

CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"

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Message from the Headteacher

So that's a wrap for the academic year 2024/2025! It's been a busy week, of course – when is it not?!

The Leavers' Service was a fitting tribute, I hope, to the Year 6 pupils who leave us today. We bid them a fond farewell and look forward to hearing of their future achievements. We also wish Mrs Rayner all the very best as she takes up her new position as Year 3/4 class teacher at Great Ouseburn Primary.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful cards, gifts and well wishes you have shared with us. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much to our school community. Your support plays a vital role in creating a nurturing and positive environment for our children. It is truly a privilege to work alongside such a caring group of families. Thank you once again for your generosity and for being an essential part of our school family. Together, we continue to inspire and nurture our children to be the best versions of themselves.

I hope that families are able to relax and unwind over the forthcoming summer break and look forward immensely to what promises to be a really exciting year ahead, particularly with the new appointments of Mrs Helfferich as Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Dobson as Senior Teacher. 2025/2026 is looking bright!

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3 September!

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

News from School this week - thanks

Thank you... Thank you... Thank you!

The end of the academic year marks the opportunity to say some heartfelt words of thanks to everyone who makes our community as thriving and as successful as it is. It's been a remarkable year which has featured so many wonderful things... the launch of our very own Before and After School Club Jigsaws, our first cultural residential visit to Edinburgh, the appointment of Miss Williams who has brought an enthusiasm, energy and a breath of fresh air to our school, Sports Week, the installation of two new sheds in our grounds and a staff inflatable race... to name but a few, as well as the continuation of the love and care within our community, the great education and the exceptional opportunities the children are given.

I am hugely grateful to our amazing wider staff team, who are absolutely incredible and who have worked so hard this year. Thanks to you all as parents and carers, to the governors, to our volunteers and to CHASA, all of whom have worked tirelessly to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. A huge thanks to the Di Walker Foundation and Sir Bob Murray's Foundation of Light whose donations to support our school have provided amazing opportunities for our children and enriched their lives immeasurably.

Most importantly, thanks to the children – you are all wonderful in your own unique ways and we are privileged to be a part of your journey. We wish our leavers all the very best in your new schools – they are very lucky to have you!

News from School this week – more thanks!

Parent survey and messages of thanks

An enormous thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your messages of thanks have been passed on to the staff, who were very grateful. Some tissues were required! We note the few suggestions you have made and will be looking to address these as we move into the next academic year.

Bibles and Book Plates – Jane Siddars

As has become a tradition, Year 6 received a gift of a Bible, paid for partially by the church and school, as a memento of their time here. We are enormously grateful to Jane Siddars, who lives in the village, for kindly producing the absolutely stunning book plates complete with each child's name written in beautiful calligraphy.

Year 6 Parent/Carer Collection Money – Marquee and Beanbags and CHASA photobooks

A huge thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers who collectively contributed to an outdoor marquee and beanbags. This will enable children to have increased access to shaded areas on sunny days and the opportunity to enjoy a quieter playtime if they wish. Thanks also for the photo books which were funded by CHASA and will provide a lasting memory for our Year 6 leavers. We are so grateful - thank you!

Colour Run 2025



We had a fantastic afternoon. The best way to end the year at our fabulous school.
Happy holidays.
Mrs Helfferich



A
WHOPPING
£45 WAS
RAISED

'Y6 Leavers Bake Sale'



Thank you for
your
Support
Mrs Gears

Farewell Mrs Rayner!

Last night staff got together to bid farewell to Mrs Rayner. We thought you'd enjoy a snapshot of our evening. Mrs Rayner was presented with a gift of an animal, which was the culmination of weeks worth of gentle teasing. Luckily for her it's not actually alive but we thought you'd like some images of the big reveal.

Mrs Dobson also designed a quiz entitled "How well do you know Mrs Rayner?" I would like it on record that Mrs Walsh and I won this quiz hands down and we officially know Mrs Rayner better than she knows herself!! We love our medals, thanks Mrs Dobson!



*Caption competition,
anyone?!*



News from school – pass on your thanks

We've been so delighted with the numerous messages received throughout the week for members of the school community. This link will be left open, so if you would like to do so, please take a moment to pass on your gratitude via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CNhQ0zPNzv>

It will be passed directly to the recipient and I know that they will be thrilled!


Thank you!

Thank a member of the Crayke School community!


Would you like to pass on a word of thanks to someone from Crayke School? It could be a member of staff, a governor, a CHASA representative, a parent or a pupil! Please take a moment to do so - it would be very gratefully appreciated!

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.


* Required

1. Which person would you like to thank? * 

Enter your answer

2. What would you like to thank them for? * 

Enter your answer

3. Your name (optional) 

Apple Class

2025



Apple Class, what a year we have had! As you move into Beech Class, remember always be kind, try your hardest, have fun and be the best version of you.

Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

We've had a lovely last week in Beech class – we have enjoyed exploring the new art shed and used the modelling clay to create an animal we have learnt about during our summer theme! There were some fantastic designs! I can't believe we have come to the end of the year and I want to say a HUGE thank you to my wonderful Beech class for their determination, hard work, dedication and friendship.

To our amazing Year 2s we will miss you very much; Zephaniah's charisma, Milo's amazing facts, Honor's diligence, Oliver's creativeness, Henry's kindness, Louise's friendship, Alanna's helpfulness, Pippa's organisation, Letty's thoughtfulness, Constance's determination, Isabelle's independence, Cam's courage, William's enthusiasm, Jacobs's cheerfulness and Freddie's loyalty.

We can't wait to welcome our Year 1 back as Year 2; we have lots to look forward to! Have a fabulous summer!

Mrs Dobson & Mrs Walsh



Class News – HOLLY

What a fantastic final week in Holly Class! We have written articles about the colour run which really reflected what an amazing time the children had. See the next slides for examples! To finish our Roman topic, children made electric posters about a Roman topic of their choice. It really showed how much they have learned this term.

We also finished our shape topic and made 3D shapes and drew 2D shapes on the playground. We used these 2D shapes to recap length and perimeter and calculated the perimeter of our shapes.

I have had a fantastic first year at Crayke and I am so grateful to have had such a wonderful first class that I will never forget! The Year 4 will be missed next year, they are all such caring and thoughtful children; they were so patient and made an effort to teach me the school routines when I started.

Miss Williams



Crayke colour RUN
yesterday we hosted our
4th colour RUN. It was
great and we had a
blast. It was fun and I
wish we could have it
every day.

colour RUN is my favourite
part of the year. every day
I think to my self I more
step away from the colour run.

Fun Festival For Crayke School!
By Mabel Dawson Tuesday 15 July

Yesterday afternoon (Monday 14th July)
pupils from Crayke Primary School
took part in a summer tradition
full of coloured powder paint.

Thanks to the host, Mrs C. Helgerrich,
for organising this vibrant event.

Keenan Lee, runner, said "It was an amazing
event but my favourite part was when
we through powder in the air!"

The ~~was~~ reason held this event was for fun
and fundraising for a charity that
support Ghana.

Sophy, Year 3

Powder Paint and Big Spills!

Tuesday 15th

July 2025

Yesterday sounds of shouting and laughter filled the air as Crayke School had a great time and a feild once green turned all the colours of the rainbow.

Crayke school hosted the colour run to raise money for a school in Ghana on the 14th of July 2025. Caroline Helferrich, the organiser, has been the main reason why we have been able to have this.

The course had been split into seven sections where a teacher waited armed with a water gun or a bag of powdered paint.

It had been very fun but not everyone liked the end... especially if they had to go home in a binbag.

Grant, Year 4

colour in crayke schoole

Tuesday
15th
July

by
sophy
trip

Colour in crayke schoole fun
and ecvencherous powder.

We ran through colerd powk-der
and the teachers chaced powder at
us and squirted water
at us to!

We did it to raise money for
Ghana and it is also a tradishion
for crayke.

It is hosted at crayke
priior school.

The children of crayke
Primary school and the
staff of crayke all took
part and don't forget
the gokeners.

It happend on monday
14th of July 2025.

Class News - OAK

This week has been careers week in Oak Class and the children have been absolutely fascinated, learning about different career options and pathways. Jonathan Dawson from Ewe Move, Chris Unsworth from Nestle, Abbi Ollive from Castle Howard and Jade Bunker from the NHS all gave up their time to talk to the children – thank you to each of you for inspiring the class!

I must also say an absolutely massive personal thank you on my last day at Crayke, for all of the kind words, cards, incredibly generous gifts and lots of hugs! To say that I am overwhelmed with the kindness everyone has shown me would be an understatement! I will miss everyone at Crayke, but I know that the Year 6s are ready for their next chapter at secondary school and the Year 5s are in the extremely capable hands of Miss Walker and Mrs Seligman!

Mrs Rayner



Extra Curricular Clubs



- The children have explored free painting and making fizzing rainbows which they have thoroughly enjoyed.
- All have progressed in French skipping with being able to sing rhyming songs whilst skipping and the older ones beginning to jump in from the side and turn round.
- They have continued to enjoy football and block building.

Have a lovely summer break!



Staffing Update

Welcome to Zoe Fowler who will be joining us from September in the role of Playworker, working alongside Caroline in Jigsaws at both breakfast and after school club. Zoe has joined alongside sessions over the past week and is ready and raring to go in the Autumn Term. We are delighted to have her on the team!

Also, we welcome a familiar face back to Crayke for the Autumn Term in the form of Mr Pete Brown, who will be teaching in Holly class for two afternoons a week to cover Miss William's PPA and ECT time.

Please see the following slide for the full picture of who is teaching where and where the support staff are based next term. As always, please direct any enquiries in the first instance to admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk who will then pass this on to the relevant staff member.

Staffing - Autumn Term

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) Mrs Gears (pm)	Mrs Helfferich
	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith
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	Miss Williams (am) Mr Brown (pm)	Miss Williams	Miss Williams (am) Mr Brown (pm)	Miss Williams	Miss Williams
	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford
OAK	Mrs Seligman	Mrs Seligman	Mrs Seligman	Miss Walker	Miss Walker
	Miss Clarke	Miss Clarke	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock

Arrangements for the Start of the Autumn Term

Reminder: School Reopens Wednesday 3 September 2025

Jigsaws Before and After School Club will be open from 7:30am on Wednesday 3 September 2025. The gates for all other pupils will open at 8:50am on Wednesday 3 September and collection time for all will be 3:30pm. Jigsaws will be open until 6:00pm for any children booked into after school club.

Reminder: Clubs – Autumn Term

Extra-curricular clubs will **not** be starting during the first week back, other than Jigsaws. This includes Running Club before school (resumes Monday 8 September) and after school multi-sports, music and football.

Reminder: Uniform

Please ensure that your children are smartly dressed for school including appropriate footwear, wearing uniform or PE kits on the correct days and not wearing branded items (e.g. Nike, Under Armour)

Reminder: Please do not park in the lay-by!

Unless this has been agreed in advance with the Headteacher, please refrain from using the lay-by outside school for dropping off or collecting your child as this causes huge congestion within the village. We strongly encourage you to park at the Sports Hall. Thank you.

News from School

– Curriculum Information for Autumn Term 2025

School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 3 September**. We look forward to an exciting term with each class focussing on the following themes and enquiry questions in their learning:

AUTUMN 2025	Theme	Enquiry Question	Enrichment (<i>Stunning Start/Marvellous Middle/Fabulous Finish</i>)
Apple	Starting School	How do we learn the routines of the school day?	Visit from health practitioner
Beech	Happily Ever After	How do people live happily ever after?	Castle visit
Holly	Our Blue Planet	How do we care for our Blue Planet?	Thirsk Sculpture Hall visit
Oak	It's All Greek to Me	How have the Ancient Greeks influenced the world we live in?	Visit to British Museum in London

Awards in School This Week

	Friendship	Forgiveness	Respect	Determination
Apple	Riley	Rosie Wd	Nancy	Benjamin
Beech	Lance	Ben	Otilie	Honor
Holly	Elijah	Jaiden	Mabel	Tabi
Oak	Felicity	Zhdan	George	Frankie
Headteacher	Florence	Sean	Arwen	Brooke

All-rounder award – Crayke Citizen

Percy

Harry Hall Cup Winners 2025

Beatrice and Seb are this year's well-deserving recipients of the prestigious Harry Hall Memorial Cup for their outstanding all-round sporting ability.

Their dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship have shone through in various activities, inspiring their peers and embodying the school's values of determination and friendship.

This recognition not only celebrates their individual talents but also highlights their commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive sporting environment within the school community. Well done Beatrice and Seb!



Attendance Awards

On Wednesday, during our special end of year Achievement Worship, I had the pleasure of giving out certificates to 17 children whose attendance this term has been 99%+.

A special mention to the following pupils who have showed up for school **every day this year**, achieving 100% attendance:

Elliott Percy

Lucas Sophy

They will receive an additional certificate and a special treat! Well done!



Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 7 July 2025): **93.7%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	97.5%	
Beech	90.7%	1 late
Holly	100%	1 late
Oak	88.4%	

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





CHASA AGM

CHASA AGM - **Thursday 18th September 6pm** at the Durham Ox, Crayke - All Welcome

A new committee will be voted in, and the roles are open to all. The roles include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. If you would like more information on any of these roles or would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email: bstubbins@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

A big thank you to all who donated, put bids in or helped organise the CHASA online auction. It did brilliantly! The final amount raised from the auction was £1108.65. This will go directly to benefit the school and children next school year.

Lastly, the CHASA summer term newsletter has been emailed to parents and carers, do read this to find out what has been raised this year and what the money has been spent on.

Thank you for all your support this year and have a fantastic summer break, CHASA ♡

Safeguarding Procedures during the holidays - Report your concerns

Should you have any concerns over the summer holidays, no matter how small, please read here.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, please call 999

Should you have any concerns outside of school hours, then you should report them to the North Yorkshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Screening Team, please call 0300 131 2131. Additional information about making a referral can be found on their website by [clicking here](#).

Parents and carers can also visit the **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website** for more advice and information: [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk).

Or call NSPCC on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000).

For pupils, the NSPCC Childline number is [0800 1111](tel:08001111).

And finally...

Have a wonderful summer break, from the whole Crayke team!

