

Crayke Church of England Primary School

FOLLOW YOUR PATHWAY AND WE GROW TOGETHER WITH CONFIDENCE

*You did not choose me, I chose you that you might **go and bear fruit, fruit that will last** so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16*

Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Tree Delivery - Newburgh Christmas Trees

We were thrilled to receive our Christmas tree delivery this week and the children had a wonderful time adding their lovely decorations to it during a special carol service event yesterday.



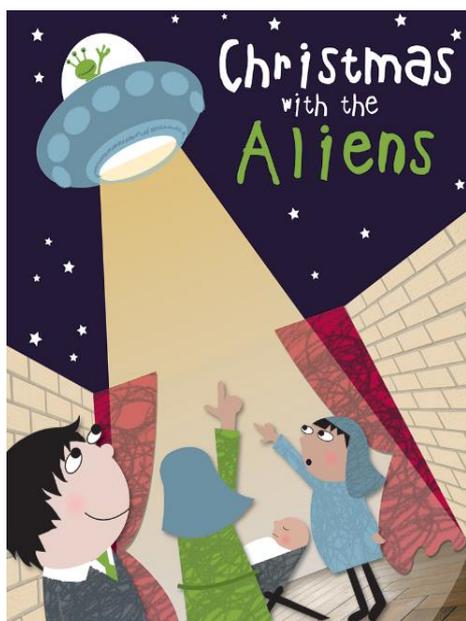
In Crayke tradition, the oldest boy and girl then completed the decorating spectacular by adding the star on top of the tree and then came the big switch on, to a spontaneous round of applause from the children!



Pantomime – Sports Hall

At the time of going to press, the children are busily getting very excited about their visit to the Sports Hall this afternoon for a special whole school performance of Aladdin. Oh, yes they are! We are really grateful to the Sports Club for the use of the venue, a big thanks to Mrs Bacon for sourcing and organising the event and we really appreciate that CHASA have kindly funded this event entirely so it comes at no cost to parents.

Nativity Performances – Please book your tickets!



As per communication earlier this week, Apple and Beech class will be performing 'Christmas with the Aliens' on Wednesday 7 December at 9.30am and again at 2.15pm.

Each child in KS1 will be allocated 2 tickets for either the morning or afternoon performance or these can be split into 1 ticket for the morning and 1 ticket for the afternoon.

We expect that there will be some additional tickets available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis up to a maximum of 2 additional tickets. We will not be able to confirm this until Monday 5 December.

Please complete the following online form **by Monday 5 December** to confirm your ticket requirements.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g859s4gNBa>

CHASA reps have kindly offered to run a raffle before each performance, so please do bring some loose change and

buy your tickets on the way in! There are some great prizes to be won!

Swimming – Oak Class – CHANGE OF DATE

In order to allow Oak class the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal of the nativity performance, we have changed the date of the final swimming session for Year 5/6. This means that they will **NOT** swim on **Tuesday 6 December**, but **WILL** swim on **Tuesday 13 December**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Carol Service – Whole School – CHANGE OF TIME

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we unfortunately need to change the time of the Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church on **Friday 16 December**. It will now be held at 1:15pm. We do hope that you are able to join us for this service which will be led by Year 6.

Please note that all children will be brought back to school after the service and it will not be possible to collect from directly from the church after the service. This is both for safeguarding reasons and to ensure that they have the opportunity to collect all their belongings from school before the end of term.

Coronation Bank Holiday – Implication for Year 6 SATs tests

Please see below information from the DfE:

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day, in accordance with this change.

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced.

In making their decision, ministers have considered the views of schools and stakeholders including trade unions and have sought to minimise disruption to schools arising from the change in plans.

Blue House Bookshop Competition Window

Message from Karen:

You were all very creative, so I had the hardest job to choose just one winner from all these brilliant entries. I liked something in every one of them and in the end found I just couldn't choose between them – so – I decided to make up one window from all my favourite parts of your designs! The window has been a team effort, so I hope you all like it! 😊



Wow Walk to School Challenge Weekly Update

Message from Mrs Helfferich



This week's WOW challenge results are as follows:



Apple



Beech and Holly



Oak

Well done to everyone who gained their Hieroglyph badge during November. In December, we are walking to achieve the 'Roman Centurion' badge. A centurion was the principal professional officer in the armies of ancient Rome and its empire. They got their name because they commanded 100 men.



If you are interested in finding out more information, please click on the following link: [Walk to School | Living Streets](#)

Reindeer Rush Event - Thursday 15 December 2022

Message from Mrs Helfferich

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Reindeer Rush. So far, we have raised nearly £200 for St Leonard's Hospice which is incredible. It isn't too late to donate

**St Leonard's
Hospice**
Caring for Local People



www.stleonardshospice.org.uk/fundraising/crayke-church-of-england-primary-schools-reindeer-rush/

York Mix radio are looking forward to getting the children warmed up before their run. They will all be given a pair of antlers. I personally feel that 'Father Christmas' should follow the reindeer but apparently it's more fun for the children to chase 'Father Christmas'. This 'Father Christmas' is hoping that a magic sleigh will fall from the sky to pick her up.

YorkMix Toy Appeal

Thanks to Mrs Bacon for masterminding this initiative and for offering to take the donations we receive to the drop off point.

It will be a difficult Christmas for many families this year and to reflect our Christian values we will be supporting the YorkMix Radio Toy Appeal for 2022.

While most of us look forward to Christmas there are some children for whom it is just another day. Every year there are families who through no fault of their own dread the thought of the festive season, people who can't afford to treat their loved ones and won't be sharing in the Christmas cheer.

This year will be the toughest in living memory for many of us as the cost of living crisis continues to bite and household bills rise.

If you would like to donate a new & unwrapped toy to the YorkMix Toy Appeal, please can you **drop this off in school by Friday 9 December**. You don't need to wrap your gifts, the YorkMix elves will do everything for you!

They will be collecting gifts for children of all ages from babies and pre-schoolers who might receive traditional toys and games from the appeal through to teenagers for whom you might consider donating items such as health and beauty products.

We thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events – Christmas



INFORMATION REGARDING CHRISTMAS @ CRAYKE 2022



Here are some important dates for your diaries as we approach the end of term.

Date	Time	Event	What we need from you as parents
Monday 5 December		Christmas cards can be brought in from today	Please ensure that Christmas cards are clearly labelled with first name, surname and class to ensure safe delivery to the correct recipient!
Tuesday 6 December	9:30am	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	All children involved need their costumes ready before today.
Wednesday 7 December	9:30am 2:15pm	Nativity Performance 1 Nativity Performance	Book your free tickets when the link is shared next week.
Thursday 8 December	All day	Skip2Bfit – workshops at the Sports Hall	ALL children to wear PE kits all day today please
Friday 9 December	4:30pm – 7pm	CHASA Christmas Film Night – Arthur Christmas	Purchase wristband from your year rep. Provide consent via https://forms.office.com/r/xpdEyHyHdF
Tuesday 13 December	12pm	Christmas Lunch	If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Bacon on admin@
Wednesday 14 December	pm	Christmas Party afternoon	Come to school wearing party outfits.
Thursday 15 December	pm	Reindeer Rush afternoon	Come to school wearing PE kits. Sponsorship information sent separately.
Friday 16 December		Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Carol Concert End of term -2:30pm	Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers. Parents and carers are welcome to meet us at church for a service at 11am.

*****STANDING ITEMS*******Reception New Starters 2023**

We have already started to welcome prospective parents for new starters in Autumn 2023 which is fabulous! Applications for school places are made via NYCC Admissions.

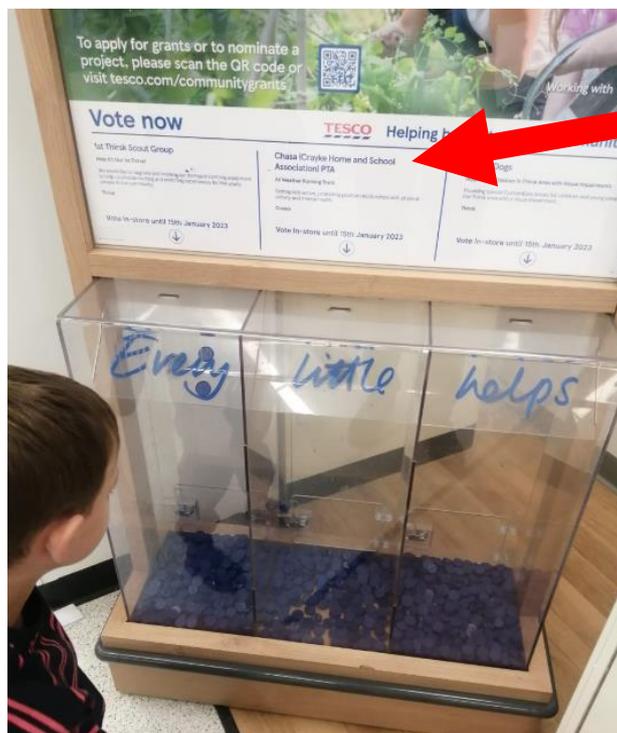
The application window **is now open** and completed applications must be submitted no later than **15 January 2023**. Further details about the process are available here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Tesco Thirsk Fundraiser

If you happen to be passing by Tesco in Thirsk between now and the middle of January, please do take a moment to drop a blue token or two into the middle section of the fundraising box...funds raised will go directly towards our running track. In the words of Tesco... Every Little Helps!

Please spread the word! Thank you.

**Cost of Living Crisis**

We are very aware that costs continue to rise and look set to do so for some time. If you are encountering financial difficulties, we may be able to signpost support. Please get in touch. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, it has never been easier to apply. There is no stigma attached to this, it is not highlighted to the children in any way, and the school gets valuable funding too. If you would like a confidential conversation about whether you may be eligible for free school meals, please do not hesitate to speak to me. To apply directly please use this weblink: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Online Safety

We recognise the importance of online safety and also understand that it is a fast paced, ever changing online world where parents can struggle to keep up with the technical knowledge and understanding demonstrated by their children. The National Online Safety organisation produce regular guides for parents – this week they have produced a leaflet entitled “Parent’s Guide to Social Media and Mental Health”. Please see the attached leaflet which is also available on the Online Safety section of our website. Should you wish to access any of the other online safety parent guides available on a whole range of topics including what parents need to know about Amazon Fire Tablets, Google Chromebooks, and ways to champion equality online, please have a look at this weblink: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Should you wish to access more information about how to support your child/ren with online safety at home, this course is available which explains in detail the risks they might be exposed to and what you can do to support them. <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/myleene-uk>

Attendance and Punctuality

We strive for high levels of attendance at school. Please try, wherever possible, to book holidays out of term time. The impact of even one day’s absence on your child’s learning is huge. Also, please try to book medical appointments out of school hours if possible as this also minimises the time missed. If your child is very unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the office by phoning **01347 821767 no later than 9:15am**. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child’s future may be affected by not attending school or alternative provision regularly.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day, it can be difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children’s ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults. Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. Some parents may be finding it difficult to ensure that their child attends school regularly. If this is the case please speak to Mrs Jackson as soon as possible so that the situation can be addressed.

The world is run by those who turn up.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Make every minute count!

Our Safeguarding Team

At Crayke, we have three members of staff and a governor who make up our Safeguarding Leadership Team. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, which means that I am the lead person responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues. Mrs Rayner and Mrs Chandler are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Deputy DSLs); a deputy DSL supports the DSL in their role of safeguarding and child protection. Mr Hugh Porter is our Safeguarding Link Governor. The role of the Safeguarding Governor is to support the DSL as well as to regularly review, ask questions and make suggestions about our safeguarding policies and procedures and to report back to the governing body. All staff at Crayke know that safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Find out more on our dedicated website Safeguarding page: <https://craykeschool.org/safeguarding/> You can also report any safeguarding concerns to our DSL email: dsl@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk Please also be aware that as a school we subscribe to Operation Encompass, whereby we are notified of any incidences of domestic violence where a pupil at our school has been present.

Church News

Message from the Family Service Team



Our final Family Service of 2022 will be our Advent celebration on Sunday December 4th at 10.30am. Do come if you can as we turn our thoughts to preparing for Christmas and what that really means. Refreshments from 10.15 as usual.

We will have our Posada of Mary & Joseph to set off on their journey - which we haven't been able to do for 2 years! They will return to church on Thursday Dec 22nd at 6pm for our Carol Service - so do join us then too for lots of carols followed by mulled wine (or juice!) and mince pies.

The other services to highlight for families across the Benefice are the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm in Coxwold church and the Christingle service on Dec 11th at 4pm in Carlton Husthwaite church.

If you haven't been to those churches before, do give it a try - you will be most welcome. If you have any questions about where the churches are etc, do ask us.

All services are also listed on the website www.bylandchurches.net

You are warmly invited to

Sunday 4th December

10.30am Family Service Advent Posada at Crayke
4.00pm St Nicholas Service at Husthwaite

Sunday 11th December

4.00pm Christingle & Carols at Carlton Husthwaite

Friday 16th December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Coxwold

Sunday 18th December

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Brandsby
6.00pm Village Christmas Service at Husthwaite
6.00pm Carol Service at Wass

Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm Carols with Easingwold Brass Band at Yearsley

Wednesday 21st December

6.00pm Quiet Service for Christmas at Husthwaite

Thursday 22nd December

6.00pm Carol Service at Crayke

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at Coxwold
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at Crayke

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.00am Family Holy Communion at Yearsley
10.30am Holy Communion at Brandsby
10.30am Holy Communion at Coxwold
11.00am Family Holy Communion at Husthwaite

Hope to see you there.

Ps Do visit our website to find out more.

*If you would like to receive the Byland Churches Village Link
contact: villagelink19@gmail.com*



We'd like your feedback!

CHASA have prepared a survey for you to complete; we would really value your feedback about events which have already happened and about how you may be able to provide support in different ways for upcoming events. The survey will remain open until the end of term and we would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/aW0ct9aFSt>

Christmas Film Night



Please complete the consent form here to register your child for the event. This is needed in addition to purchasing the wristband.

<https://forms.office.com/r/xpdEyHyHdF>

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Community News

Christmas Library Reading Challenge

Something exciting is coming to North Yorkshire Libraries this Christmas! We're challenging children aged 0-11 to read four library books between 26th November and Christmas to win stickers, prizes, a certificate, and a special Christmas gift.... Think you can take on the challenge? Pop into your local library, give us a call, or follow us on Facebook for more information.



The poster features a festive background of red, green, and white diagonal stripes. At the top left is the North Yorkshire County Council logo. To its right is a yellow star with the text 'Ages 0-11'. Below these elements, the title 'Christmas Reading Challenge' is written in green. In the center, there are three cartoon illustrations: a brown robin wearing a red Santa hat, a brown reindeer with red antlers and a red collar, and a black and white penguin wearing a red Santa hat. Below the illustrations, the challenge details are written in red text. At the bottom left, a green circle contains the start date of the challenge.

North Yorkshire
County Council

Ages 0-11

Christmas Reading Challenge



Read four library books before
Christmas and earn stickers,
a certificate and a personalised
decoration for your tree

Join from
Saturday the
26th of
November

Lunch Menu

AUTUMN TERM	Week 1 w/c 5 Dec	Week 2 w/c 12 Dec
Monday	Creamy Macaroni Cheese Broccoli & Sweetcorn Homemade Garlic Bread Banana Mousse Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese & Tomato Pasta with Seeded Bread Grated Carrot & Cucumber Sticks Oatie Cookie Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Burger in a Bun Diced Potatoes Winter Slaw & Mixed Salad Apple Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	CHRISTMAS LUNCH! 
Wednesday	Roast Gammon Gravy Baked Baby Potatoes Carrots & Savoy Cabbage Crusty Bread Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Gravy Creamy Mashed Potato Roasted Parsnips & Green Beans Homemade Wholemeal Bread Cheese & Crackers Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Korma & Rice Peas & Sweetcorn Naan Bread Cheese & Biscuits Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Meatballs & Pasta Green Beans & Cauliflower Homemade Garlic Bread Fruit Muffin Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Fish Fingers Ketchup Chips Veggie Sticks Homemade 50/50 Bread Winter Berry Bake & Custard Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt	Battered Fish Ketchup Chips Peas & Sweetcorn Homemade 50/50 Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt

PE Kits

PE Kits w/c 5/12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Skip2BFit	Friday
BEECH (LD)				X	X
HOLLY (LC)				X	X
OAK (LR)				X	X

Please do ensure that on PE days, the children wear their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

Children in Apple Class need to bring their Forest School kit in each Monday and bring their PE kit in on Wednesday. They will be learning how to get changed in school during their PE sessions on Thursdays and Fridays and will come home wearing their kits home each Friday.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children will be marked late if they arrive after 9.00am

Please do help us in our mission to ensure that children are in school on time so that valuable learning time is not missed at the start of the day.

This week's attendance figures: School Target: 92.1% 96%

Apple (CH): 95.7% 1 late	Beech (LD): 91.7% 5 lates / 4 children
Holly (LC): 90.3% 3 lates/ 2 children	Oak (LR): 92.7% 2 lates / 2 children

Team Points

Red	415	★Yellow★	537
Blue	428	Green	509

Stars of the Week

	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars	Zephie Brown	Sophy Triffitt	Sam Stubbins	Maiya Rosa-Keyter
		Martha Seligman	Scarlett Woodhouse	Sienna Jagger
Gold Awards for Sport	Letty Wilkinson	Grant Colman	Joah Brown	Isabelle Sargent

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term

*****PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS W/C 12 DECEMBER*****

Some clubs have limited capacity and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. In the event of a club being fully booked, your child's name will be added to a waiting list and you will be advised if a place becomes available. Booking is not required for before school or lunchtime clubs. For after school clubs run by school staff (in red type; denoted with *) please email Mrs Bacon on admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk to book a place.

Before School Clubs

Club	Leader	Day and Time	Group
Run a Mile	Mrs Jackson	Monday, Tuesday Thursday & Friday 8:30am	All welcome – parents and carers included!

Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Group
Skipping	Mrs Helfferich	Monday	All
School Council	Miss Walker	Tuesday	Successful candidates
Fitness	Mr Montgomery	Friday	Y4/5/6

After School Clubs

We respectfully ask you to check the collection time below carefully and to collect your children promptly at the end of clubs. **Clubs will run unless you are notified otherwise.**

Monday	Craft (£10 pay via ParentPay) 3:30 – 4:15pm Years 1 – 6 Mrs Seligman and Miss Sherry	Book Club* (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 4-6 Mrs Rayner	
Tuesday	NO CLUBS		
Wednesday	Forest Schools* (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 1-6 Mrs Helfferich	Computing* (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3/4 Mr Brown	
Thursday	Sewing* (no charge) *NB no club 1/12* 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3/4 Mrs Dobson	Rounders* (no charge) *Please note earlier finish time* 3:30pm – 4:00pm Year 3-6 Mrs Aristizabal	Dance (Fee paid direct by bank transfer - £16.00 for 4 weeks) 8 Dec 3:30 – 4:30pm Year 1-6 Kelly Jane Goodwin
Friday	Football (fee paid direct) 3:30 – 4:30pm Years 3-6 Simon Carson Sports School BOOKING LINK: https://simoncarsonsportsschool.co.uk/shop/after-school-clubs/crayke-ms-autumn-1/		

Crayke Church of England Primary School Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2022

** New date added this week

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Wednesday	7 Dec	Nativity Performance 9:30am Parents and carers welcome	Apple and Beech Classes	Hall
Wednesday	7 Dec	Nativity Performance 2:15pm Parents and carers welcome	Apple and Beech Classes	Hall
Thursday	8 Dec	Skip2BFit	Whole School	Sports Club
Friday	9 Dec	CHASA Christmas Film Night	Whole School	Hall
Tuesday	13 Dec	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Pool
Tuesday	13 Dec	Christmas Lunch	Whole School	Hall
Wednesday	14 Dec	Christmas Parties	Whole School	Hall
Thursday	15 Dec	Reindeer Rush	Whole School	Field
Friday	16 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Whole school
Friday	16 Dec	Christmas Carol Service 1:15pm Parents and carers welcome	Whole school	Church
Friday	16 Dec	End of term – school closes at 2:30pm	Whole school	

Term Dates – Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term Tuesday 6th September to Friday 16th December, 2022

Spring Term Wednesday 4th January to Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term Monday 13th February to return on Monday 20th February

Summer Term Tuesday 18th April to Friday 21st July 2023

May Day Monday 1st May 2023

Additional Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May to return on Monday 5th June

INSET Days (School Closed to pupils) –

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Judi Jackson

Headteacher

headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

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