressure on Families:** Regular school attendance gives parents and carers valuable time for work, daily tasks, or personal downtime—helping reduce stress.
- **Promotes Success:** Children who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve their potential and make strong academic progress.
- **Creates New Opportunities:** School offers fun, challenge, and experiences that children may not find elsewhere—helping them grow in all areas of life.

Thank you once again for your commitment to brilliant attendance. Let's keep working together to maintain and celebrate this fantastic achievement! 🎉

Attendance	Description	Approx' days lost per year	Approx' weeks lost per year
100% - 98%	Excellent	0-4	Less than 1 week
98%-96%	Expected	5-8	1 to 2 weeks
95%	Satisfactory	9	1 to 2 weeks
94% - 90%	Less than expected	10-18	2 to 4 weeks
Below 90%	Persistent Absentee	More than 19	More than 3 weeks
Below 50%	Severely Persistent Absentee	More than 90	More than 18 weeks