# Ravenbank SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Friday 6th November 2026**

## School Uniform Support – A Reminder

Thanks to a generous grant from Lymm Clothing Charity, we are able to offer financial assistance to families who may need support with the cost of school uniform, including a pair of school shoes.

If you would benefit from support with uniform costs or other essential items for your child, please email the school office with details of what you need. All requests will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please don't hesitate to get in touch – we are here to help.

Our PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shed also has a wide range of uniform items available for families and is left open everyday. Please use the QR code to make a donation to the PTA when taking items.

## Travelling Safely – A Few Minutes of Reading Could Save a Life!

### 🚗 Car Seats – Is Your Child Travelling Safely?

Did you know that UK law requires children to use an appropriate car seat or booster seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first? Even if your child seems too grown-up for a booster seat, they may still need one to ensure the seat belt fits correctly and protects them in an accident.

Please check that:

- Your child is using a car seat or booster appropriate for their height or weight.
- The seat is correctly fitted and the seat belt sits across their shoulder and hips, not their neck or stomach.
- Everyone wears a seat belt, even on the shortest journeys.
- Children do not move out of booster seats before they are ready.

You can check the latest legal requirements here: GOV.UK – Child Car Seat Rules.

### 🚲 Bicycle Helmets – Protecting Young Heads

We love seeing children enjoying cycling, but a fall from a bicycle can happen in a split second, even to the most confident rider.

Although bicycle helmets are not a legal requirement in the UK, the Highway Code strongly recommends wearing one. A correctly fitted helmet can significantly reduce the risk of a serious head injury. Your child should wear a helmet every time they cycle, including short journeys and when riding close to home.

### ⚠️ Important Christmas Gift Warning – E-Scooters

With Christmas approaching, we would like to ensure parents and carers are aware of the law surrounding e-scooters. Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements and cycle paths. They are classed as motor vehicles and require a driving licence and insurance to be used on public roads. However, privately owned e-scooters cannot currently be insured for this purpose. Cheshire Police are seizing e-scooters being used illegally, so we strongly encourage families to think carefully before purchasing one as a Christmas gift.

**Thursday 12th November**
- Year 3 Showcase 2.45

**Friday 13th November**
- Year 3 Showcase 9am

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

**Thurs day19th 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







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**Raven Rangers – Booking Reminder**

Our Raven Rangers Breakfast and After School Club continues to be incredibly popular, and we are delighted with the fantastic feedback we have received from both parents and children!

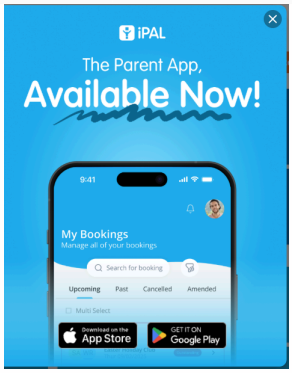
A reminder that all sessions can be booked and paid for through iPal. You can find further information about Raven Rangers and how to book on our school website.

https://www.ravenbankschool.co.uk/page/raven-rangers-wraparound/167108

There is also now an iPal app, making it even easier to manage your bookings and payments on the go!

Please note that Wednesday after-school sessions are now fully booked. We encourage families to book other sessions as early as possible to secure their places.

Thank you for your continued support. It's wonderful to see so many children enjoying their time at Raven Rangers! Thank you to Mrs Smith and the amazing team looking after the children and Mrs Cook for the lovely meals!




**Keeping Our Children Safe – Parking Around School** 🚗

We are continuing to work with our local police and community to make the roads around Ravenbank safer for everyone, particularly at busy drop-off and collection times. We have recently purchased some child-sized 'No Parking' signs, which will be positioned in areas where parking causes safety concerns. Our local police officer will also be visiting at drop-off and pick-up times to support safer parking.

A few important reminders:

- Please keep the roundabout clear at all times.
- Do not stop on the school zig-zag markings.
- Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time (subject to specific legal exemptions).
- Keep junctions, driveways and pavements clear so children and families can cross and walk safely.
- Consider parking a little further away and walking the final part of your journey.




**Operation Park Safe**

Cheshire Police have introduced Operation Park Safe, allowing residents to report dangerous or obstructive parking online, including uploading photographs or video evidence.

We have shared information posters and QR codes with our neighbours, and these will also be displayed around the school site. Reports will be reviewed by Cheshire Police, who will decide what action is appropriate.

A big thank you to the many parents and carers who park safely and considerately every single day, and to those who choose to walk up Pepper Street! Your efforts really do make a difference.

We know that mornings can be busy, but saving a couple of minutes is never worth putting a child's safety at risk. Thank you for helping us keep our children, families and neighbours safe.

# OPERATION PARK SAFE




## Help us keep children, families and our community safe

Members of the public can now report dangerous parking online. Photos or video can be uploaded and the report will be reviewed by Cheshire Police.



## Safe parking around school

- Do not stop or park on school zig-zag lines or keep clear markings.
- Do not block the roundabout.
- Keep junctions and crossing areas clear.
- Do not park where pedestrians are forced into the road.
- Do not stop on double yellow lines.

*Double yellow lines mean no waiting at any time. Please do not stop or park on them around school.*

- Park legally, safely and considerately away from the school entrance if needed.

## What can be reported?

- Parking on zig-zag lines or in crossing areas
- Parking at or near a junction
- Blocking pedestrians so they have to walk into the road
- Parking on a cycle track
- Dangerous school parking offences

## Important

- Do not challenge the driver.
- Do not put yourself at risk to take a photo.
- You may need to provide a statement and your contact details.
- In some cases, you may be asked to attend court if the matter is contested.

## How to report

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Open the Cheshire Police road traffic incident reporting page.
3. Find the location on the map.
4. Answer “No” to “Did at least one vehicle collide with something or someone?”
5. Choose “A possible driving offence” and complete the form.

**Scan to report dangerous parking**

**Please park safely and show consideration for our neighbours and the safety of all children.**




**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!



**Odd Socks Day- Monday 16th November**

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will 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.

**🎄 H-A-Ppy Christmas! Win Prizes for Ravenbank! 🎁**

As Christmas approaches, myHappymind is running an exciting competition, and we need your help!
We would love our families to share how myHappymind has made a positive difference to their children at home. Perhaps your child is talking more openly about their feelings, using strategies to manage big emotions or sharing what they have learnt about their brain and wellbeing.
By sharing your family's experience, you could help Ravenbank win some fantastic prizes! These include sensory resources, mindfulness activities, books, teddies and treats for pupils and staff.
How to enter:
Simply complete the short form below and share your myHappymind success story. Even the smallest positive changes are worth celebrating!
📅 Closing date: Friday 27th November 2026
🏆 Winners announced from Tuesday 1st December.
We would love as many Ravenbank families as possible to get involved. Your feedback could help us win some brilliant resources for our children whilst celebrating the positive impact of myHappymind!
Good luck, everyone! 🌟

**Calling All Parent Volunteers – KS2 Reading!**

We are looking for enthusiastic parent and carer volunteers to support children with individual reading in Key Stage 2.
Reading regularly with an adult can make a real difference to children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books. We would love to welcome volunteers who can spare some time to help our pupils develop their reading skills.



What we're looking for:

- Volunteers who can commit to coming into school at least once a week for the full academic year, providing consistency for our children.
- A willingness to take part in initial training, so you feel confident supporting our young readers.
- All volunteers will be required to complete our safeguarding procedures, including appropriate DBS checks, before starting.

If you are interested in making a difference, please email the school office to express your interest.
Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading at Ravenbank!

Lymm
Sanctuary Hub
Bringing our community together



# Find out what's happening in your community

## Meet the people behind the Hub

**Lymm Sanctuary Hub** runs friendly, volunteer-led projects for people across Lymm. Pop in to find out what we do and how you could help.

- ✓ Meet our volunteers over a cuppa
- ✓ Discover our community projects
- ✓ Find a role that fits your time – even an hour a month helps

**Saturday**
**7th November**
**From 10am - 1pm**

**Lymm Village Hall**
Pepper Street, Lymm
WA13 0JB

*Free – everyone welcome*

Can't make it? Get in touch – we'd love to hear from you.

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projects@lymmsanctuaryhub.co.uk

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# Working together for a caring community

## Three free workshops

**10.00–10.45am**
**Lymm Community Energy: Solar Farm Update**
Our school solar panels have made nearly 1 million kWh of clean energy since 2016. Hear the latest on our 2MW community solar farm - and how you could invest in it.

**11.00–11.45am**
**Digital Café drop-in**
Try our Digital Café! Bring your phone, tablet or laptop. Friendly help with issues such as email, WhatsApp, FaceTime, banking and health apps, shopping safely online and spotting scams.

**12.00–1.00pm**
**Be Prepared: Emergency Planning**
How to prepare for emergencies such as flooding, power cuts, heatwaves, cold snaps and fire. A practical look at how your household can get ready - and what to keep to hand.

## In the main hall, all morning

- Meet **volunteers** from each of our projects
- Watch our **new short film**, shown [every hour]
- Discover our **Business Centre** services
- Tea, coffee and **home-made cakes**
- Find out about **different ways to get involved**
- Sign up to our **newsletter**

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# The Curiosity Project
## at Statham primary school

We are delighted to be able to offer 4 workshops led by Katy Beetham from The Curiosity Project to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to co-regulate your child and improve the connection that you already have.

Stronger connections. Calmer children. Brighter futures.

Over the four sessions we will look at the importance of the nervous system, the sensory system, the influence of relationships and important brain processes.

**No PowerPoint. No psychobabble. Aimed at every parent.**

**Every Tuesday for 4 weeks, 9am-10.30am**
10th November, 17th November,
24th November, 1st December

## Topics covered:

- How relationships shape a brain
- The role of the nervous system
- How the sensory system influences behaviour
- How to connect and co-regulate

To find out more, we would encourage you to attend our info session on

**Tuesday 3rd November 9am-9.30am**
- it'll be a chance to hear from our team, and ask any questions you may have.

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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.

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Safer choices. Brighter futures.