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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

What a busy week! We are well and truly back into the swing of the new term now.

With the weather being so very changeable at the moment, please do ensure that all children bring a warm, waterproof coat to school every day.

The OPAL team met with our mentor this week and there's further details on the following slide. Please also see the attached introduction letter for more information. We are so excited about the opportunities that being involved with this project brings and are also looking to streamline our lunchtime arrangements in order to maximise the time the children can have outside.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher



News from School - OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having a loose parts drive to support the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme at our school! Through the programme, we are working to improve outdoor play at Crayke by offering more opportunities for creative, child-led play and learning. Loose parts are open-ended materials that our children can use during outdoor play times. This focus collection drive will be focussed on: Wooden bowls, wooden utensils, metal utensils, metal pots and pans, whisks, cake/jelly moulds, ice cube trays, plastic bowls/utensils, funnels, measuring cups or scales. These will be used in the mud kitchen or on the music wall.

Any donations can be placed in the collection crate by the main green drop off/ collection gates.

Thank you

Mrs Helfferich (PE Lead/Curricular lead for play)



News from School – Open Afternoon

Thanks again for your attendance and support at our Open Afternoon on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see you all!

If you were unable to join us, please do review the presentations shared here:

<https://craykeschool.org/2025/open-afternoon-presentations/>

Sorry there weren't more photos – we were all too busy chatting and getting involved with the fabulous learning activities on offer!



News from School – Statutory Assessments

Earlier this week we shared details of the parent/carers information leaflets which have been produced by the DfE in respect of:

- Reception baseline
- Year 1 phonics
- Year 2 optional SATs
- Year 4 multiplication tables check (MTC)
- Year 6 SATs



The link is available here, should you wish to revisit these:

<https://craykeschool.org/2025/parent-carer-information-leaflets-statutory-assessments/>

News from School - NYC Music Service Instrumental Demonstration

There was a buzz of excitement in the hall today as the children listened to and learnt about the different instruments that are available to learn to play via the NYC Music Services.

We listened to the Star Wars and Rocky theme tune, Bruno Mars 1 2 3 you can count on me, Kpop Demon Hunters and many other songs.



News from School – Healthy Snacks

It is wonderful to see so many different, healthy snacks that the children are choosing to bring in for playtime. The government provides fruit for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 so they do not need to bring anything in from home. For children in Holly and Oak class, they are welcome to bring in a small, healthy, nut-free snack.

If you would like some ideas about different snacks you could try, why not have a look here: <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2025/>



News from School – BBC Fame!

It was very exciting to receive this message earlier this week!

Dear Mrs Jackson,

Joe and I enjoy observing & discussing the changing weather. We set up a BBC weather watchers account in Joes name where we can send in our captured weather photographs.

On Friday 12th September we noticed some spectacular storm clouds over York & photographed these then sent the photo in to the weather watchers site. Imagine our surprise when they used our photograph on the BBC national news weather forecast that night.



Well done Joe!

Class News- APPLE

The most important news of the week:

THE PIGS HAVE LANDED!!

Last Thursday evening, George's parents very kindly dropped off a trailer load of pallets.

On Friday, Apple Class transported the willow from the outdoor classroom area to the soon to be pig enclosure.

Name suggestion sheets were handed out to the children.

By Sunday, the pig enclosure was just about built. The pigs arrived, they helped with the last minute alterations.

On Monday Frankie's dad very kindly had a look at the enclosure and pigs.

By Tuesday the name suggestions were in, these included: Clarkson and Caleb, Brussel and Sprout, Peanut and Waffle, Snuffle and Truffle.

Voting for the final names will take place today.

The rest of the staff soon realised that if I can't be found before or after school, they just need to look out of the hall window and I can soon be found, out with the pigs.

I knew I would eventually find an animal that Mrs Jackson liked – direct quote: "They are actually so cute". She's not wrong! They are the friendliest, cutest little things.

My work here is done!!

Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

It was so lovely to welcome parents into Beech class this week to see our classroom and share some of our art lesson with you. The children are now using their skills from colouring mixing and tinting and toning to create themselves as a fairy tale character. We looked carefully in the mirror to look at our features for our self-portrait and then chose a character to design ourselves as – finished products pending next week! We also began looking at the different parts of a castle and comparing different castles as part of our history topic. Then we drew our own castles with key features in chalk on the playground. Please do ask the children some of the parts they learnt as they did a great job!

Finally we would like to say a HUGE thank you to CHASA for our new sand and water tray; the children are thoroughly enjoying it and Mrs Walsh and I are very grateful for the lid! Another big thank you to Mr Balmforth who kindly helped us to get rid of our older broken one – what a hero!!

Mrs Dobson



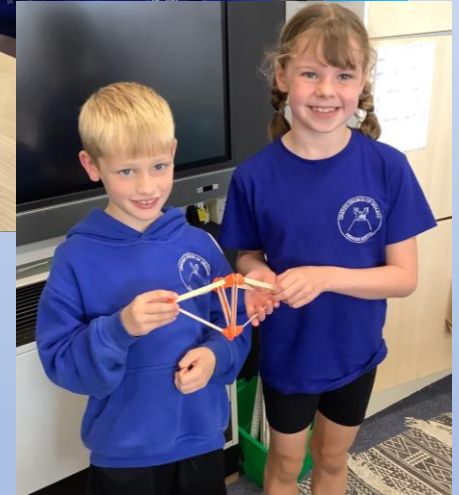
Class News – HOLLY

Thank you to everyone who came to open afternoon and gave helping hands to create the models!

In geography, we have created our own miniature water cycles and have placed them in the window ready to watch the key processes of evaporation and condensation. Hopefully we have some sunshine to help the process!

We have started to try creative new ways to make spelling practice more fun, send any ways you have tried at home to show the class and team points will be given out!

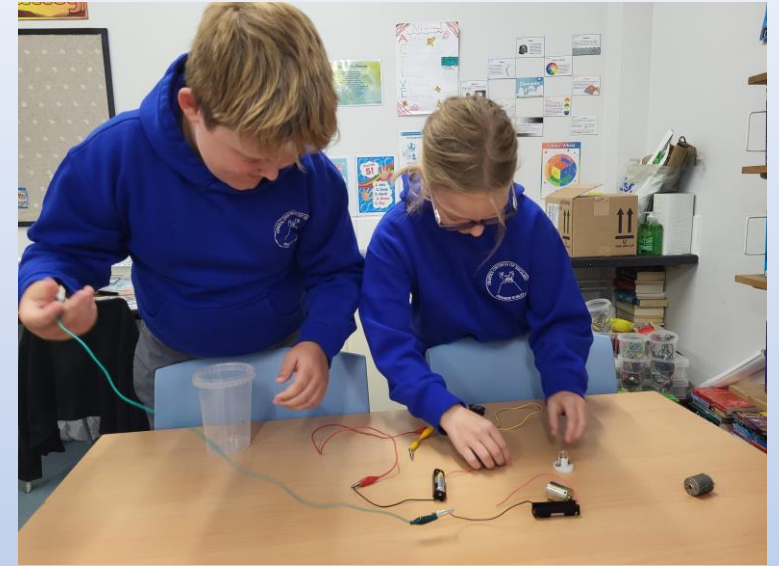
Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

This week has been a busy one in Oak Class! We have done everything from building electric circuits to researching gory facts about Ares and Zeus. Did you know Ares's throne was supposed to be made of human skin? We very much enjoyed having so many parents and carers with us at the Open Afternoon, and hope that it was informative.

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker



Extra Curricular Clubs

What a busy week we have had in Jigsaws!

Some of the activities enjoyed by the children was making pretend plum jam and apple juice in forest school. They have also loved making rainbow dough and playing golf. They have also made a variety of Lego models and badges.



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.



Unchanged
from last week

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.

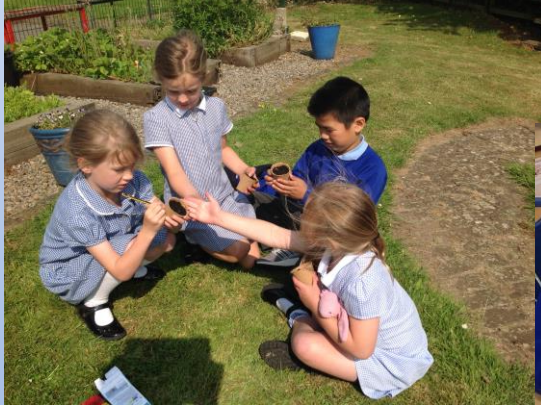
Monday	Craft
Tuesday	Games and board games/STEM
Wednesday	Forest school/Gardening
Thursday	Sports
Friday	Chill

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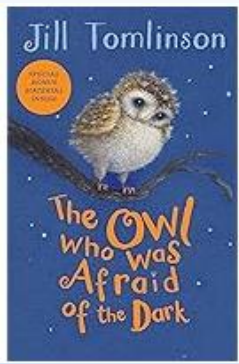
Extra Curricular – Full Session



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.



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from last week



Recommended Bedtime Reads

Mrs Dobson recommends 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' By Jill Tomlinson

Lots of children that have been in my class will know that this book is one of my favourites! What I love about the story is that each chapter is a mini story within itself. It also has a key message in it that you can't just decide you're afraid of something before learning/finding out more about it. Usually the more you find out about it, the more you realise it isn't so scary after all!

This book is great as you could read a chapter each night as your bedtime story and for the older children they could begin to read parts of it to share the reading. If you enjoy it there are lots of other books in the series too that I have added pictures of.

Mrs Dobson



**Look at this super
'Book in a Box' Miss
Wilshaw, one of our
governors created
when she was in
year 2 of 'The Owl
who was Afraid of
the Dark!**



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 – Oak Class Visit to London

A letter has been emailed to all parents and carers of children in Oak Class regarding the upcoming visit to London on **9 October**.

A reminder to please complete the following online form to consent to your child participating in this visit by 29 September:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Sq2ABq17pK>



Upcoming Events - Shoebox Appeal



We are excited to organise our first Christmas shoebox appeal for Children in Distress. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and share kindness with children who may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Your child will come home with a leaflet explaining what can go in the box and these can be brought in with your child and dropped off at the office. The final deadline for this is **Tuesday 4th November**.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity to support such a wonderful charity.

Miss Williams

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Maisie	Rosie Wt	Tomas	Elise
		Lance	Amber	Harry
Gold Awards for Sport	Xander	Edmund	Milo	Riley
Headteacher Awards	Harriet		Leo	

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	178
Martin Luther King Jr	169
Mahatma Gandhi	196
Queen Elizabeth II	97

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 22 September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					Bring PE Kit and Forest School kit
Beech				X	X
Holly	X				X
Oak		X			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 8 September 2025): **98%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	100%	0 lates
Beech	98.7%	1 late
Holly	100%	2 lates (2 children)
Oak	94.7%	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



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

