

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 weather couldn't have been more perfect for our photo shoot this week and I can't wait to receive the images and share these. Thanks to the staff and children for being so accommodating and to all the parents and carers who ensured that the children looked so smartly presented. Some even had their hair cut especially!

Last week, the CHASA AGM took place and I am delighted to confirm this year's core committee as follows:

CHASA Co-Chairs – Becky Stubbins and Jade Bunker

CHASA Vice-Chair – Beth Leggott

CHASA Secretary – Coral Canning

CHASA Treasurer – Jess Brown

As always, we are hugely grateful for the support, dedication and commitment of our CHASA team. You are all amazing!

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

News from School – Staffing Update

I am delighted to share with you the exciting news that Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker will continue to teach Oak class for the remainder of the academic year, until July 2026, and we will not therefore be recruiting a replacement for January 2026.

I am hugely grateful to them for their dedication and commitment to ensuring that our oldest children have consistency in their final year at school.

They will continue to be well supported by Miss Clarke and Mrs Peacock.

News from School – Consent Forms

Children in Year 1-6 will be bringing home some important documents today which require your urgent attention. These include a range of consent forms regarding visits, media and acceptable use, as well as this year's Home School Agreement – a copy of which can be found on the following slide.

The deadline for return is **Friday 3 October**. Please do not delay and complete at your earliest convenience. In particular, the visit consent form is required to enable your child to participate in the Harvest Festival at church on October 8th.



Crayke CE Primary School

Home School Agreement 2025/2026

School will:	Family will:	Children will:
Provide a safe and happy environment where all are valued, enabling your child to be the best version of themselves.	Fulfil our legal responsibility to ensure your child arrives at school on time and is collected on time.	Always try your hardest to follow our school rules, remembering to be Ready, Respectful and Safe
Provide high quality teaching and support by means of a broad and balanced curriculum which considers children's individual needs in line with our school vision and values, in a positive and stimulating learning environment.	Be committed to good school attendance by ensuring your child attends regularly and informing us by 9:30am on the first day of absence by contacting 01347 821767 or admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk	Follow our school core values: Friendship – we include everyone, using kind words and actions Forgiveness – we are honest and we learn from our mistakes Respect – we are active listeners who look after our belongings and each other Determination – we try our best, aiming high without giving up
Model and develop Christian values.	Support the school with our uniform expectations including PE kit, homework policies and with regular reading at home. Support the school policies and guidelines regarding behaviour.	Take responsibility for your own learning and behaviour and bring a positive attitude to school every day.
Keep you informed of your child's progress and welcome your involvement in the learning process.	Attend Parent Consultation Evenings and ant other school meetings to discuss your child's progress and support their learning.	Share and talk about any problems you have and ask for help when you need it.
Inform you about what we teach the children each term and provide homework and reading diaries.	Conduct discussions with staff in a respectful manner, raising any concerns directly with the school.	Go to bed at a sensible time during the week to ensure you have enough sleep to be ready to learn the next day.
Teach your child to develop a positive attitude towards everyone regardless of differences.	Ensure that access to online devices and games is restricted (especially overnight) and that your child only has access to age appropriate games.	Follow the rules on using devices safely in school – iPads, laptops and Chromebooks. Leave all other electronic devices at home including Smart watches and phones.
Set high expectations by encouraging children to do their best at all times, both academically and socially.	Make the school aware of any changes, concerns or problems which might affect your child's progress e.g. changes in home circumstances. Keep the school informed of any changes of contact details.	Read at home and bring my reading record into school every day.

Parent/carer name: _____
Parent/carer signature: _____

Child's name: _____
Date: _____

News from School – Playtime Charter



This week in Collective Worship we discussed and agreed the following.

- We have the **right** to play and enjoy OPAL.
- We have the **responsibility** to make sure everyone enjoys playtime by making sure:
 - everyone chooses what to play
 - we share equipment fairly and kindly
 - we take care of the equipment
 - we treat each other how we like to be treated
 - we keep everybody safe
 - we are kind to others
 - we help people if they need us
 - we allow people to join in games
 - we ask grown ups if we need help to sort out our problems
 - we listen to one another
 - we play safely



Please support us with this by talking to your children at home about our Charter.
Thank you!

Class News- APPLE

This week, we have been getting to know the pigs and allowing the pigs to become familiar with us. The highlight of my week was being told "Before I started at Crayke School, I didn't like animals. Now I do." "I love our animals so much." "I never thought I would ever go to a school that had a rabbit. Now I have a rabbit, tortoises, a tenrec, chickens and pigs at my school." "I just love the pigs, they are so cute." "My friends just can't believe we have animals at my school, they want to come here."

We have worked as a team to collect apples for Waffle and Peanut. We worked in pairs to carry the apples down to their enclosure and have taken turns to stroke Waffle and Peanut.

In other news, we have been busy learning our phonics, singing number songs, looking at our starting points for Jigsaw maths and we have all taken a 'reading' book home after three successful reading sessions in school. We have spent lots of time working outside.



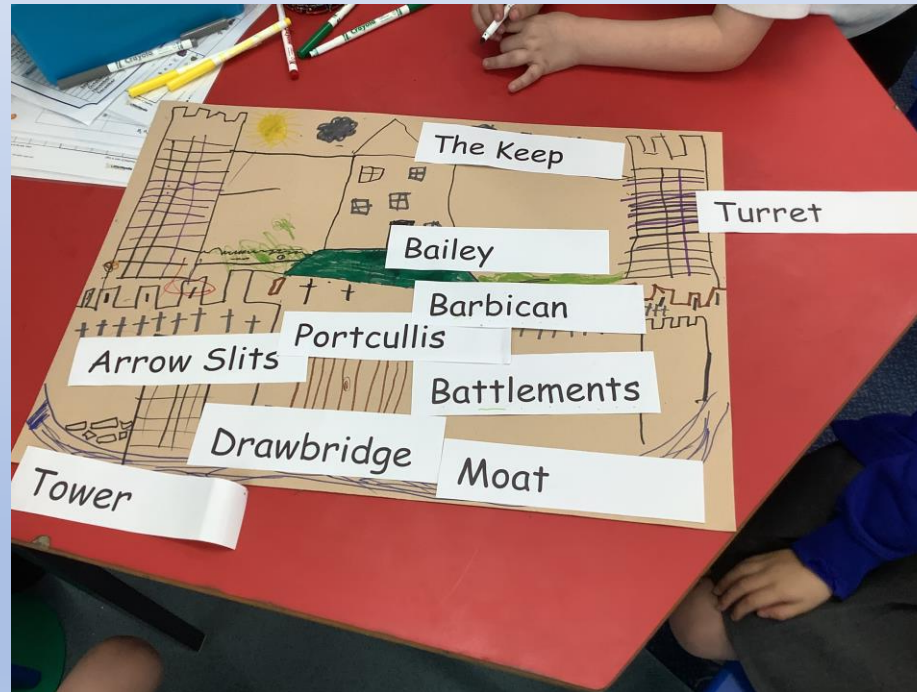
Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

The children have continued to enjoy our work on castles this week. We recapped what we already knew about the different parts of a castle and then worked in small groups to draw and label our own castles so that we could check everyone's knowledge and understanding. The children are working so hard on using the correct vocabulary! Well done Beech class!

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

This week, Holly class have been enthusiastic scientists, carrying out an experiment to identify if the type of chocolate used affects how long the chocolate takes to melt. Using dairy free, dark, milk and white chocolate, each group carefully timed the time it took for the chocolate to melt in the water. We discussed how to make sure it is a fair test and used wonderful scientific vocabulary to describe the process.

In English, the children have completed their guided write this week, ready for an independent write next week. They have used so many different writing features with great accuracy this unit, so they are more than ready to use that and their creativity to write a fantastic story!

Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

We have had a very productive week in Oak Class this week. The children have been writing fantastic newspaper reports based on the myth Pandora's Box. We were especially impressed with the class's focus and resilience when doing something they found tricky. In RE we were talking about spirituality and what it means to them. We were then creating pictures based on our understanding of the word for our class display. We have also learnt about life in Sparta and pretty much everyone agreed they would rather be living in modern times than Ancient Sparta! In our Science lessons, we've been enjoying lots of opportunities to explore making and adapting circuits.

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker



Extra Curricular Clubs



This week Jigsaws have enjoyed a variety of activities,

- baking,
- rolling cars and barrels,
- making dens and shops,
- making galaxy jars,
- jigsaws,
- paper aeroplanes and many more of their own ideas and games.



Recommended Bedtime Reads

Mrs Fowler recommends

'Charlotte's Web'

By E.B. White (1952)

"Mine and my daughter's all-time favourite book is Charlotte's Web. A lovely story starting with responsibility, friendship and standing up for what you believe in as it can make a difference. The story goes on to teach about tolerance, coping with fear, loss, mortality & loneliness. A nice read for slightly older children, I would say 6 years upwards."

Mrs Fowler

What a great recommendation! It would be lovely to have a chapter each night and I'm sure Mrs Fowler would love to hear from you if you've enjoyed it!

Mrs Dobson



Upcoming Events

Reception and Year 1 Parents – please join us!

Apple Class - Stay and Play

We would like to give you the opportunity to join us for a “Stay and Play” session from 9am on one of the following dates:

Monday 13 October, Tuesday 14 October, Wednesday 15 October OR Friday 17 October

Please contact Mrs Bacon to book your slot: admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Year 1 - Phonics Drop In Sessions

Please book a slot with Mrs Bacon to come into school to see a Year 1 Phonics session in action from 9am on one of the following dates:

Thursday 2 October, Thursday 23 October OR Tuesday 4 November

Email: admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Upcoming Events – Harvest Service



REMINDER: You are warmly welcomed to join us for the first whole school gathering at church this year, for our Harvest Service event.

This will be held on **Wednesday 8 October** at 1:30pm at St Cuthbert's Church. The service will include readings, poems and prayers from children of all ages as well as a range of songs both old and new!

Parents, carers and friends of the school are welcome to meet us at the church.

Please note that, due to safeguarding, the normal end of the day procedures will still apply and, as usual, it will not be possible for your child/ren to leave with you at the end of the service. Thank you for your understanding.

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>



Unchanged
from last week

Upcoming Events – Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 October** for children in Beech, Holly and Oak Class. Apple Class parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 21 October** only. A link will be sent by email week commencing 6 October to book your appointment/s.

CHASA will be running a pop-up pre-loved uniform sale in the Hall during the parent consultations.

If your child/ren attend Jigsaws, alternative arrangements have been made at the Sports Hall for both evenings. If you need further information, please speak to Mrs Charters or email jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

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Upcoming Events – Open Morning



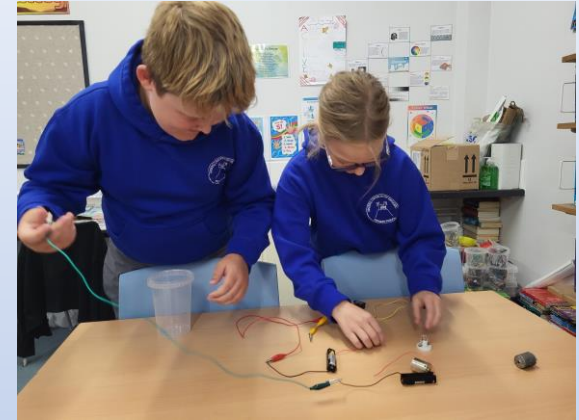
Is your child due to start school in September 2026?
If so, why not join us at our

Open Morning

Wednesday 5 November 2025

9.15am – 11.30am by appointment only

To make an appointment please contact Mrs Bacon in the school office
Tel: 01347 821767 Email: admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk
www.craykeschool.org



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Sofia	Ben	Tabi	Frankie
		Charlie	Arabella	Grant
Gold Awards for Sport	George	Sylvia	Louise	Wilfred
Headteacher Awards	Ava		Letty George Riley Joshua	

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	313
Martin Luther King Jr	333
Mahatma Gandhi	139
Queen Elizabeth II	167

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

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

Well done Martin Luther King Jr team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

PE Kits w/c 29 September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple				X FUN RUN	Bring PE Kit and Forest School kit
Beech				X FUN RUN	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 15 September 2025): **95.5%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	98.5%	No lates
Beech	96%	No lates
Holly	96.1%	No lates
Oak	93.1%	No lates

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

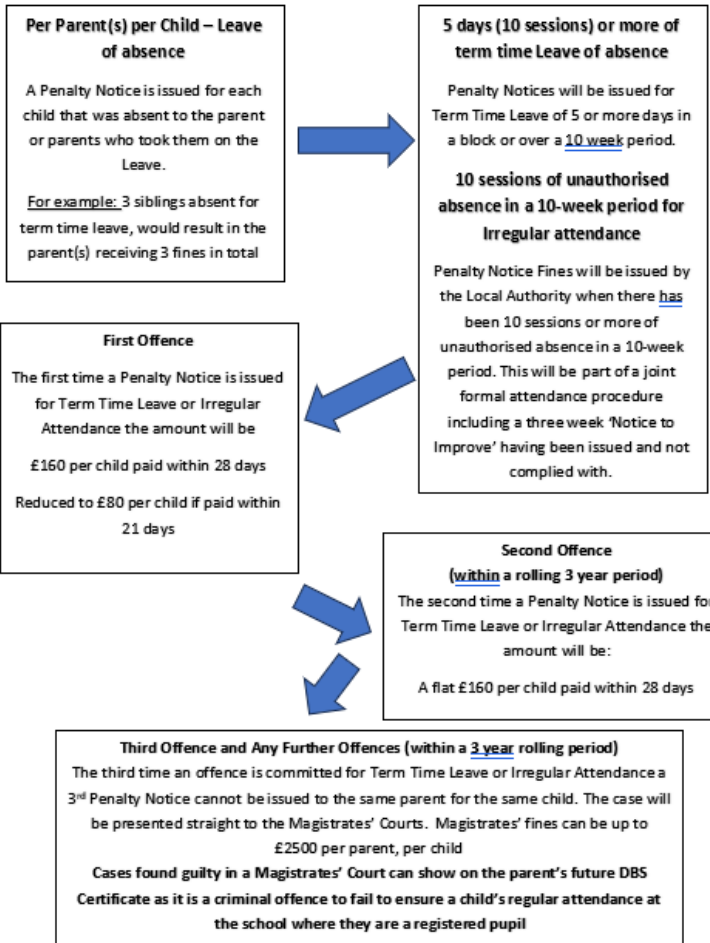


Attendance and Punctuality

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





Pre-loved Uniform Pop Up Shop

TODAY Friday 26th September at 3.30pm next to the tuck shop table

If you can't make it, please send requests to Katie Hunsdale:
khunsdale@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk



Tickets on sale now!

Thursday 16th October at Crayke Sports Hall

EYFS/KS1 (Apple & Beech classes) 5-5.45pm

KS2 (Holly & Oak classes) 6-7pm

Follow this link for tickets, good will tickets
and pay it forward tickets also available:

<https://crayke-home-and-school-association.sumupstore.com/>





We're collecting **empty printer cartridges and toners** – not only does it help the planet, but each one we recycle raises money for our school! 🍦

Got any “empties” at home or in the office? Pop them in the big box by the school front door. (See the poster opposite to check which brands we can take.)

Together we can make a difference – thank you for helping us **recycle and raise!** 🙌



EMPTYES

RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES



The ink cartridges we accept are

Canon HP Lexmark

The toners we accept are

**Brother Canon Dell Epson HP
Kyocera Lexmark Oki Samsung
Xerox Ricoh**

If parents or carers would like to take a bin to work on behalf of your school, we can supply a bin.