Ravenbank School NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Well Done, Ravenbank!

As we reach the end of a busy eight-week half term, we would like to say a huge well done to all our children for their hard work, determination and perseverance. It has been a long half term, and we are incredibly proud of the way so many children have kept going, tried their best and demonstrated our school values. We've given out so many house points, golden coins, praise postcards and Headteacher's Awards, recognising children who have gone above and beyond, shown kindness, worked hard and made positive choices. Every day, we see children making us proud in so many different ways, and it is important that we celebrate their efforts and achievements.

I would also like to say a very big thank you to our wonderful staff team. Eight weeks is a long half term, and I know how hard everyone has worked to give our children the very best experiences. Their dedication, care and enthusiasm make such a difference to our children every single day, and I am incredibly grateful for everything they do.

I hope all our children, families and staff enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, with plenty of time to rest, recharge and enjoy special moments with their loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

Monday 2nd November
- Children return

Thursday 12th November
- Year 3 Showcase 2.45

Friday 13th November
- Year 3 Showcase 9am

Monday 16th November
- Anti-Bullying Week/ Odd Socks

Friday 19th November
9.00-10.30
- Family Engagement Session

Thursday 26th November
- PTA Christmas Movie Night (Y2+)

Friday 4th December
- Santa Dash 1.30pm EYFS/KS1
  2pm KS2

Wednesday 9th December
- EYFS/Y1/Y2 Nativity 9am

Thursday 10th December
- EYFS/Y1/Y2 Nativity 2pm

Friday 11th December
- EYFS/Y1/Y2 Nativity 9am

Monday 14th December
- KS2 Carol Service 2pm/ 6pm

Thursday 17th December
- Children's Christmas Lunch & Parties

Wednesday 27th January
- Learning Reviews 3.30-6.00

Thursday 28th January
- Learning Reviews 3.30-6.00

Wednesday 3rd February
- Learning Reviews for SEND pupils 3.30-4.30

Healthy Snacks and Drinks – A Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should only bring a small, healthy, nut-free snack to enjoy at morning break. A healthy snack helps children maintain their energy and concentration throughout the morning.

We encourage families to choose simple, nutritious snacks, such as. Some suggestions include:

- Fresh fruit such as an apple, banana, satsuma, pear or grapes **(cut appropriately to avoid choking hazards).**
- Chopped vegetables such as cucumber, carrot or pepper sticks.
- Children can order wholemeal toast as an alternative to bringing something from home.

We are still seeing some children bringing large packets of crisps, chocolate and other less healthy snacks. These are not permitted at morning break and should be saved for lunchtime. The government's School Food Standards set out requirements for healthy food and drinks provided by schools, including restrictions on sugary snacks and drinks. We want to encourage healthy eating habits across the whole school day and ask families to support us with this.

Water is the best drink for children throughout the school day, and staff regularly remind children to drink from their water bottles. We are also reviewing the juice cartons currently available to order at morning break and working with our school meal provider to explore healthier alternatives.

Thank you for supporting us in helping children develop healthy habits that will benefit their wellbeing, concentration and learning.

Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor boots as the outdoor area is very muddy.



Telephone: 01925753926 ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk

Show Racism the Red Card Day ❤️

Last Friday, children across Ravenbank took part in activities to mark Show Racism the Red Card Day, developing their understanding of racism, why it is wrong and the importance of treating everyone with kindness, respect and fairness.

Years 2, 3 and 6 explored the lasting impact of unkind words through a powerful activity using a piece of paper. Each time an unkind word was shared, the paper was crumpled, helping children understand that even when we try to put things right, our words can leave a lasting mark. Year 6 also used toothpaste to demonstrate how, once words have been spoken, they cannot simply be taken back. Year 3 extended their learning by exploring the inspiring stories of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., reflecting on how their courage and determination helped challenge racism and promote equality.

It was wonderful to see the children engaging so thoughtfully in these important discussions and reminding us all of the importance of standing up against discrimination and treating everyone with kindness.



Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16th November

During Anti-Bullying Week, we will be focusing on our important STOP message across the whole school:

STOP – Several Times On Purpose

STOP – Start Telling Other People

Throughout the week, children will take part in age-appropriate activities to help them understand what bullying is, how to recognise it and what to do if they or someone else experiences it. We will explore kindness, friendship, inclusion, the importance of speaking up and how we can all play a part in preventing bullying.

A key message will be that bullying is taken very seriously at Ravenbank and that children should always speak to a trusted adult if something is worrying them. We want every child to feel confident about who they can turn to, whether that is a teacher, teaching assistant, lunchtime supervisor or someone at home. We will also reinforce that all unkind behaviour matters, even when it does not meet the definition of bullying.

As part of the week, every class will contribute to our Ravenbank Anti-Bullying Promise, sharing positive messages about how we treat one another and live out our school values of Friendship, Respect, Perseverance and Trust.



Odd Socks Day- Monday 16th November

We will also be joining in with Odd Socks Day! Children are invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind us of the importance of respecting and accepting our differences.

We encourage parents and carers to talk to their children about our **STOP** message at home and remind them that they should always tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right. Together, we can make sure Ravenbank remains a safe, happy and inclusive school where everyone feels they belong.





Reminder: Ravenbank Family Workshop – Thursday 19th November, 9.00–10.30am

Join us for our Family Engagement Workshop, offering practical ideas and strategies to support children's emotional wellbeing and behaviour at home.
If you would like to attend, please collect a flyer from the school office and return your completed form by Friday 6th November. We would love to see you there!



Poppy Appeal – On Sale Week Commencing 2nd November

We will be selling poppies in school all week after half term in support of the Poppy Appeal.
Poppies – **suggested** donation of 50p
Bracelets and other items – **suggested** donation of £1

Lymm Clothing Charity has kindly provided us with a grant to support families in Lymm who are struggling, for whatever reason . As you may know, our PTA Pre-Loved Uniform shed already offers a wide range of pre-loved school uniform items, covering most of the items children need.

If you would like to request any financial assistance towards the cost of school uniform, including one pair of school shoes, or if there are any other items your child needs, please email the school office with details of your requirements. Please be assured that all requests will be treated in the strictest confidence.





Parent/Carer

E-Safety Evening

INFORM • SUPPORT • EMPOWER



Is your child safe online?

Join us for a friendly and informative session to help you understand the online world your child is navigating — and how to keep them safe.

Monday 16th November 2026

6.00pm

Lymm High School Main Hall

What we'll cover:

The online world
The benefits and opportunities — and the risks.

Popular apps & platforms
What children are using and how they use them.

Keeping your child safe
Practical tips and settings to help protect them.

Supporting healthy habits
Encouraging positive and balanced screen time.

Online behaviour
Understanding social media, apps and what to look out for.

Q&A session
Ask your questions and get expert advice.

This session is delivered by **Cheshire Police Detective Andrew Kevan** for the Cyber Crime Team.

The session is designed to

- Equip you with the facts,
- Challenge assumptions and
- help you make more informed decisions.

Cheshire Constabulary
SAFEGUARDING OUR COMMUNITIES

LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

Safer choices. Brighter futures.


WARRINGTON
Half Term Holiday Programme
Fun, food and activities for eligible children this October
Available to all Targeted and Expanded free school meals children
What's included?
• Fun activities and opportunities to make friends
• Opportunities to be active
• Food provided as part of the programme
Booking your child's place
To book, visit www.warrington.gov.uk/haf or email haf@warrington.gov.uk for more information.
Places are subject to availability and must be booked in advance
WARRINGTON Borough Council
BEST START IN LIFE


Need more childcare?
Paid holiday clubs and help with childcare costs
Four funded sessions may not meet every family's needs
We know that four sessions of four hours may not meet every family's childcare needs. Some holiday programme providers offer additional sessions or hours for a fee, subject to availability.
Not eligible for a funded place?
Families who are not eligible for a funded place can still access these holiday clubs through directly contacting the provider. Charges will apply.
You may get help with your childcare costs
Families in receipt of Universal Credit may be able to claim help towards eligible additional childcare costs. The service must be Ofsted registered and the childcare arrangement must meet the relevant requirements. Speak to your work coach for more information.
Tax-Free Childcare
Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme to help working parents with children aged 0-11 years with the cost of childcare. Parents can open an online account, through their Government Gateway account which they can use to pay for any Ofsted registered childcare.
More information about funded clubs:
www.warrington.gov.uk/haf


Vesta
Educational Services CIC
A space for families. Real conversations. Practical support. Together.
EBSA
Parent & Carer Community Evening
For families supporting a young person experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance.
A welcoming evening to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and explore practical support options, information and local resources.
Families whose young people have moved into EOTAS or Elective Home Education are very welcome to attend too.
MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS
Share experiences in a safe and welcoming space.
INFORMATION AND SIGNPOSTING
Find out about local services, pathways and support options.
A SHORT PRESENTATION ON EBSA
Understanding EBSA and practical support options, delivered by Rachael Russell, Founding Director of Vesta.
SUPPORTIVE CONVERSATIONS
Talk openly with others who understand.
Tuesday 13th October 2026
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Vesta Educational Services CIC
Brendan House, Widnes
Widnes Road, Widnes, WA8 6UG
Open to parents and carers of young people experiencing EBSA. Families with EOTAS arrangements or who are Electively Home Educated are also very welcome.
Register your interest here
Places are limited due to venue capacity, so please register in advance.
Funded by COMMUNITY FUND
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SUPPORT | CONNECTION | INFORMATION | BELONGING


Warrington
Parents & Carers
SEND Market Stall Event
24th November 2026
9:30-13:30
Warrington Youth Zone
Free event
with lunch included.
Discover . Connect . Empower!
Join us for our SEND Market Stall Event, bringing together local professionals and parent carers for a day of information, resources and community support.
All are welcome!
Please register your attendance on our website
www.warrpac.org/send-market-stall-event-24th-november-2026
Meet & Talk
Chat with local organisations, services and professionals who can support you and your family.
Explore & Connect
Browse a range of stalls with useful resources, products and services, all in one place.
Support & Advice
Get practical advice, ask questions and find out what's available in your local area.
Warpac @Warpac
Email: warrpac@gmail.com
Website: www.warpac.org

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MUM + BABY YOGA

2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS 11-12pm £12

St Peter's Church Hall, Stage Lane, Lymm - Free parking + herbal tea

Suitable for babies from 6wks up to crawling, no experience needed. Drop into a class or book 4 classes for £40 , bring a yoga mat and whatever you need for baby. Come along and enjoy a stretch, meet other mums and do some yoga with your baby!

Scan here to book

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PREGNANCY YOGA

cheshire pregnancy yoga

MONDAYS
7-8pm £14

St Peter's Church Hall, Stage Lane, Lymm - Free parking + herbal tea

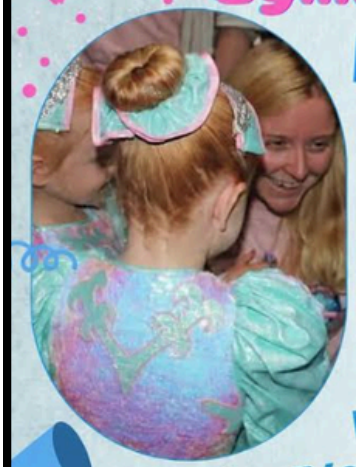
Experienced yoga teacher offering gentle yoga to relax and ease aches, perfect for for 2nd and 3rd trimester through to birth. Meet other bumps, learn breathing techniques for labour and anxiety, no experience necessary. Drop in £14 or buy a class pass to save. Wear comfy clothes and bring a yoga mat.

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Lymm Adivas



Be a Part of Our

Successful Team

Lets dance and shine together as one!

Every Wednesday!

No previous experience required!

Lymm Methodist Church Hall

Infomation

Session Times:
3-7 years: 5:00-5:40pm
8-12 years: 5:40-6:40pm
12-16 years: 6:40-7:40pm
Adults: 7:00-8:00pm



£3.50 per session

More info: 07562837079

LYMM ADIVAS MORRIS DANCING TROUPE ESTABLISHED 2013

TAG CAMP

TENNIS & AWESOME GAMES



AGES 4 - 14

OUR OCTOBER CAMP IS AVAILABLE TO BOOK!

CAMP DATES

TUES 27TH - THUR 29TH OCT

Time 9:00 - 4:00

Our TAG camps are:

- Run by LTA Accredited + coaches
- Covered by public liability
- Age group specific
- Suitable for beginner players

Please bring food and drink for the day, in the event of rain please pack a raincoat.

All equipment can be provided.

SCAN ME

BOOK TODAY

Please visit our Camps page via our website www.amtennis.net.

Alternatively you can contact Allan at allan@amtennis.net or by phone on 07932 057672.

£25.50 per day (members)
£30 per day (non members)

£15.30 per half day (members)
£18 per half day (non members)

EARLY BIRD BOOKING*
SAVE 10%
CODE: TAGOCT10

*ENDS SUN 18TH OCTOBER

11 Brookfield Rd, WA13 0PX


Ofsted registered
Farm Fest
Not your average holiday club
For 5 - 11 year olds (Y1-Y6)
Join us for:
Tax-free childcare and vouchers accepted
Den building with loose parts
Foraging and cooking
Wildcrafting with real tools
Relaxing in tents and hideouts
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Meet and feed the resident pigs
Free-range play all day
Select 'Bring a Friend' ticket and save £6 each
£45.60 £39.60
per child
26th - 30th October
9am - 3.30pm
communitree.co.uk/dunham-massey
info@communitree.co.uk
0800 086 8837


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FOOTBALL CAMP
LEARN • IMPROVE • HAVE FUN
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TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!
CAMP DATES
26TH – 30TH OCTOBER
MONDAY – FRIDAY
AGES
5 – 11 YEARS
TIME
8:30AM – 3PM
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£120
FOR THE WEEK
(5 DAYS)
£30
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CULCHETH HIGH SCHOOL
9am or 11am- 3pm
FREE PLACES*
Join us this half term for a spooktacular journey into movie making, gaming and creativity! We're designed to ignite your child's passion for tech and help them develop problem-solving skills, all while having fun during the holidays!
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Tax Free Childcare, Childcare Voucher and Universal Credit Childcare payments available.
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ANIMATION
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Questions? Email us- bolton@computerxplorers.co.uk
*FREE places- are funded by Warrington Crisis resilience fund & are available to eligible Warrington resident children in receipt of Universal credit with free school meals or those with an EHCP. Eligibility checks will be made.
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LIGHT Party
DISCO - GAMES - FOOD
SAT 31 OCT, 5-6.30PM
LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH
FREE ENTRY
FOR 4-11 YEAR OLDS
WITH AN ADULT
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REGISTER YOUR PLACE
USING THE QR CODE
FANTASTIC HALLOWEEN
ALTERNATIVE FOR KIDS
LBC
CHURCHES TOGETHER
LIFECHURCH


Family Event
Monday
26th October
10:30am - 12:30pm
Messy Church
0-11yrs
Join us for
crafts, story & singing
Meal served at the end of the session
Free event donations welcome
Children must be supervised
by an adult
Lymm United Reform Church
Brookfield Rd,
Lymm, WA13 0QW
CHURCHES TOGETHER
LYMM & DISTRICT
More Information email childrenfamilyworker@lymmmethodistchurch.co.uk

October Half Term Holiday Activity!

ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers



Join ADDvanced Solutions Community Network for PUMPKIN PICKING!!

For neurodiverse families to enjoy!

Booking is Essential

WEDNESDAY

28TH OCTOBER
10.30AM - 2:30PM

Hayloft Farm and Pumpkin Picking
Sandy Lane, Bold, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 3XP

Join us for a fun day in Halloween fancy dress (optional) Pumpkin picking for your upcoming spooky weekend.

Explore the small petting farm and enjoy your picnic and have fun in the play area.

Booking is essential

To request your place please contact the office on Info@addvancedsolutions.co.uk

or call our office: 01925 320863

OUGHTRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Howard Avenue
Lymm
WA13 9EH
Headteacher: Mrs V Forrest
https://oughtringtoncps.co.uk
Tel: 01925 752086

Teaching Assistant on a Fixed Term contract until 31st August 2027
Salary: Grade 3 (SCP4-5)
Hours: 8.45am- 3.30pm (30-minute unpaid lunch break)
Term time only
(Can be done as a job share)

Oughtrington Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, highly motivated and caring teaching assistant to join our outstanding school. The successful candidate will assist children with additional needs across the school. Lunch time supervision will also be included in this role.

We are seeking to appoint a teaching assistant who will:

- Supervise and provide particular support for KS1/KS2 pupils with additional needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assist with the development and implementation of Pupil Profiles and Pastoral Support Plans
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage interaction with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
- Provide the class teacher with effective feedback about learning

Oughtrington Primary School offers:

- A supportive and friendly team of staff and governors
- A warm and welcoming environment
- Opportunities for personal and professional development
- Enthusiastic, happy children who are keen to learn
- A risk benefit culture promoting positive outdoor learning and play

Application forms and details are available from the school's web site (www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk). All completed forms should be returned via email for the attention of Mrs Proud at oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk

Oughtrington Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff, volunteers and trustees to share this commitment.
Our recruitment process follows the keeping children safe in education guidance.

Offers of employment may be subject to the following checks (where relevant):
Childcare disqualification, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), Medical, Online and social media, Prohibition from teaching, Right to work, Satisfactory references, Suitability to work with children.
You must tell us about any unspent conviction, cautions, reprimands or warnings under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.
Further information about the Disclosure Scheme can be found on homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/.

Closing Date: **Mid-day on Monday 2nd November, 2026**
Short Listing: **Tuesday 3rd November 2026**
Interviews: **Thursday 5th November**