

## December 2024 Newsletter



**Ravenscroft**  
**NURSERY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents

## **It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

The programme and activities during December are centred around the excitement and enjoyment of Christmas so there is plenty of glitter, shiny silver/gold things and red and green in use. Our aim remains, of course to provide good learning opportunities for all the children.

## **Parent Volunteers**

December is a very busy time in Nursery school- we are always grateful for parent volunteers willing to help with any Christmas arts/crafts/general activities. Let us know if you can help in any way. Thank you for all your support.



## **Look Who's 4 !!**

Happy Birthday to

**Abel**

**Lurdess**

**Chloe**

**Jaxon**

Very important Christmas dates for your diary:

**December 5th** Trip to Mr Hullaballo's Christmas Panto, Cinderella.

**December 6th** Community Police Officers will visit the school to say hello to the children and talk about their work.

**December 11th** Christmas Singalong 10am - 10.45 am, Nursery 2.

**December 11th** Santa Trail from 6-8 pm.

**December 12th** Christmas Singalong 10am - 10.45 am, Nursery 1.

Parents or other family members are invited to come along and join us for the singalongs, a grown ups lap for each child ideally :)

**December 19th** Family morning at Walkway with Mr Giggles. Parents/extended family members are invited to join us from 10.30 am until 12.00, show begins at 11.00am. Children may go home at 12.00 today.

**December 20th** Christmas party for the children and end of term. **School finishes at 11.30am** for Christmas break. Children may wear their own clothes or something festive if they wish.

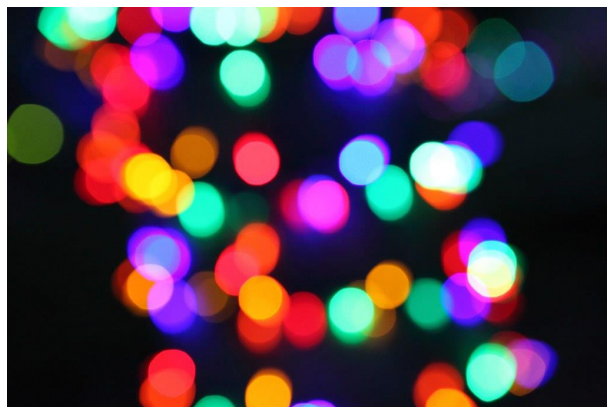
Want to sync your diary with school events? Head to the school website and subscribe to our [digital calendar](#).

Enrolment for Primary schools will open and close in January 2025, keep an eye out for further updates. If your child was born between 1st April and 1st July then they are eligible to defer starting Primary School should you wish to avail of this. Teachers are very happy to help you in making an informed decision about this, just ask.



*1 - We are going to the pantomime! We are so excited about our trip to the McNeil Theatre in Larne, to see Mr Hullabaloo's Cinderella Christmas Panto.*

*This is on the 5th of December.*





We will be having our Santa Trail on the 11th of December, from 6-8pm here at Ravenscroft. Join us as have a hot cocoa station, a sweet shop, .... and get to meet The Big Guy, Santa himself! where the children will receive their very own presents. Please do pre-book this, by paying for tickets via bank transfer, so that we know numbers/have enough for every child attending. Siblings and extended family members are welcome, tickets may be purchased for each additional attendee. It's £2.50 per adult and £1.50 per child thanks.



We will be going to the [Walkway Centre](#) every Monday, starting the 11th of November and running until the end of June. We will walk the children over with their class groups and spend 45 minutes on physical movement and dance.

### **Cold Weather**

Please bring in a set of hats/gloves for your child (labelled with their name) to stay in school. No scarves are permitted but a snood is great.

Please encourage children not to bring any toys into school. Some 'conflicts' have already arisen over 'favourite' toys from home. Now that the children are well settled, they should no longer require a comfort toy from home.

### **Eco Schools News**

This month we will be introducing our 'EcoSchools' classroom practice to the children. We will be encouraging re-cycling, awareness of litter/tidy environments and nominate an 'Eco

helper' each day to take charge of the eco tasks. We will be planting indoors and outdoors. We will be taking time to turn off lights. The children will be meeting our 'Eco bear'



Seesaw is a great way to contact us about general enquiries. This account is set up on Mrs Symington's name but all staff can use it- this means that seesaw will automatically attach only Mrs Symington's name to any messages you receive through the mailbox function.

All staff have access to seesaw messages and posts.

Anything of a sensitive nature is best discussed directly with your class teacher rather than through seesaw. You can speak face to face at drop off and pick up if it's a quick and easy thing to sort or if a more in depth discussion would be better, you can phone or email the school. We are always happy to set up a time to meet if needed.

**All staff have an emoji/icon that they use when signing off, so you know who has sent out any messages you receive.** We also use them when posting on your child's journal.

[S A N T A is his name o](#)

[5 Little Elves](#)

[5 Little Reindeer](#)

[Snowman Song](#)

[Jingle Bells](#)

[Twinkle Twinkle Little Star](#)

[When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney](#)

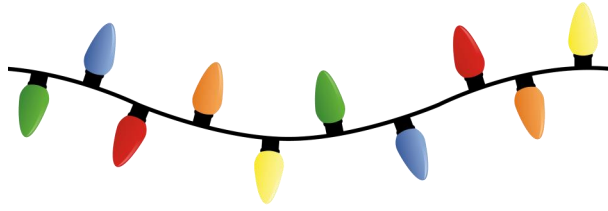
[Hello Reindeer](#)

[We wish you a merry Christmas](#)

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*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season.*

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