

# CRAYKE

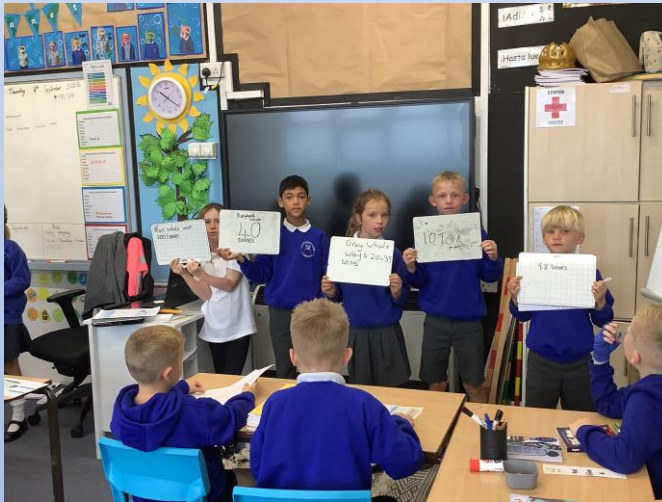
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"*

Issue: #1 Term: Autumn Date: 5 September 2025

# Crayke Chronicle



# Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and the new school year! Please take some time to have a read of our newsletter as well as the accompanying documents – diary dates, standing items and community news.

The children have all settled back in really well this week and, in particular, have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play on our brand new equipment on our resurfaced lower playground. We are tremendously grateful to the Di Walker Foundation which has funded this project in full. Children for many years to come will benefit from this amazing resource!

Have a lovely weekend,

**Judi Jackson**  
Headteacher

# News from School

## – Curriculum Information for Autumn Term 2025

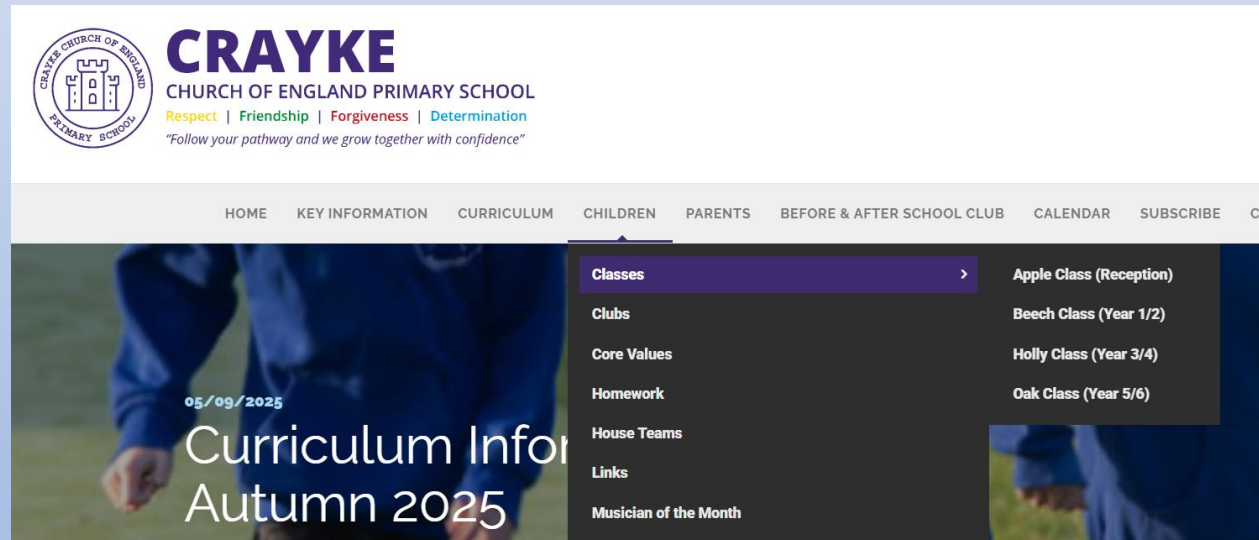
We look forward to an exciting term with each class focussing on the following themes and enquiry questions in their learning:

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?	Sea Life centre visit TBC
Oak	It's All Greek to Me	How have the Ancient Greeks influenced the world we live in?	Visit to British Museum in London

# News from School – Curriculum Information

Hopefully you received the webpost earlier today detailing curriculum information for this term. The link to the webpost can be found here: <https://craykeschool.org/2025/curriculum-information-autumn-2025/>

The trees are also available on the class pages of the website, which can be found on the “children” tab of the website, here:



If any parents/carers have any feedback on the trees, or would like a paper copy, please do get in touch.

# 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](mailto: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

# News from School

The rumours are true:

We look forward to welcoming two micro pigs to Crayke C of E Primary. I just need to make them a sty, then they will be joining us.

The children will be suggesting names. The suggestion box can be found in the hall.

Thank you Mrs Jackson, for lifting the 'pet ban'. As you heard from the cheers from the hall, the children were ecstatic when they heard the news.



Mrs Helfferich (Who is now back on 'a pet ban'. Well, until the alpacas appear. )





# Class News - APPLE

We have had a really successful three days in school, the children have settled in well. We are learning the school routines and rules. Our time is being spent forming strong relationships with the children and finding out about each other.



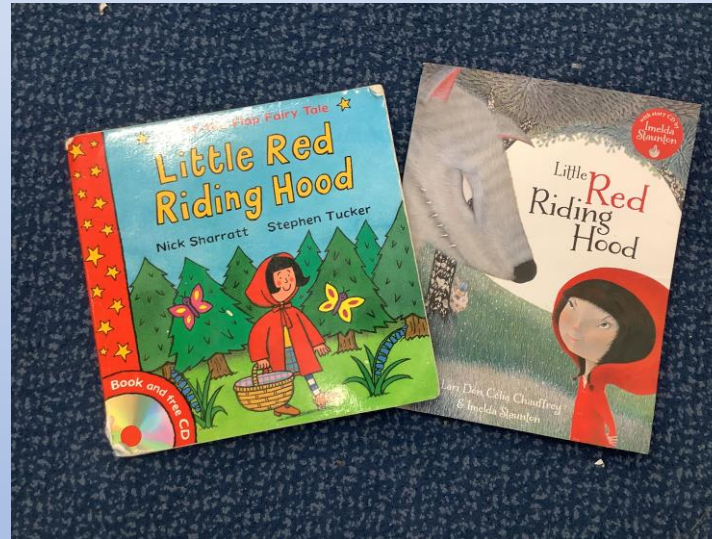
*Mrs Helfferich*



# Class News - BEECH

*It has been lovely to welcome everyone into Beech class this week. On Wednesday we had lots of new Beech class routines to learn and had fun chatting and playing with old and new friends. We explored our new classroom and we worked together to create our class rules board and agreed to follow them together. In English we have started looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood and enjoyed listening to two different versions of the story. We thought about the key features that make a narrative.*

*Mrs Dobson*





# Class News – HOLLY

It has been a wonderful start to the year in Holly class. The children have all come back with such enthusiasm and desire to learn. We have spent time exploring our new topic 'Our Blue Planet' and considering what this means. Children have created posters and performances to show ways we can protect our planet. Children have also been researching whales in English ready to start our writing topic based on the book "The Whale" by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

This year Holly class will have times table tests Mondays and spelling tests on Fridays.

*Miss Williams*



# Class News – OAK

We were thrilled to welcome everyone back after the Summer and are so impressed with how all the children have settled in. This week we have been focusing on our topic "It's All Greek To Me" and learning about ancient Greek myths. The children especially enjoyed acting some out, especially the fight scenes! Well done Oak Class for a great start to the year.

*Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker*



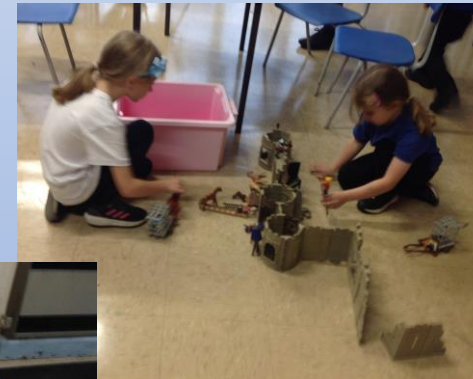


# Extra Curricular Clubs



Welcome back to Jigsaws Before and After School Club!

- The rain has only allowed a little play outside but the children managed a go on the new equipment
- We provided a wide variety of activities from making clocks from gears, painting keyrings, table tennis, small world activities and a fishing game.
- 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](mailto: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.



# Upcoming Events – Open Afternoon

Parents of children in all classes are welcome to join us for an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 16 September** at 1:15pm.

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.

We hope to see you there!





# Upcoming Events – Oak Class Visit to London

We are delighted to confirm that we are able to proceed with the planned visit on **Thursday 9 October** for children in Oak Class. Further information will follow in due course.





# PE Kits w/c 8 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.**



# CHASA AGM

CHASA AGM - **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bstubbins@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk)



# Church News

## Message from the Family Service Team

- A reminder that our Family Services are starting again this Sunday 7th September at 10:30am, with refreshments from 10:15 as usual.
- Lucy Willshaw will be leading our service this week, which will be great and we do hope you can join us.