



CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect | Friendship | Forgiveness | Determination

"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"

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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

The first full week back in school has flown by! Here are three highlights from the week...

It was lovely to welcome governors into school on Monday evening for our first meeting of the year and for them to see the new play equipment on the lower playground and improvements to the front entrance.

We also welcomed Lizzie Pringle from OPAL to support the beginning of an exciting new project to make playtimes even better. She conducted a baseline assessment in which we scored the highest of any school she has visited – so that's an excellent starting point!

All clubs are now back in full swing and Running Club continues each morning (except Wednesday) from 8:30am.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

Open Afternoon – Tuesday 16 September

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to our annual Open Afternoon on **Tuesday from 1:30pm**. This will give you an opportunity to learn about how you can help your child at home, as well as visit classes and spend some time alongside your children. The format of the afternoon will be as follows:

Time	Event	Location	Led by	Other info
1:30pm	Parents/carers to spend time in classrooms	All classes	All staff	Drop in basis
2:15pm	Presentation to all parents/carers – priorities for the year ahead	Hall	Mrs Jackson	Parents/carers of children not in these classes are welcome to spend additional time in classes during the other presentations.
2:35pm	Presentation for APPLE class parents/carers	Hall	Mrs Helfferich	
2:45pm	Presentation for BEECH class parents/carers	Hall	Mrs Dobson	
2:55pm	Presentation for HOLLY class parents/carers	Hall	Miss Williams	
3:05pm	Presentation for OAK class parents/carers	Hall	Mrs Seligman	
3:15pm	Close – parents/carers to wait on playground to collect			

If you have not already done so, please let us know whether you can attend or not:

<https://forms.office.com/e/v3iBU8CFzm>



News from School - Attendance

Every child's education is a vital pathway to their future success and well-being. Regular attendance is essential for your child to thrive both academically and personally and it is a shared responsibility between the school and families.

Why Regular Attendance Matters:

- **Maximising Learning Opportunities:** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve good outcomes. Research shows that children with higher attendance rates perform better in reading, writing and maths by the end of Key Stage 2. Missing school means missing vital lessons and experiences that help children grow in confidence and resilience.
- **Supporting Personal Development:** Attending school every day helps children build friendships, develop social skills, and engage fully with our Christian values of respect, friendship, forgiveness and determination.
- **Safeguarding and Well-being:** Regular attendance allows our staff to identify any additional support your child may need early on, ensuring their safety and well-being.

New Attendance Regulations and What They Mean for You:

Recent updates to attendance guidance emphasise the importance of consistent attendance and outline clearer responsibilities for parents and schools. These include:

- **Legal Responsibility:** Parents are legally required to ensure their child attends school every day the school is open, except in cases of illness or authorised absence.
- **Attendance Monitoring:** We have strengthened our processes to monitor attendance closely, including first-day calling and follow-ups on unexplained absences.
- **Clear Policies:** Our school attendance policy, available on our website, explains attendance expectations and procedures clearly, including the consequences of unauthorised absences.
- **Support and Intervention:** We are committed to working with families to overcome barriers to attendance and provide support where needed. However, where absence is unauthorised and persistent, formal actions such as Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

Your partnership is crucial in helping us maintain a culture of high attendance and ensuring every child benefits fully from their education. If you have any questions about attendance or need support, please contact Mrs Jackson (Attendance Lead).

News from School – Flu vaccinations

As per the webpost earlier in the week, Vaccination UK is attending school to provide flu vaccinations on **23 September 2025**.

*For your child to receive their nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the **link below**. **The nasal spray is quick, painless and is the most effective option for under 18's.***

*If your child **cannot** have the nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.*

*If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.*

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

Further information can be found in the attachments below -

[Flu information leaflet](#)

[Flu Webinar Invitation 2025](#)

News from School – Baby Competition Answers

We're sure you have been waiting with bated breath for this... the answers to the baby photo competition we shared before the summer.

Number	Staff member
1	Mrs Jackson
2	Mrs Dobson
3	Mrs Gears
4	Mrs Bacon
5	Mrs Rayner
6	Mr Shimwell
7	Miss Clarke

Number	Staff member
8	Mrs Peacock
9	Mrs Walsh
10	Miss Williams
11	Miss Walker
12	Mrs Helfferich
13	Miss Hutchinson
14	Miss Ford
15	Mrs Smith



News from School - OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)



At the start of September, we started our OPAL journey. On Tuesday, Lizzie from OPAL came to observe lunchtime play. She assessed where she felt we currently were. We were very proud to hear that our work over the last few years has paid off, she marked us at 51%, the highest she has ever scored a school. To get the platinum award, you have to achieve 90%. Although our aim is to provide our children with the best, it is not about the award; it is nice to have our hard work acknowledged.

Over the next few months, you will hear lots more about OPAL. The staff are very excited to be part of this incredible journey. We have lots of enthusiastic members of the school community supporting us.

We are using our Sports Premium money to fund this exciting project.

Mrs Helfferich (PE Lead)

News from School - Coming soon.....

Recommended Bedtime Reads

I am so excited to be the new English Lead at Crayke. After the success of our 'Year of the Outdoors' and the recommendations for outdoor activities, this year we will be beginning the Autumn Term with some recommendations for 'Bedtime Stories'. It is so important that all children get the opportunity for a bedtime story. It is a great way to increase comprehension and vocabulary and also have some time away from screens where you can enjoy a book together. Over the term, I will be asking a variety of different adults to 'recommend' stories that they read to their children or that they enjoyed as a child. They will be suited to a variety of different ages and be a mixture of picture and chapter books! We then may ask for your recommendations too!

Mrs Dobson



Class News- APPLE

I think, it's more a case of what haven't we done this week!? It's safe to say we have made the most of being at school. We have baked blueberry biscuits, 'painted' the tree, used the tyres to move around. 'made' smoothies and drinks at the potion station. The parachute made an appearance and we have been active on the running track. The children developed their fine motor skills whilst decorating hearts for our display in the hall. It's not all been hard work, they chilled out on the beanbag chairs.

We have had a big focus on emotions and how we respond to people. Following the rules 'kind hands, kind feet, kind words'. Another great week but lots of tired little people.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week in Beech class we have continued our work on Little Red Riding Hood; the children enjoyed acting out the story and playing the different characters. I was really impressed with how well they worked together in their groups and showed our value of friendship.

In Art, we have looked at primary colours and how we can mix them to create secondary colours. We created our own colour wheels to show this.

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

This week we have been exploring our topic by learning the key processes in the water cycle in geography and the different states of matter in science. The children became the particles and demonstrated the differences between solids, liquids and gases through their formation.

In English, we considered what it would be like in a sea storm and thought of some wonderful vocabulary to describe how the character might be feeling. We turned these into a group poem performance to help our writing next week.

Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

Maths- Problem Solving

Oak Class have explored Place Value in a new way this week. We were given a hundred square that had the numbers removed and replaced with symbols. We needed to use our knowledge to assemble it again such as spotting patterns within the tens digits as well as knowing that the only number with 3 digits was 100.

We worked really well together and had lots of discussion where we justified why we were placing the pieces there.

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker



Extra Curricular Clubs



This week in Jigsaws we have been making the most of the dry weather with hockey and skipping.

We have explored a range of fun filled activities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. These included making key rings, lava lamps, pressing flowers and parachutes.

The children have used their engineering skills to make Lego with moving parts and a hot air balloon.

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 £5.50 a session with a 20% sibling discount. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



Extra Curricular – Club Session



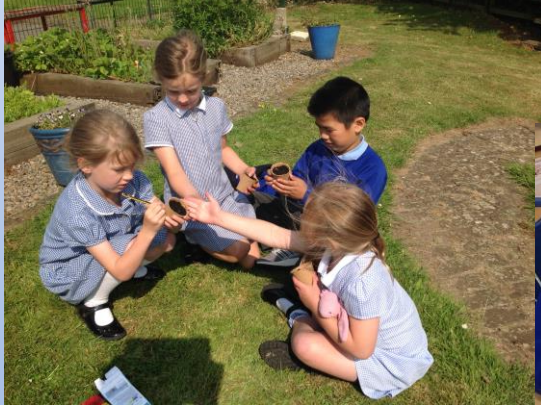
The following clubs are available to book via your Parent Pay account. Each club runs from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and is available for all children from Reception to Year 6. It costs £5 per child with a 20% sibling discount. Please contact jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any queries.

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 Zoe. It costs £11 a session with a 20% sibling discount. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



After School Club - Choir

Miss Leggatt is offering children from Year 2 – Year 6 the opportunity to join after school choir! Starting next **Wednesday 17 September** and running for 12 weeks until **Wednesday 10 December**, the club is open to all abilities and is payable via ParentPay as a block payment of £48.

The children know Miss Leggatt well as she teaches music throughout school, leads a lunchtime club and has previously led an after school music ensemble group. We wanted to give pupils the chance to see if they enjoy this after school choir opportunity.

Please email Mrs Bacon to book your child/ren's place(on) on this club.

admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk



Upcoming Events – Instrumental Demo!

The North Yorkshire Music Service are delivering an exciting initiative of demonstration assemblies, where a variety of instrumental disciplines will be shown to encourage future musicians in starting music lessons with an experienced selection of peripatetic teachers.

They will be offering a demonstration at Crayke entirely free of charge on **Thursday 18th September**. The assembly will be appropriate for the whole school and will showcase instruments from the string, brass, woodwind and piano families.

Knowing how much the children have enjoyed these opportunities in the past, we are really excited to see what next week brings!

Upcoming Events - Photographer

It is hard to believe that it's almost 4 years since the photographs you see around school and on the website were taken. We are looking forward to welcoming Damian Bramley back into school on **Wednesday 24 September** to update our suite of images.

Please can all children be dressed smartly in full uniform (NO PE kits) for the day so that we can capture the essence of our school in his photos.

If you have not provided consent for your child/ren to have their photos taken, as per the photography permissions form, please be assured that they will not be included in the images taken.

Upcoming Events – Year 6 transfers

I'm sure this comes round quicker every year! The deadline for Year 6 applications for secondary school in **31 October 2025**. Parents/carers of children in this year group have been sent information directly about the application process. Please contact Mrs Bacon if you have not received this correspondence.



September 2025

Information for Year 6 parents about applying for a secondary school place for
September 2026 and important information on home to school travel

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	All	Nancy	Louise	Evangeline
		Otilie	Louie	Jozef
Gold Awards for Sport	Martha	Dianta	Sophie	Grace
Headteacher Awards	Nancy		Constance	

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	462
Martin Luther King Jr	380
Mahatma Gandhi	594
Queen Elizabeth II	425

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

<https://craykeschool.org/house-teams/>

Well done Mahatma Gandhi team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

PE Kits w/c 15 September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					Bring PE Kit and Forest School kit
Beech				X	X
Holly	X				X
Oak	X — this week due to open afternoon				X

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 all other days, full uniform should be worn.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 1 September 2025 – 3 days only): **96.3%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	98.7%	No lates
Beech	100%	No lates
Holly	96.8%	No lates
Oak	91.4%	2 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



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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

