



Newsletter – 17th July 2026

TEAM OF THE WEEK:

This week's Team of the Week are:

P16: P16 LD, Aiden, Thomas O

KS4: Yeo Class, Alfie B, Dominic L, James

KS3: Tommy, Ash Class, Cory, Pine Class, Elm Class

Primary: Elliot, Duck Class, Poppy, Aden, Eli, Jo, Hawk Class

WELL DONE!



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Tuesday 21st July- Leavers' assembly

Wednesday 22nd July- End of year service

Wednesday 22nd July- **end of term 6**

Thursday 3rd September- **INSET DAY-**

School closed to pupils

Friday 4th September- **INSET DAY- School closed to pupils**

Monday 7th September- Start of Term 1



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As another successful school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year at Ravenswood.

Together, we have celebrated many achievements, both inside and outside the classroom. Our pupils have worked hard, embraced new challenges and demonstrated resilience, kindness and determination in all that they do. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, whose commitment and care ensure that every child is supported to learn, grow and thrive. Their passion and hard work make our school such a special place.

To our pupils moving on to the next stage of their education, we wish you every success and happiness for the future. You leave us with many wonderful memories and we are confident that you will continue to achieve great things and achieve your dreams.

As we head into the summer break, I hope all of our families have the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy spending time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year.

We are saying goodbye to some of our staff this term a huge thank you and good luck goes to Mr Pritchard, Ms Dixte, Mr Martin, Mrs Flower, Ms Garvin, Mrs Eldred who are moving on to other organisations and a final Goodbye to Mrs Galway who after 20 plus years of working at Ravenswood school is retiring. We wish her the all the best on her next phase in life.

On behalf of everyone at the school, thank you. Have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

Take Care
Mark Senior





CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

The Government has announced that everyone will have their FSM status removed at the end of 2025/26. From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will become entitled to Free School Meals in England if you re-apply.

What is changing?

Currently, families receiving Universal Credit can only claim Free School Meals if their annual earned income is below £7,400.

From September 2026:

- Any family receiving Universal Credit will be able to apply for Free School Meals, regardless of earnings.
- More children will become eligible for a free meal during the school day.
- Existing protections linked to the current scheme will end, and eligibility will instead be assessed under the new criteria.

Different types of eligibility

From September 2026, there will be two categories of Free School Meals eligibility:

1. Targeted Free School Meals

- Families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Children in this category may also qualify for additional funding, including Pupil Premium.

2. Expanded Free School Meals

- Families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400.
- Children in this category will still receive Free School Meals; however, schools will not receive additional Pupil Premium funding linked to these applications.

ALL Families will need to reapply and complete an application so eligibility can be checked and meals can be provided.

You can apply online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals during the Summer holidays (NOT before).

SIGNS OF THE WEEK:

Term 6 Achievements and success

Achievement



Celebrate



Reward





SECONDARY & P16 SPORTS' DAY

During activities week, we have kept the pupils extremely busy. On Secondary & P16 Sports' Day, staff and pupils made us all proud by engaging in 11 different activities AND running a number of individual sprint races, culminating in the staff VS student's relay. Everyone did themselves proud, and a special congratulations to P16RM who won the overall award!



P16 RM CLASS NEWS

Here are Post16RM with their certificate from Bristol's Children's hospital after raising £160! They were delighted with their special letter which detailed how the money would be spent, they look forward to raising more money for the Grand Appeal in the next academic year.





EFL LETTERS

We are still waiting for a few Evidence for Learning letters to be returned to school. Please could you send them in before the end of term. If you need another letter, please let the office know and we can get one sent home. Please note that Seesaw will no longer be available in September. All parents will need to sign up to EFL to receive photos and updates on your child's progress.

Drop-in vaccination events this summer

Sirona
care & health



Our School Aged Immunisation Team is running drop-in vaccination events (no need to book) on:

Thurs 23 July 2026, 10:30am – 3:30pm – Easton Community Centre – BS5 6AW

Wed 29 July 2026, 10:30am – 3:30pm – For All Healthy Living Centre W-S-M – BS23 3SJ

Tues 4 August 2026, 10:30am – 3:30pm – Hungerford Road Community Centre – BS4 5EX

Wed 12 August 2026, 10:30am – 3:30pm – Hanham Community Centre – BS15 3EJ

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations – Years 8-13

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations – Years reception-13

Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations – Years 9-13

Contact the team using 0300 124 5515 or sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or find out more or by using the QR code.





UNSCRIPTED!

A short creative music course for young people with additional needs or barriers to learning, providing a safe and creative space for young people to explore, discover and create music.



Details & Booking
wema.org.uk/unscripted



WEST

FREE bus travel for kids

That's summer sorted

18 July - 6 September



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HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

HAF provides free holiday activities, healthy meals and enriching experiences for children and young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals. We also have a small discretionary fund available for children and young people who are not eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals but would benefit from attending due to their individual circumstances. Referrals for discretionary places can be made by a professional working with the family by emailing us with the young person's name, date of birth and a brief explanation of why they would benefit from accessing HAF.

This summer we are offering a wide range of inclusive activities, alongside specialist SEND provision designed to meet a variety of needs. Specialist providers include Baytree Special School and Brandon Trust, Westhaven School, Elmtree Learning Partnership and RESET, with places available for eligible children and young people. In addition, many of our mainstream providers offer experienced staff, inclusive environments and additional support to enable children with SEND to participate successfully.

Activities available include sensory play, arts and crafts, sports, swimming, outdoor learning, animal experiences, cooking, forest school, music, adventure activities and much more. We also have Family Fun sessions running throughout the summer, giving families the opportunity to enjoy activities together in a welcoming and supportive environment.

If you know of any students who would benefit from accessing HAF but may need additional support to engage, please do get in touch. We are always happy to discuss the most suitable provision and help identify activities that meet individual needs.

Families can browse the full programme and book places through EEQU. We would be grateful if you could share this information directly with eligible families or professionals supporting them.





MARTHA'S KITCHEN



SEND STAY AND PLAY

PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH,

AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27

9.30-11.30

CALL TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

01275 842461

