Ravenbank School NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2026

🎄 The Countdown to Christmas is ON at Ravenbank! 🎅

Christmas is just around the corner, and we have a wonderful few weeks of festive fun ahead! Here's your guide to everything happening at Ravenbank before we break up for Christmas, including some ways you can get involved.

🎬 Thursday 26th November – Christmas Movie Night

Our Christmas Movie Night is back! Children in Years 2–6 will be watching the festive favourite Home Alone. Movie Night finishes at 5pm. If you'd like to help, please sign up here. Please note: Home Alone is rated PG, so parents and carers should consider whether it is suitable for their child.

🎅 Friday 4th December – Sponsored Santa Dash

Get those Christmas outfits ready!

- KS1: 1.30pm
- KS2: 2.00pm

Children should come to school wearing Santa-themed clothing, Christmas jumpers or festive accessories. We absolutely love seeing parents and carers join in with our Santa Dash! It's always a brilliant afternoon full of laughter, festive cheer and community spirit and Chamber Choir will be performing after the KS2 dash! Please remember to donate lots of tinsel!

🌟 Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Productions

Our youngest children will be spreading some Christmas magic in their performances!

- Wednesday 9th: 9.00am
- Thursday 10th: 2.30pm
- Friday 11th: 9.00am

Tickets are required for all performances and seating will be limited.

🎩 Saturday 12th December – Lymm Dickensian Festival

We are excited that our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in the Lymm Dickensian Christmas Parade! Children should wear their Santa Dash outfits again.

We anticipate meeting at Brookfield Surgery at 1.15pm, ready for the parade to begin at 1.30pm.

We need four parent volunteers to act as marshals, walking alongside our school group to help keep everyone safe. All other parents and carers should drop their children off and meet us at the end of the parade to collect them. Further arrangements will follow. Please sign up here.

Monday 23rd November
- Y4 Showcase 2:45pm

Tuesday 24th November
- Y4 Showcase 9:05am

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

Saturday 12th December
- Lymm Dickensian Day

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



Have Your Say – Lunchtime Drinks

We are reviewing the drinks available to children at lunchtime and would love to hear your views! We are considering whether to keep our current fruit juice cartons or introduce an alternative. Before making any decisions, we would like parents and carers to have their say. Please complete our short poll to share your preference. Thank you for helping us make the best choice for our children!



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🎶 **Monday 14th December – KS2 Carol Concert**

Our Years 3–6 children will be performing at St Mary's Church in two special Christmas Carol Services.

- Afternoon performance: 2.30pm
- Evening performance: 6.00pm

Tickets are required for both performances. Each **family** will receive one ticket for both both performances. Y6 will receive two tickets for each performance.

Can you help? We are looking for parent and carer volunteers to help us safely walk the children to the church during the morning and afternoon. If you can help, please sign up here. We would be very grateful!

🍽️ **Thursday 17th December – Christmas Dinner & Discos!**

A wonderfully festive day at Ravenbank!

Children will enjoy their Christmas dinner, followed by year group Christmas discos, kindly funded by our fantastic PTA. Children should come to school dressed in their own clothes, ensuring they are suitable for outdoor play and if they have PE.

🎁 **Friday 18th December – Christmas Non-Uniform Day & End of Term**

Our final day of term will include our WODAC collection and Christmas non-uniform day.

Year 2 will also be enjoying their visit to Staircase House.

School closes for the Christmas holidays at the normal time.

🎟️ **The Great Ravenbank Christmas Raffle – We Need Your Help!**

We will also be holding our Christmas Raffle, and we would love families to help us create some wonderful festive prizes!

Our theme this year is:

"Everything a Family Might Enjoy on Christmas Day!"

We would be so grateful for donations, big or small. Some ideas include:

- Chocolates, biscuits, sweets and festive treats
- Hot chocolate, marshmallows and cosy winter goodies
- Board games, puzzles and family activities
- Popcorn, snacks and family movie-night treats
- Christmas crackers, napkins and table decorations
- Christmas books and festive activity packs
- Non-perishable savoury treats, chutneys and crackers
- Gift vouchers or little surprises for the whole family
- A bottle of bucks fizz or soft drinks.

Anything that could add a little extra sparkle to someone's Christmas Day would be very welcome! Donations will be packaged up ready for the raffle draw. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase through ParentPay, with further details about the draw to follow. Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity and support!

❤️ **Making Christmas Special Together**

The run-up to Christmas is one of our favourite times of year at Ravenbank. We are looking forward to creating wonderful memories with the children and celebrating together as a school community.

Whether you're volunteering, donating to our raffle, cheering us on at the Santa Dash or simply helping your child prepare for their performance, thank you for helping us make Christmas at Ravenbank so special!

🎄 **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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuA1MwefRqgfnkLpZz3HzRBZv7anlypBWL81ZH7dbnoxSc9g/viewform

📅 Closing date: Friday 27th November 2026.

Anti-Bullying Week

We kicked off the week by celebrating Odd Socks Day! The children enjoyed learning about what makes each of us individual and unique, recognising that our differences are what make the world such an interesting and wonderful place! Across all year groups, we also explored the school STOP message. Year 3 considered a range of scenarios, discussing the importance of being an upstander and having the courage to speak out. Year 6 explored the 'ripple effect' that can be created when just one selfless person chooses to stand up against bullying, inspiring others to do the same.





Well done to Olivia in 2BC who won the Golden Welly for letting others join in her games!

🗣️ **Team Talks – Every Child Has a Voice!**

This week, our children took part in another round of Team Talks, where pupils from different year groups come together in their house teams, led by our fantastic Year 6 leaders, to share their views and ideas about school life.

Our latest discussions focused on respect, kindness, inclusion and how we can make Ravenbank an even better place for everyone.

We were really impressed by the thoughtful responses from our children. They showed a strong understanding of how important it is to treat others with kindness



🌟 **Fantastic Attendance at Ravenbank!** 🌟

We are absolutely delighted to share that our whole-school attendance is currently 98%!

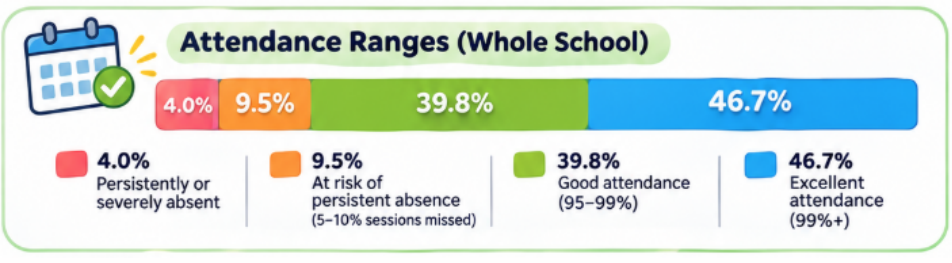
This is a fantastic achievement and puts Ravenbank well above both the national average of 95.7% and the Warrington Local Authority average of 96.3%.

We are particularly proud that attendance for our children with special educational needs (SEN Support or an EHCP) is even higher, at 98.1%! This is a wonderful achievement and reflects our commitment to ensuring that every child feels happy, safe, supported and included in school. Even more encouragingly, 86.5% of our pupils have good or excellent attendance, with almost half achieving 99% or above!

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support. We recognise that some children face additional challenges in attending school regularly, and these figures reflect the positive partnership between families and staff.

Every day in school brings opportunities to learn, build friendships and grow in confidence.

Let's keep up this fantastic effort – Every Moment Counts! 💙



Sponsored Ravenbank Santa Dash

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER



Challenge yourself to see how many times you can go around the lap!

It's not a race!

It's about having fun and getting in the Christmas spirit!

WALK, JOG, SKIP OR DANCE AROUND OUR FESTIVE TRACK!
SANTA HATS AND FESTIVE OUTFITS ENCOURAGED!

KS1 TIMINGS

Gates open through the car park at **1:15pm**

KS1 Dash from approximately **1:30pm**

- **Year 2** (start first)
- **Year 1**
- **Reception**

After the Dash, KS1 children will return to their classrooms so KS2 can start their Dash.

KS2 TIMINGS

KS2 Dash from approximately **2:00pm**

- **Year 6** (start first)
- **Year 5**
- **Year 4**
- **Year 3**

After the Dash, KS2 children will return to their classrooms.

*After the Dash, please join us in the school hall where the **Chamber Choir** will continue the Christmas spirit with their beautiful Christmas songs.*

*All money raised will go towards **PE equipment** and **sporting opportunities** across the school.*

Let's see if we can beat last year's amount raised!

*Scan the QR code to **donate, share with family and friends.***

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO BE PICKED UP FROM 3:00PM.

PROGRAMME

Lymm Dickensian Festival - 12th December 2026

Entertainment:	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	18:00
Park and Ride	10:00 - 16:30 From Lymm High School to the Village Centre. Last bus back to the school is at 16:30															
Morris Dancers			11:00 - 16:30 Lymm Morris, Earl of Stamford Morris and Bollin Morris will be performing at various times throughout the day													
Stalls			11:00 - 16:30 Located in the Village Centre, Village Hall, Henry Street Car Park and Youth Club													
Santa's Grotto Open				11:00 - 13:00 Village Hall							14:30 - 16:00 Village Hall					
Lymm Artists Exhibition																
Food & Refreshments	10:00 - 16:30 Located in the Sanctuary Café (near the library), Lymm Youth and Community Centre, Lymm Methodist Church and the Village Hall, and not forgetting our village stalls.															
Punch & Judy																
Lymm High School Band					11:30 - 12:15 Methodist Church											
Village Entertainers Steampunk Duo & Stiltwalker				11:00 - 12:00 Village Centre							14:30 - 15:30 Village Centre					
Lymm Sings										14:15 - 14:45 Outside Spread Eagle	14:55 - 15:25 Methodist Church (TBC)		16:00 - 16:45 Golden Fleece			
SANTA DASH								Starts 13:30 Village Centre								
THE GRAND PARADE								13:30 - 14:30 Village Centre								
Best Dressed Presentation											14:45 Village Centre					
Canal Boat Flotilla														16:45:00 Canal		
Tractor Run																18:00 Village Centre
Car Park Open	10:00 - 17:00 Lymm High School Car Park Open for Park & Ride. Gates Locked at 17:00															

Please note, the village centre will be closed to traffic from 7:00am to allow the various stalls to set up. Roads will reopen at 5:30pm.

Dress To Impress!

A prize will be given to the best dressed person in Dickens themed or Victorian costume, anyone who dresses up is welcome to join the parade.



Volunteers Wanted!!

Lymm Dickensian Festival is organised solely by volunteers. We are always on the lookout for people to help out, both with the organisation and on the day itself. If you can help marshalling the parade, organising stalls or in any other capacity we'd love to hear from you!

LYMM DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
LYMM VILLAGE CENTRE

STARTS 10AM
GRAND PARADE 1:30PM

Supported By

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Kids Planet

LYMM DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2026



Visit Santa in his grotto in the Village Hall
£5 entry includes a small present.
Grotto open between
11am -1pm and, 2:30pm-4pm

Established over 40 years ago by a group of hard working volunteers, traders and local councillors, the Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival continues to go from strength to strength. The Victorian festival attracts thousands of visitors to the warm and friendly atmosphere along with a great variety of stalls and displays.

It is supported financially by Lymm Parish Council and Kids Planet.
We would like to thank everyone for their help!

Don't forget the High Legh Park Christmas Charity Tractor Run, leaving High Legh at 5pm and driving through the village at approximately 6pm

A RANGE OF STALLS SELLING EVERYTHING FROM CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FOOD & DRINK



Kids Planet (Off Church Road up Eagle Brow) Christmas Crafts and Activities,
Toilets, Refreshments and
Baby Changing Facilities.

Youth & Community Centre
Craft Stalls, Toilets, Refreshments (Upstairs from 11 am)

Lymm Methodist Church
Light refreshments served downstairs all day.

Village Centre Stalls and Refreshments (The Cross, Eagle Brow, Bridgewater Street and Henry Street Car Park)

Lymm Sanctuary Café (Off Davies Way Car Park)

Lymm Village Hall and The Council Chamber (Annex)
Santa's Grotto, Stalls, Toilets & Refreshments
Lymm Artists Exhibition



PARK & RIDE

Lymm Dickensian runs a free Park and Ride Service between Lymm High School (WA13 0RB) and the village centre.
The bus will be running round robin trips between
10:00am and 4:30pm
People living in the vicinity of the High School are welcome to use the bus service to Dickensian Day.
Please note the High School gates are locked at 5pm.

Dress Your Window!!



We are asking all the Shops, Cafes, Pubs and Restaurants in Lymm to dress their window for the day and the run up to Christmas. The theme will be either a Dickens Book , Christmas or Victorian theme.

The Lymm Cruising Club
Illuminated Flotilla on the Bridgewater Canal at approximately 4:30—4:45pm
(Event subject to weather conditions)

PLEASE VISIT

www.lymm-dickensian.org
For Stall booking enquires email
lymmdickensianstalls@hotmail.com

All information in this programme is correct as of the time of going to print.


Breakfast in Bethlehem
9.30am-12.30pm, Sat 5th Dec 2026
Lymm Baptist Church
Fun for all the family as we journey through the real Christmas story
Crafts, dressing up, singing, interactive nativity
Free entry, no booking required
9.30-10am: Quiet time for those who would value a calmer atmosphere
LBC

MUSICAL CURIOSITIES

Lymm Festival

presents

A magical mix of music and storytelling
for 3 to 7 year-olds and their grown-ups



Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present

Saturday 5th December, 3pm

Craft activities from 2:30pm

Lymm Methodist Church, Eagle Brow

For tickets and info, scan QR code or visit

www.lymmfestival.org.uk/events



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We are taking on beginners @

Lymm Leisure Centre Gymnasium
Monday evenings
from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Statham Community Primary School
Wednesday evenings
from 6:00pm-7:00pm

FREE TASTER SESSION!
Come along, give it a try and see what it's all about!

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www.redtigerkarateclub.co.uk
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Check-In & Chat

FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF SEND CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

A friendly space to:
- Share experiences
- Ask questions
- Connect with others
- Get support
- Make your voice heard

No diagnosis necessary
Everyone welcome!

JOIN US ON THESE DATES

TUESDAY
24th November 2026
SEND Market Place
09:30-13:30
Warrington Youth Zone

FRIDAY
11th December 2026
10:00-12:00
Sandy Lane Family Hub
WA2 9HY

FRIDAY
8th January 2027
10:00-12:00
Sandy Lane Family Hub
WA2 9HY

TUESDAY
19th January 2027
19:00-21:00
Alford Hall Social Club
WA1 3NJ

MONDAY
1st February 2027
10:00-12:00
Sandy Lane Family Hub
WA2 9HY

FRIDAY
5th March 2027
10:00-12:00
Sandy Lane Family Hub
WA2 9HY

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