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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week in school, of course! There's lots of news this week about ongoing events and upcoming opportunities.

We're aware that Summer 2 passes by in a flash and that some children may already be feeling a little anxious about transition to their new classes or schools. Much of Mrs Gears' work this half term will focus on supporting children with this. If you have any questions or concerns about transition, please do get in touch with me to discuss this further and we can agree on a plan to help.

The weather is incredibly changeable at the moment and we have noticed that several children are not always bringing coats to school. We do try to get outside as much as possible so please do send appropriate, named clothing for them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson

Headteacher

News from School – Mrs Rayner

As you will be aware from communication earlier in the week, we are sad to announce that Mrs Rayner will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a teaching position at her local school. She has made an enormous contribution to our school over the past ten years and her new school will be very lucky to have her!

Here's a copy of the message she included in our direct communication earlier this week: *"I have loved every minute of my time at Crayke and will always think fondly of it - this school really is like one big family. Thank you to all of the staff, parents, carers and children for making my time at Crayke so special and I'm looking forward to all of the lovely experiences with Oak Class that the rest of the summer term has in store!"*

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker will be working together with Mrs Rayner to ensure that there is a comprehensive handover and a smooth start to the Autumn Term for our oldest pupils.

News from School – Staff Survey

I hope it won't come as a surprise to learn that the staff at Crayke Primary are really happy! A recent survey indicates that the staff are overwhelmingly positive about their experiences as an employee here, agree that staff have good relationships with each other, feel adequately supported and believe that their professional development is well-supported. Here are just a few comments about why staff enjoy working here:

It is a happy school where everyone is welcome and valued. I feel I can work to the best of my ability and find it easy to work collaboratively with each other.

I genuinely love where I work and feel very lucky to be part of a supportive team. I think the atmosphere at work feels very positive.

The amazing and supportive team that always find time to help! Everyone has been incredibly welcoming and always check in on each other.

Staffing - Summer Term 2

Should you wish to contact a member of staff, please do so via Mrs Bacon on admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APPLE	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich (am) Miss Walker (pm)	Mrs Helfferich
	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Griffiths
BEECH	Miss Walker	Mrs Dobson	Mrs Dobson	Mrs Dobson	Mrs Dobson (am) Mrs Walsh (pm)
	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Walsh
HOLLY	Mrs Seligman	Miss Williams	Miss Williams	Miss Williams	Miss Williams
	Miss Ford Miss Clarke	Miss Ford Miss Clarke	Miss Ford Mrs Smith	Miss Ford Mrs Smith	Miss Ford Mrs Smith
OAK	Mrs Rayner	Mrs Rayner	Mrs Rayner	Mrs Rayner (am) Mrs Seligman (pm)	Miss Walker
	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock

News from School – Parent Governor Election

As you will have seen from communication earlier this week, we are in the process of electing a new parent governor. We are tremendously grateful to James Champion for his years of service to the Governing Body and appreciate all his contributions.

The webpost is here, along with all the accompanying documentation: <https://craykeschool.org/2025/parent-governor-vacancy-september-2025/>

Should you require further information about the role, please do get in touch with either myself: headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk or Andrea Hayes our Chair of Governors on chairofgovernors@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

The deadline for applications is **3:30pm** on **Tuesday 17 June**.

News from School - PGL

Mrs Helfferich and I visited PGL Newby Wiske Hall earlier this week and plans are now full steam ahead for our Y5/6 residential visit next March.

Parents of children currently in Year 4 and Year 5 have been sent further details about this directly.

To ensure that this visit is financially viable, we do require parents to complete a short survey. If you have not already done so, please click this link (which has also been sent to you by email and text):
<https://forms.office.com/e/QvHjesUaUD>

Thank you!



News from School

Message from Easingwold Fire Station:

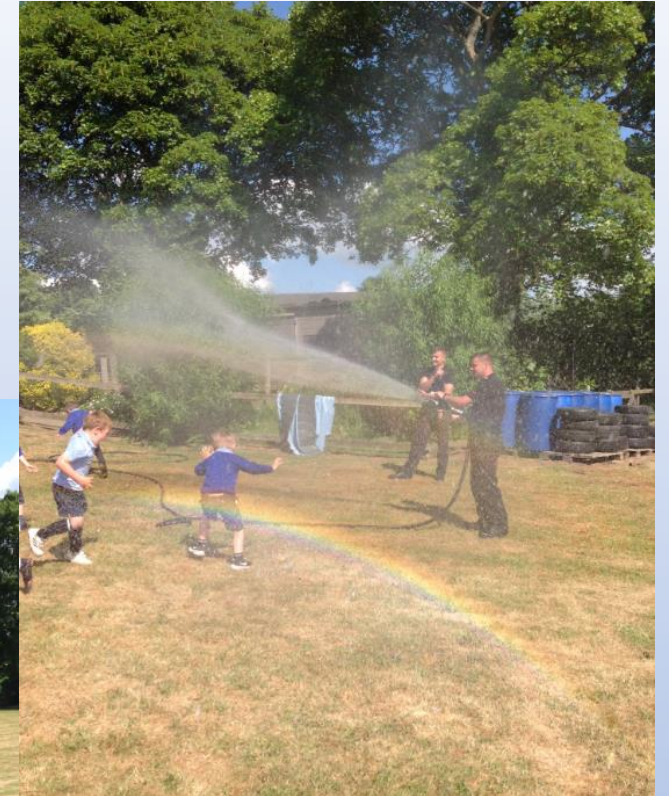
Thank you to all the children and yourselves for coming up with some very good choices of names for our new fire engine. The crew voted for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices and the list was subsequently narrowed down. We thought that many of the names would be more than suitable, but we had to make a choice. Station Manager Nick Allenby oversaw the voting, and the top three names are:

3rd place was Chilli, from Holly Class at Crayke Primary School

2nd place is McQueen from Kingfishers at Huby Primary School

But, in first place, and the name that will be sign written on the new fire engine is:

Big Red from Year 4, Miss Galtrey's class at Easingwold Primary School.



News from School – Mrs Yates



This week, our lovely Cook Mrs Yates celebrated a “special” birthday!

The children were thrilled with the chance to sing Happy Birthday to her at the tops of their voices in the dining hall.

The staff were absolutely over the moon that it was an opportunity for Mrs Gears to bake one of her infamous cakes – and, as always, it most certainly did not disappoint! (I did need to try a second piece, just to be sure though..!)

Class News- APPLE

Whole School Writing Project

We have been developing our knowledge and vocabulary relating to willow. We thought about where we might find willow in school. We went into the forest school area and used our senses to investigate the willow. We used the leaves to print and the branches to mark make. The children then wrote letters to Mrs Jackson to ask if we could make some willow tunnels. This afternoon, we are making the tunnels. We talked about how we can monitor the willow's growth and see what it is like when they are in Year 6.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week Beech class have been enjoying our whole school writing project. We focused on the magpie and read the accompanying poem. We thought the magpie was quite sneaky and very protective of his treasure. First we focused on our handwriting. Then we looked at exclamation and question marks and wrote speech bubbles that the magpie might say to protect his treasure. On Wednesday we created a treasure trove outside for a magpie to keep his treasure in and wrote verbs to describe how the magpie would have made his treasure trove. Finally we used all these ideas to write a set of commands to instruct somebody to build the magpie's treasure trove.

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

Holly class have worked hard this week during our non-chronological report writing as part of our whole school writing project. Children have been keen to learn more about otters to include in their report, with some even doing research at home!

In science, we have been learning about our skeletons. Children drew around each other and labelled their own skeleton!

Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

This week, we had a familiar face joining Oak Class – it is so wonderful to have Elise back at Crayke!

We have been making the most of the wet and windy weather, by heading outside to get inspiration for our writing. We have been imagining an outdoor experience of a wildlife photographer, discovering a rarely seen species of British wildlife such as an otter, adder or water vole. The descriptive language used and suspenseful writing was wonderful to see from every single child... and we got to use the new rain-proof clipboards, too!

Mrs Rayner



The Year of the Outdoors

What are you doing outside of school?

Over the past 6 months we have had a great range of ideas to help get everyone out and enjoying the outdoors. As we approach summer it would be great to continue these ideas and help everyone to create a bank of ideas that we may be able to enjoy in the summer holidays. If you have any pictures enjoying local parks, woods, attractions or even any sports you take part in, it would be great to share them!

*Please send any ideas to@
ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk*

Mrs Dobson



Upcoming Events – Forest Quest **Next week!**

Day	Class
Monday 9 June	Oak
Tuesday 10 June	Holly
Wednesday 11 June	Apple
Thursday 12 June	Beech

We're really excited for next week! Here are some important reminders:

All the activities will once again be linked to our school values and also help to promote resilience and using our 'growth mindset.' The children will be taking part in a range of activities planned carefully by the Forest Quest team.

Children will need:

A packed lunch - no cans, fizzy drinks or glass bottles, please, in a small rucksack as lunch will have to be carried around the site.

2 x small snack - kept separate from their packed lunch.

To Wear: School uniform is not needed. We will be outside whatever the weather so it is important that your child wears clothing appropriate for the weather and which you don't mind getting dirty. **Layers of long-sleeved tops and long trousers are best.** Please bring or wear a waterproof coat and wear boots, walking shoes or old trainers.

We would like to express our thanks to CHASA & the Di Walker Foundation who have fully funded these days for us. However, in order for the cost to be free we are grateful for your help with the travel arrangements.

On their Forest Quest day children must be dropped off at 'Forest Quest' at 9am and picked up from Forest Quest at 3.15pm. In the morning, please drop siblings at school first and then children at Forest Quest and at the end of the day please pick children up from Forest Quest first at 3.15pm and then collect siblings from school at the usual time of 3.30pm.



Upcoming Sporting Events – June/July 2025

We have so many exciting events to look forward to:

16th-20th June –Sports Week (PE Kit to be worn every day)

4th July – Sports Day (Team colour T-shirt to be worn)

9th July – Bounce Workshop (PE Kit)

11th July – Reserve Sports Day

14th July – Colour Run (Light coloured scruffy t-shirt)



Mrs Helfferich
PE Lead

Upcoming Events – Year of the Festivals

This year's focus on the Year of the Outdoors has been a huge success. Mrs Dobson has led on this initiative with creativity, passion and enthusiasm for which I am tremendously grateful.

We're starting to turn our attention towards the next academic year, building and continuing to develop our outdoor provision, but also with a specific focus on the Year of the Festivals. This will include a range of activities throughout the academic year, culminating in CraykeFest at the end of next Summer term.

I have attached a list of festivals and celebrations from around the world which fall into the next academic year, so you can see the sort of thing the children will be learning about. We're very much in the planning stages at the moment but we're hoping it will be engaging and inspiring. Our broad aim is to further develop the children's awareness of different cultures, diversity and world views.



Extra Curricular Clubs



Jigsaws have explored a range of fun filled activities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed including making lava lamps and extending them to volcanoes. We looked at our growing vegetables and planted out the sunflowers as well as bake some delicious cookies.

As the weather was unpredictable the children have challenged each other in team matches of indoor table tennis and bowling.

Here is a snap shot of our week:



Extra Curricular – Breakfast Session



Breakfast Club opens each morning from 7:30am. Children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast and fun with their friends before school! It costs £5 a session with a 20% sibling discount. On Friday we offer a special “Fit Friday” session where Mr Shimwell leads sporting activities before school. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



Extra Curricular – Club Session



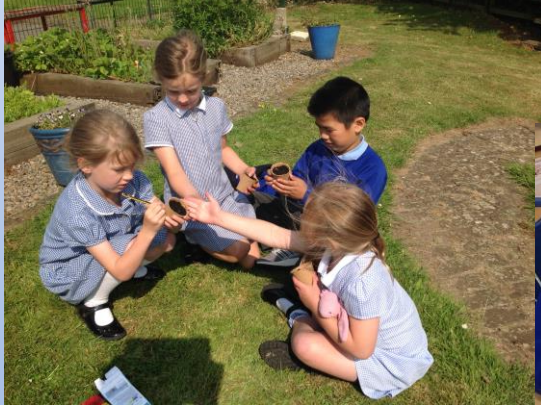
The following clubs are available to book via your Parent Pay account. Each club runs from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and is available for all children from Reception to Year 6. It costs £4 per child with a 20% sibling discount. Please contact jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Monday	Craft
Tuesday	Games and board games/STEM
Wednesday	Forest school/Gardening
Thursday	Sports
Friday	Chill

Extra Curricular – Full Session



Jigsaws After School Club is open every day until 6pm. Children are given a nutritious light tea and enjoy a range of high quality activities led by Caroline and supported by Mrs Griffiths. It costs £10 a session with a 20% sibling discount. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	George	Jacob	Isla	Elise
		Letty	Riley-Mae	Isla
Gold Awards for Sport	Jaxon	Lance	Wilfred	Zhdan
Headteacher Awards	Freddie		Percy	

Team Points

Team	Points
Norgay	667
Attenborough	546
Jemison	831
Goodall	708

Well done Jemison team!



PE Kits w/c 9 June 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					Wear PE Kit Bring Forest School kit
Beech				X	X
Holly		X			X
Oak		X			X

All children: Please ensure that on PE days, the children come to school wearing their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms. On other days, full uniform should be worn.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 19 May 2025): **94.4%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	97.5%	1 late
Beech	97.6%	5 lates (4 children)
Holly	98%	0 lates
Oak	86%	3 lates (2 children)

If you are unsure
whether or not to send
your child to school, have
a look at this website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please note we are now
reporting attendance
data one week behind

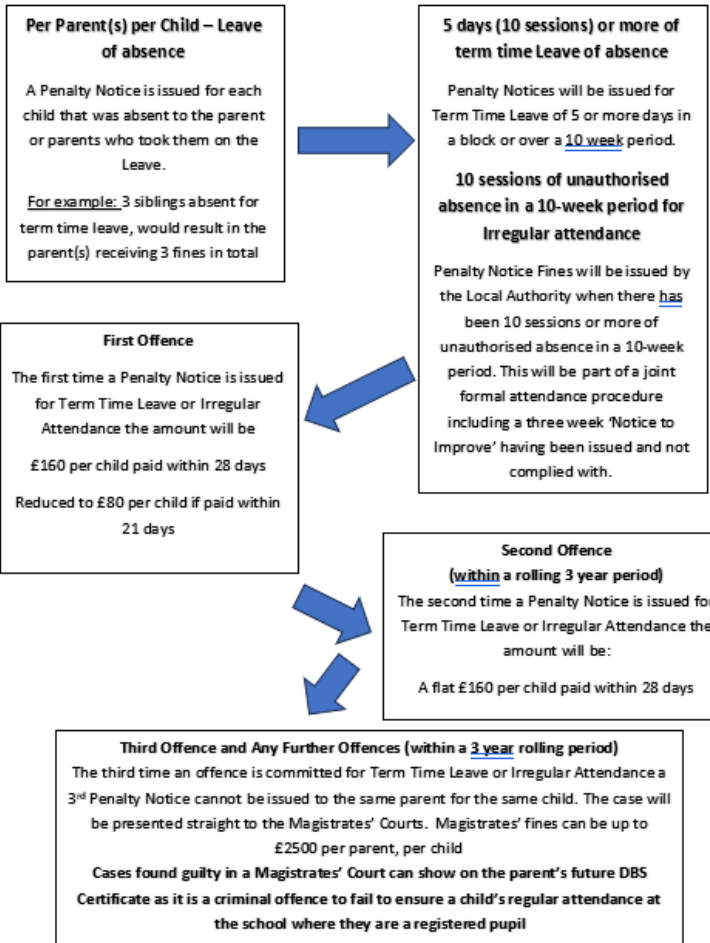


Attendance and Punctuality

New rules around attendance are now in force. Further details are outlined here.

Attendance is Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024





Thank you so much to everyone for all the 'Break The Rules Day' donations, it raised £130.50 for school 🍰

CHASA are running a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Stall at Alne Street Fair this Sunday 8th June 12 - 4.30pm, to raise money for school.

Please do come and support it if you can!

