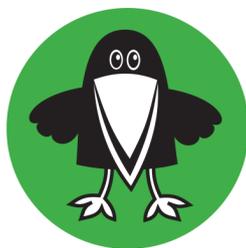




November 2025 Newsletter



RAVENS CROFT
NURSERY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to you all after the Halloween break, we hope you had a good week. It was all lovely and calm and settled in the classrooms over the last couple of days so the children are obviously glad to return to school routine.

We have four full weeks before the Christmas season begins in earnest so we'll make the most of this time and push on with the next curricular theme of Autumn (finishing off this theme) and People who help us.



Look Who's 4 !!

Happy Birthday to

Micah

Aiden

Lawson

Ethan

Nathan Roy

Jersey

Miriam



In the past, some parents have made short videos talking about their jobs or have even visited the school to share this with the children. We are able to share videos on seesaw :) If you'd like to be involved in this, let us know or alternatively if someone in your field of work provides educational visits we'd love to get something arranged.



The poster features a green central panel with white text, flanked by decorative orange and white dotted borders. At the top left are two overlapping speech bubbles (one yellow, one purple). At the top right is a small illustration of a robin with the text 'EastSide Early Years Network'.

Nursery Transitions Event

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

DROP IN FROM 2.30PM - 4.30PM

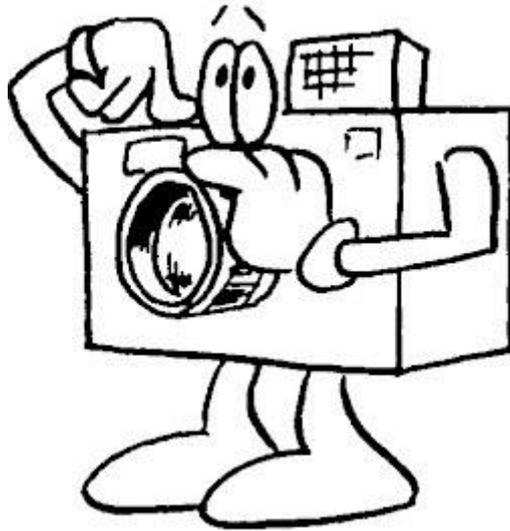
Do you have a child due to start nursery/pre-school in September 2026?

Did you know you have to apply for a nursery/pre-school place online this January for your child to start in September 2026?

Join us for a drop in session from 2.30pm - 4.30pm to meet your local nursery schools, talk about your choices and get some free resources to help you with your decision.


Location:
Templemore Baths
96 Templemore Avenue.

For further information or enquiries, please contact ruthg@eastsidepartnership.com



The school photographer will be in the school on Tuesday, the 18th of November to take individual photos of the children.

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.



Time to Talk

The children will be beginning our 'Time to Talk' language programme. The children will enjoy meeting 'Ginger Bear' during the small group sessions and the programme will

nurture social aspects of language development. We will keep you updated via your child's seesaw journal.

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'

Ravenscroft has a compost bin and all our fruit peelings are now being recycled and will hopefully turn into compost.



We will be going to the [Walkway Centre](#) every Monday, starting the 10th 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. We will need a signature from the parent(s) or guardian(s) of each child. The teachers will have those sheets at drop off and pickup.

November 13th - World Kindness Day



On Friday 21st November the school will be supporting Children in Need. We'll have some dressing up and a bit of a party for everyone. If you have something yellow or spotty then you can wear that if you wish though please don't be buying anything.

If this is a cause you'd like to support, donations are most welcome - we'll have donation buckets ready at drop off and pick up times.



	Mrs Symington		Mrs Bronka
	Mrs McGowan		Miss Nicholl
	Mrs Duncan		Mrs McNeilly
	Mrs Cavanagh		Miss McCullough
	Miss Ball		Mr McKee
	Mrs McCalmont		Miss McKee

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.

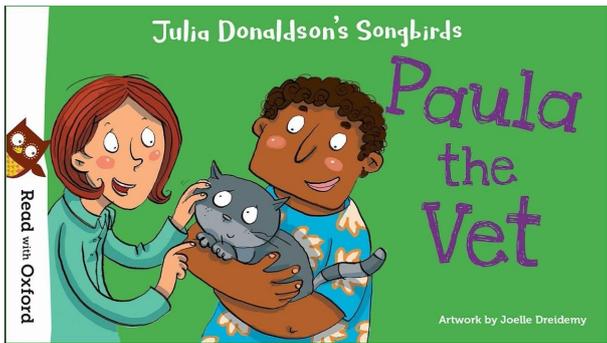
All staff have an emoji/icon that they use when signing off, so you know who has sent out any messages you receive. We also use them when posting on your child's journal.

Staffing update: Mrs Mc Gowan will be off for a while, Mrs Mc Calmont will be covering Mon-Wed, the children are very familiar and content with her already.

Some of the songs we'll be singing in school.









School is closed on Friday 28th November for Staff Development



Very important Christmas dates for your diary:

November 28th - Staff Development Day

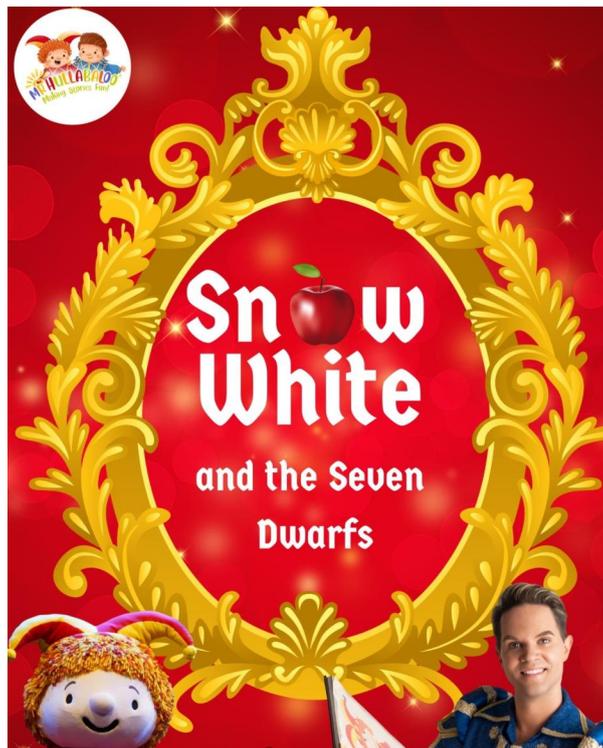
December 2nd - Ellie the Elf comes for Story Time

December 11th Santa Trail from 5:30 - 7:00 pm

December 12th Christmas Singalong 9:30 - 10:15 am, Nursery 1

December 12th Christmas Singalong 10:45-11:30 am, Nursery 2

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



December 15th - Trip to Mr Hullabaloo's Christmas panto, Snow White, in Larne

We have a number of tickets reserved for adults who wish to come along to the panto. We cover the children's ticket and the bus cost, parents wishing to reserve a ticket may purchase this upfront for £10 each, no refunds are possible. You can pay by bank transfer, please add panto reference to the transaction.

December 18th Mr Giggles the Magician, it's a Family Day at The Walkway Centre, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, family/extended family members welcome. Children go home after the show. No dinners served that day.

December 19th Christmas Party for the children, last chance for the grown ups to grab some Christmas shopping. School ends at 11.30 am for the year.



Our annual Santa Trail takes place on 11th December.

Please book your free ticket in advance so we can make sure we have fully catered for the event.

Donations to the school fund are gratefully received on the night. Any donations received on the evening will go towards our Christmas Fareshare food delivery which we will receive on 4th and 11th of December - we'll make this available on 4th/5th/11th & 12th to families.

Gates open at 5.30pm and the event runs until 7pm.

Dress up warm.

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



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