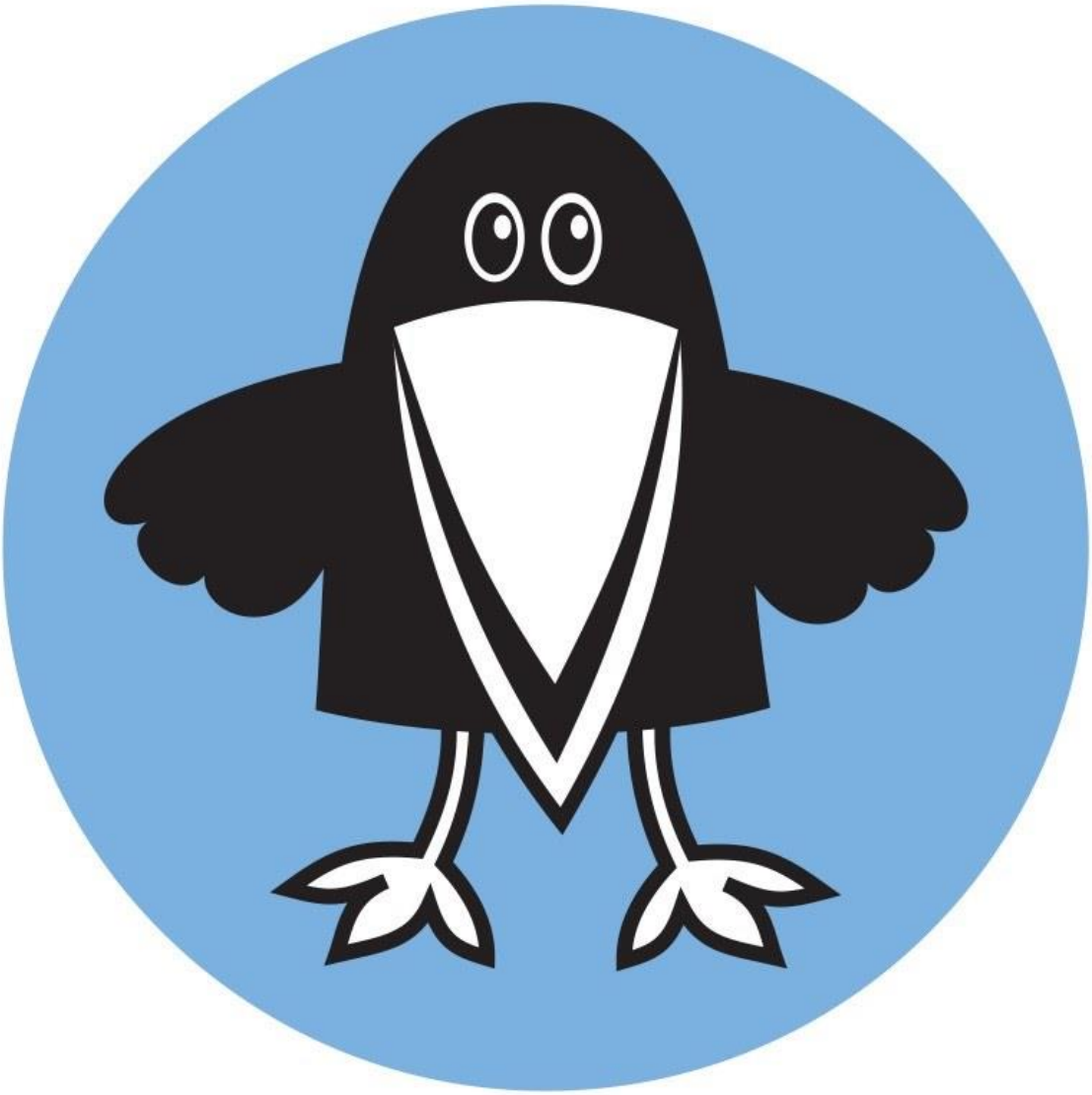


October 2026 Ravens Newsletter

Ravenscroft

NURSERY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

We are getting into the swing of things and almost all of the children are settled in nicely.

During this first half- term we have concentrated on supporting the children to settle into their new nursery environment. getting to know the staff and making friends.

As the children settle into nursery, we encourage them to develop their independence and confidence by becoming familiar with daily routines, accessing snack independently, managing personal care with support where needed and moving safely around the classroom. We also support children in building positive relationships with adults and peers, developing emotional regulation skills and participating fully in the exciting learning opportunities available throughout the nursery day. Already this term, many children have moved through the 8 requirements and can manage independently at toilet and wash, put on a coat at playground time, choose and put up own page on painting easel, put finished artwork on drier, choose and tidy away school resources and negotiate snack and dinnertimes.

We are so proud of all our children, and look forward to sharing the progress they are making with you at our parent teacher meetings, coming up.



Look Who's 4 !!

Happy Birthday in September and October to

Rio **Isaac**

Evan Jasmine

Memphis-Cub Wren

Hope



This month we begin the theme of ‘myself’, getting to know each other and family members.

Autumn is another theme this month.

We will focus on the colours red, orange and black.





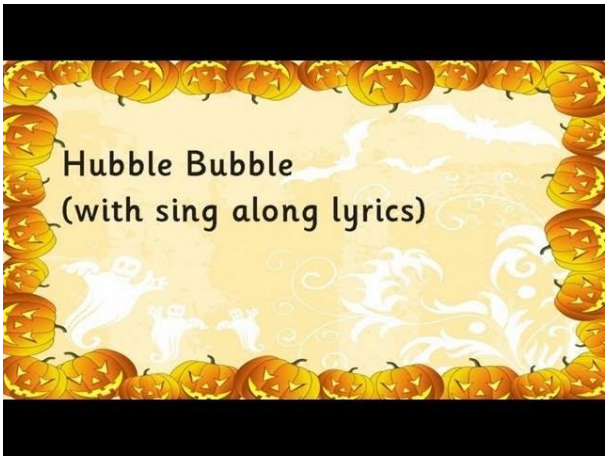

LEAVES ON
THE TREES
The Learning Station


BBC
AUTUMN
SONG!




Five Perfect Pumpkins
by Stephanie Leavell


BOO!
51
min
SUPER SIMPLE


Hubble Bubble
(with sing along lyrics)





At Ravenscroft, we use Microsoft Sway to make a lot of our digital information resources. The benefit of this is that any updates are autosaved and viewable in real time so we can add or amend documents without re issuing you a link, the original one will automatically contain updates.

We usually use a horizontal read option, though depending on which device you read it on so just make sure that you've been able to access all of the information included. At the top right hand side of each sway is a cog symbol, you can use this to change the layout so for example if your phone has defaulted to top to bottom layout, you may see more information by clicking on the cog icon and switching to the horizontal reading option.

Desktop/laptops and iPads generally stick to the layout we have composed the document.

We are happy to help you with any questions or queries about this.

We do encourage you to go back and take another look at the useful information sway we sent out on seesaw at the beginning of the school year, in case this helps you to pick up anything you may have missed first time around:

26-27 Some helpful information to support and guide you through your child's Nursery Year We would like to introduce you to Ronnie the Raven, the face of Ravenscroft Nursery School. Go to this Sway



Staffing update:

In Nursery 1/Ravens, Mrs Symington's class we have:

Mrs Symington/Miss Ball/Mrs Gillespie

Mrs Handley is the teacher on Wednesdays

Miss McKee is a SEN Assistant

In Nursery 2/Ravens Nest, Mrs Farren's we have:

Mrs Farren/Miss Burns/Mrs Smyth/Mrs Calderwood

Mr McKee and Mrs Bronka are SEN assistants

Mrs Calderwood and Mrs Smyth are with us for a few more weeks to help with settling in.

Morning room will begin on Monday, the 12th of October. The cost will be £2 per day, and it will be from 8:30-8:55am. The charge must be enough to cover the cost of the staffing, as we no longer get the allocated funding from DE, so it's important that we receive enough in donations to keep the service running until the end of the school year.

Your child MUST be fully settled before using this service, it is manned by one staff member only.

Children MUST be brought into the school building and handed over into the care of the staff member, use the buzzer in the hall to gain access in the mornings when you arrive. You access the school through the main entrance at this time.

Also, it's essential to sign up in advance, even if you only plan to use the service occasionally, it helps us to know if our staffing ratio is adequate.

Please, if you arrive at 8.55am or later, go to the gate on Uniondale Street, staff won't be able to take children in between 8.55am and 9.00 am. Please do let anyone dropping your child into school know this as well, it saves any confusion.

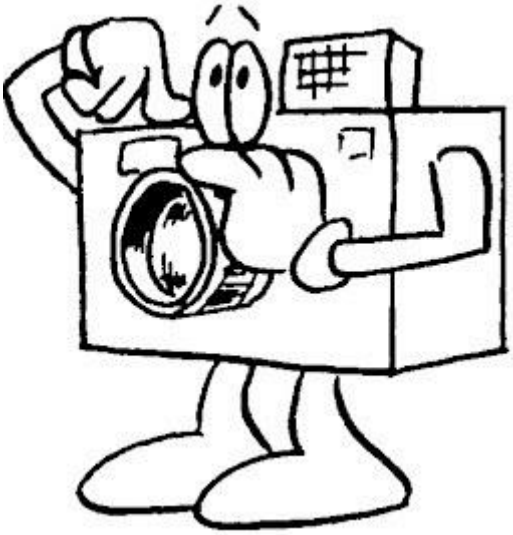
Please comment on the seesaw thread created on seesaw to confirm you'd like to sign up.



Mr Hullabaloo will be joining us on Friday, the 23rd of October. We all enjoy his performances!

The children will have a party lunch beforehand

The school is CLOSED from the 26th to the 30th of October . School will reopen at 9am on the 2nd of November (8.30am morning room).



The school photographer will be in the school on Tuesday, the 17th of November.

Mrs Symington

Mrs Gillespie

Miss Ball

Miss McKee

Mrs McNeilly

Mrs Handley

Mrs McGrenaghan

Mrs Farren

Miss Burns

Mr McKee

Mrs Calderwood

Mrs Bronka

Mrs Smyth

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 seesaw journal.



Mrs Christine Woodrow will be your point of contact for any money related queries so school fund, dinners, uniforms, photos or anything else.

cwoodrow551@c2ken.net

When making any payments using bank transfer it's essential that you can add in your child's name and some reference to let us know what the money is for, otherwise it just a guess for us and we may not allocate the payment correctly which can lead to confusion.

We prefer it if no cash is sent to school but know it's not always possible. Staff won't be able to take cash from you - we'll ask you to hand any cash you are giving to school directly to Mrs Gillespie who will process it securely.

We really do appreciate all of your efforts to support us in managing and accounting for payments and monies coming into the school, thank you.

From Monday 9th November, we'll ask you to let us know if you would prefer to opt for a packed lunch for your child or continue with dinners. It will be an either or scenario. I know we have had some queries about having dinner some days and packed lunch on others but we really cannot offer that option, we simply don't have the manpower to manage the extra administration that comes with working out the money side of that, we hope that you will understand. Any lunches coming in must STRICTLY follow our guidelines, we'll send those in the November newsletter. This is for food safety and the management of allergens but also because very young children do not understand why a friend may be having what they may perceive to be a treat food while they are not so it's also to manage and pre-empt and disappointment or tears. We'll provide you with plain paper bags to pack the lunches in, please label these. We have had many disagreements and upsets in the past due to desirable lunchboxes (think spiderman or bluey) being brought to school. Again, very young children think these items belong to them so again to avoid upset we'll provide the plain bags.



Very important Christmas dates for your diary:

30th November - Staff development day, no school during the day

30th November - Santa Trail 5-6:30pm

2nd December - Ellie the Elf

11th December - Christmas Singalong 9:30am - 10.15 am, Nursery 1

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

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

17th December - Mr Giggles the Magician, it's a Family Day at The Walkway Centre, 10.30am - 12.00 noon, family members welcome. Children go home after the show.

18th December - 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.

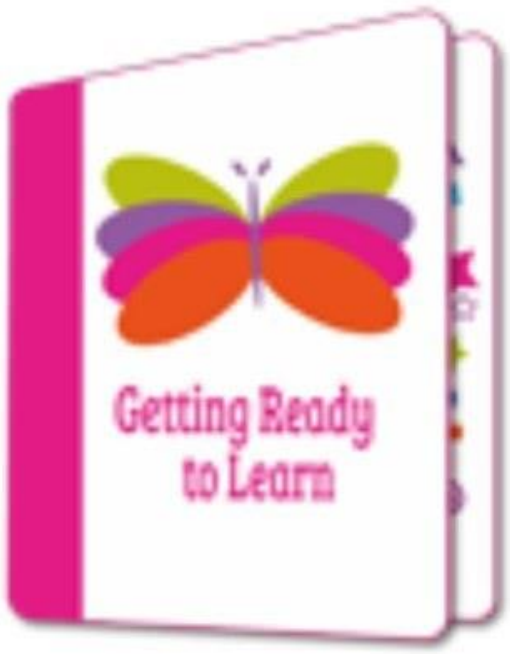
FARESHARE

If we have surplus food from our collections or our warehouse deliveries we'll share it with you, please take it if you can use it. Occasionally (but not always) we get birthday cakes and try to pass those on to families where we know a birthday is coming up.

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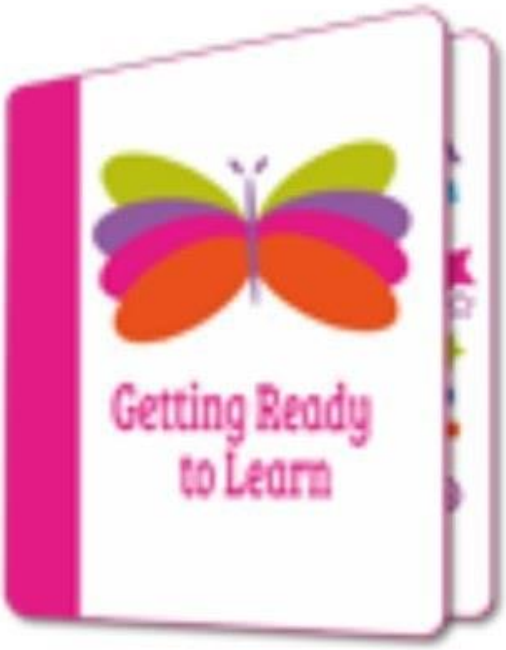
Please encourage children not to bring any toys into school. Some 'conflicts' have already arisen over 'favourite' toys from home. Now that the children are well settled, they should no longer require a comfort toy from home.

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.

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

Want to sync your diary with school events? Head to the school website and subscribe to our digital calendar.



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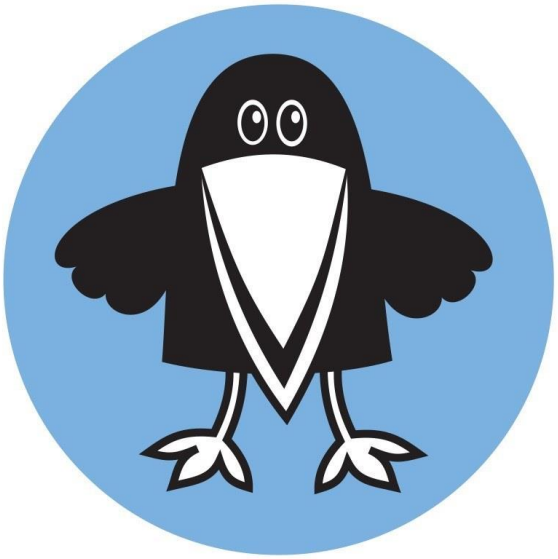
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