



Chilton Primary School / Ramsgate Arts Primary School / Upton Junior School

## Term 1 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

Welcome to the first Viking Newsletter of the academic year for 2026-27. This newsletter is a trust-wide newsletter, going to families of children attending Chilton Primary, Ramsgate Arts and Upton Junior School. It is our opportunity to share the many successes achieved across Viking as well as a platform to share important news and reminders to our Viking community. This first trust-wide newsletter is an introduction of 'who's who' at Viking, to enable you to put faces to names. It's important to remember that there are faces and real humans behind those email addresses and voices on the telephone!

For those of you new to Viking, a warm welcome from me as Viking's Executive Head. Most families will be aware that I stepped up into the role of Executive Head from 1<sup>st</sup> September this year following my previous roles as Head at Chilton and then Director of Education for the Trust. This year marks my 20<sup>th</sup> since I joined Chilton as a class teacher. Lisa Blatchford is the CFOO for the Trust and she joins me on the Executive team, leading on finance and operations.



Kate Law, Executive Head at Viking



Lisa Blatchford, CFOO

We work alongside an amazing team of leaders:



Mr McAuley, Head at Chilton



Mr Budge, Head at RAPS



Miss Arthur, Head at Upton



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Collectively, it is our job to ensure that every child attending a Viking school receives a first-class educational experience.

It's also important to emphasise that we are all on the same team. As parents, carers and family members, you all want the best for your children. All of the staff in our Viking schools feel exactly the same way and we are all in this together, working for the best outcomes for your children.

From time to time, things may not go as we would like. It is never, ever our intention to set out to get things wrong and we want to work with you to understand and rectify particular situations that may arise. I of course appreciate that sending an email is a quick way to raise a concern but I would strongly encourage you to arrange to speak with a member of staff in the first instance to raise a concern or query. This is often the quickest way to reach a resolution.

Here are the people who would be your 'first port of call' for each year group:

#### Chilton

Reception - Mrs Walker  
Year 1-4 - Miss Davey  
Year 5 - Mrs Cotton  
Year 6 - Mrs Rowland-Hill

#### Ramsgate Arts

Reception & Year 1 - Miss Chidwick-Day  
Years 2 & 3 - Miss Dannell  
Years 4 & 5 - Miss Amin  
Year 6 - Mr Holliday

#### Upton Junior

Year 3 - Mrs Andrews  
Year 4 - Miss Lewis  
Year 5 - Mrs Danson  
Year 6 - Mrs Rowland-Hill





## What's been happening already this year at Viking?

### Chilton residential for Year 6 to Caroty Wood!

The Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic residential, full of adventurous outdoor activities. The trip was a wonderful bonding activity for the children in their three new classes this year and the adults with them had a pretty good time too!



### RAPS FEST!

Ramsgate Arts Primary School's 4th Annual RAPS Fest took place on Friday 18th September and was a huge success, with lots of families and local neighbours joining in the fun. Organised by our fantastic PTA, the event raises funds to support the school and provide extra opportunities and resources for our pupils.

The afternoon featured brilliant performances from local artist Thomas Abrahams, our school band and last year's Talent Show winner, Albert, accompanied by Reuben on drums. Families enjoyed the music, while children explored the many stalls and activities, including arts and crafts, face painting, glitter tattoos, food, drinks and much more!



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## Music Matters at Upton

Music is a keynote part of Upton with an expanded range of opportunities this coming year.

Increased hands-on experience across a broader variety of instruments will see termly practical study focusing on three core instruments - piano, violin, and ukulele while also giving children the opportunity to explore vocals, drums, and guitar.



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# School Tours at Viking

All three Viking schools are now offering tours for Reception places in 2027  
(Chilton and RAPS) and Year 3 for Upton:

## Chilton Primary School



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## Chilton Primary School Tours

School tours run from October 2026. Our friendly office team will help arrange the perfect time for your visit.

Call 01843 597695.

Go online to explore Chilton via [www.chiltonprimary.co.uk](http://www.chiltonprimary.co.uk)

Be part of our success story.



**Applications for Reception in 2027 must be submitted to  
the Local Authority by January 2027.**



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## Ramsgate Arts Primary School



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### **School Tours for Reception Places in September 2027**

School tours run from October 2026. Our friendly office team will help arrange the perfect time for your visit.

Call 01843 582847.

Go online to explore RAPS via [www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk)

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## Upton Junior School

### **Is Your Child Starting Year 3 in 2027? Come and See Our School!**



Our school tours will be available during: Term 1 and Term 2  
These tours give you the opportunity to see our wonderful  
school, meet our staff and find out more about life here.



If you are unable to attend one of our personalised tours  
during Term 1 and Term 2, you are welcome to join us on  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am where some of our Year  
6 Children will be happy to give you a tour.



To arrange a visit:  
Please contact Ms Bridger in the school office on  
01843 861393.



**We look forward to welcoming you  
and showing you around!**



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## Emergency 'Out of Hours' Contact Form...

At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day, and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. The school Office and Headteacher emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the 'working day'.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows... The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore created an 'Emergency Out of Hours' contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next working day. To access this form, please click the 'Contact Us' tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from Upton's website:





# Stay in the know and keep in touch...



<https://www.ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk>

<https://www.uptonjunior.com/>

<https://www.chiltonprimary.co.uk/>



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