

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

It's been an absolute pleasure collating information from staff, pupils, parents, governors and the community in preparation for our SIAMS inspection yesterday. I was particularly struck by how well children of all ages know our school vision and what it means to them, personally. Children are proud to attend our school and relish the opportunities that they are given.

A big thanks to everyone who has helped in any way but a special mention must go to Mrs Seligman our phenomenal RE Subject Leader who is an absolute diamond!

It's impossible to believe that next week is the final week of this half term. Remember, we're closed on Friday 24 October for INSET day, so there will be no newsletter next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

Interim Reports

Attitudes to Learning	
Learning behaviour	Pupil is achieving these...
Hardworking	
Listens carefully	
Follows instructions	
Works well in a group	
Well organised	
Presents work well	
Behaves well	
Completes work	
Attitudes to Learning Key:	
Consistently:	Learning behaviours are exemplary.
Regularly:	Attitudes to learning are positive the majority of the time.
Sometimes:	Attitudes are usually good, but not always consistently applied.
Rarely:	Attitudes to learning need significant support.

Effort - Core Subjects	
Subject	Effort
Reading	
Writing	
Maths	
Science	
Effort Key:	
Excellent:	Effort is above and beyond and consistently exceeds expectations
Very Good:	Effort exceeds expectations in lessons
Good:	Consistently good effort in all areas
Satisfactory:	Effort is usually good, but not always consistently applied
Needs Improvement:	Effort is sometimes good, but needs to improve to succeed

Today you will receive an email with your child's first progress report of the academic year. This will provide details about how they have settled into the term and will profile their effort and learning behaviours. It will also aim to help scaffold discussions in next week's parent consultation meetings.

We will text you when the reports have been emailed.

Should you not receive the email with the link for your child's report, please contact us.

Power Down Pete

It was super to welcome Power Down Pete back into school this week, starting with a whole school session and then leading workshops for classes. Thanks to Miss Williams for organising this brilliant and thought-provoking opportunity!



School Lunches – Jacket Potato

Today, we are trialling the option of children having a jacket potato with cheese, beans or cheese and beans, instead of the fish and chip main meal. Depending on the success of this, we will be looking to extend this to other days of the week, as an alternative to the main meal choice. We are committed to providing a healthy, nutritious lunch for your child/ren and hope that by having this as an alternative, enjoyment of school lunches is maintained.



Reception 2026 – Application Window Open!

This comes round quicker every year, I'm sure! The website link for next September is now live and you can fill in your online application for your Reception new starter for September 2026 here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>



Parking Reminder

A polite reminder... Please do remember that the area around the school site should not be used for parking when dropping off or collecting your children.

We continue to ask that you use the Sports Hall car park and walk to the school. There continues to be occasions when the area around school has been very congested and this can pose a considerable risk both to our families and to members of the local community.

Therefore, in the interests of the safety of all of our children and families, we would appreciate your support in this matter.

Class News- APPLE

This week we welcomed parents into our phonics sessions. Power Down Pete joined us on Wednesday to encourage recycling and to remind us of the importance of picking up rubbish.

The children have really enjoyed listening to bible stories, so much so, they made an ark, gathered the animals two by two and made food, so that they didn't go hungry.

The boys were really helpful and cleared up the leaves, this then led to them needing to close off the road using the cones. Unfortunately, they were too slow in closing the road so there was a 'crash' involving two cars, which they then had to sort.

We learnt about Global Handwashing Day, we used glitter to show how germs spread then tried to wash it off our hands.

It was also World Food Day, which aims to make people think about those who go hungry everyday. Helping the children to appreciate the food we have and how we can help to reduce food waste.

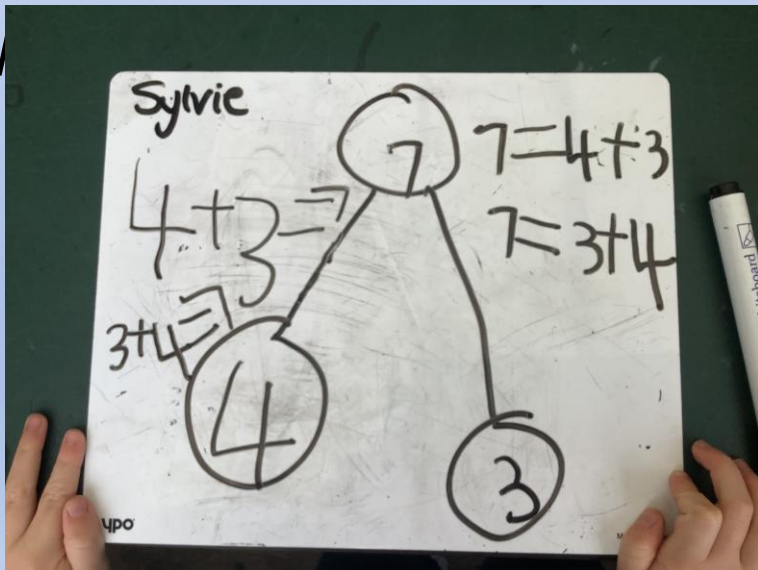


Mrs Helfferich

Class News - BEECH

We have carried on investigating in science this week and looked at using the word 'waterproof'. On Tuesday we thought about which material would make the best umbrella and tested a range of materials. We thought plastic and metal were the most waterproof.

We also really enjoyed our visit from 'Power Down Pete' and learning about how we can improve our recycling at home! We enjoyed listening to the story 'Michael Recycle' and learning a recycling song. In maths the year 1 children have really impressed me with their part-whole model work. I've attached a picture of example piece of work and if anybody wants to practise these at home, team points will be given. Year 2 children have been working on number bonds to 10, 20 & 100 if they would like to practise at home for team points too! 😊



Class News – HOLLY

Holly Class had a wonderful session with Power Down Pete thinking about how we can make a change for the better to support the planet which links nicely into our topic of Our Blue Planet and lots of our learning next half term.

In RE, children spent time reflecting on what they are thankful for, and writing these on flowers which we floated on water and watched bloom. The children then considered how this experience was similar and different to prayer.

Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

We have had a very busy week in Oak this week! We have been working on creating our own myths in English, focusing on dialogue rules and planning out the story. In Maths, we've been expanding our multiplication knowledge with finding factors and exploring divisibility.

Our Ancient Greek inspired mixed media mosaics are nearly finished! We created a landscape based on key events in popular myths choosing either a conflict or victorious scene. We chose the colours accordingly to convey the mood. Gold paint was added for details. We will finish the week by adding our mosaic tiles to the ground.

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker



Extra Curricular Clubs



JIGSAWS

AT CRAYKE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



This week the children have really enjoyed following their interest in painting, jigsaws, making paper fortune tellers and paper aeroplanes. and throwing bean bags. We have also made boomerangs and lollipop aeroplanes, played cricket and animal detectives.



Here is a snap shot of their photos!



Recommended Bedtime Reads

Mrs Peacock recommends

'Charlie cooks Favourite Book & The Gruffalo'

"Max and I like Charlie Cook as we like to complete the rhymes at the ends of the sentences. Max especially likes the headless ghost that haunts the castle. We like to spot the characters from the story in the last page and match them to their own book.

We are all big fans of Julia Donaldson in our house. Freddie and I really like The Gruffalo because it's funny and a bit scary. The mouse was very clever and tricked all the animals, even the Gruffalo! My favourite part was when the Gruffalo got scared of the mouse. Freddie really likes joining in with describing the Gruffalo, especially the purple prickles all over his back! I would recommend this book because it makes you laugh and shows that being small doesn't mean you can't be smart.

Mrs Peacock

I know lots of us are fans of Julia Donaldson and her rhyming stories! Both are great choices and I'm sure Mrs Peacock would love to hear if you have enjoyed it too!

Mrs Dobson



Peanut and Waffle

- It was suggested by a child that we celebrate our birthdays with the pigs. Children who's birthday it is that month will receive an invitation to join the pigs on a Wednesday mid month.
- We will continue our Friday visits for those children who have received a certificate the previous week.
- Please can children bring boots in a carrier bag. Thank you.



PAT Dog Ginny



PETS AS
THERAPY



Oak Class pupils
have really
enjoyed time with
Ginny this half
term. Mrs Gears



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much for all of the lovely shoeboxes that have been donated so far, they will make a big difference to a child this Christmas.

If you would like to make a shoebox but haven't done so yet, the deadline is the first Wednesday after half term, **Wednesday 5 November**.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Miss Williams



Upcoming Events – Poppy Appeal 2025



Poppies for the annual Poppy Appeal will be available in school from 20 October for a small donation. As with previous years, alongside the poppies, the Royal British Legion have provided school with various items such as wristbands, snap bands and clip on bag reflectors that can also be purchased for a donation.

Children from Year 6 will supervise the sale of the items above, during morning breaks, from Monday 20 October to Thursday 23 October and again from Monday 3 November to Friday 7 November (the week after half-term).

Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding Notice - North Yorkshire Council

Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



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 \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](http://nyscp.safeguardingchildren.co.uk).

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

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

Year of the Festivals

– We'd love to hear from you!

As you know, this year in school we are having a special focus on the Year of the Festivals. During the year, we will be learning about celebrations around the world.

We warmly invite all our families to join in this by sharing photos and a short description of any festivals or celebrations your family enjoys. Whether it's a traditional holiday, a cultural event, or a special family occasion, your stories will help us all appreciate the diversity and joy of different customs.

Please send your photos and descriptions via email to headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

We look forward to showcasing your celebrations in our upcoming newsletters!

Unchanged
from last week

Upcoming Events

Year 1 Parents – please join us!

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

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Hugo	Alina	Martha	Rosie
		Jaxon	Isla	Wynter
Gold Awards for Sport	Harvey	Lyuba	Letty	Riley-Mae
Headteacher Awards	Charlie		Zephaniah	

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	344
Martin Luther King Jr	211
Mahatma Gandhi	383
Queen Elizabeth II	260



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 20 October 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET
Beech				X	
Holly	X				
Oak		X (SWIM)			

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.

PE Kits w/c 3 November 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech				X	X
Holly	X				X
Oak		X (SWIM)			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.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 29 September 2025): **94.5%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	95.3%	No lates
Beech	95.3%	No lates
Holly	98.7%	No lates
Oak	89.4%	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

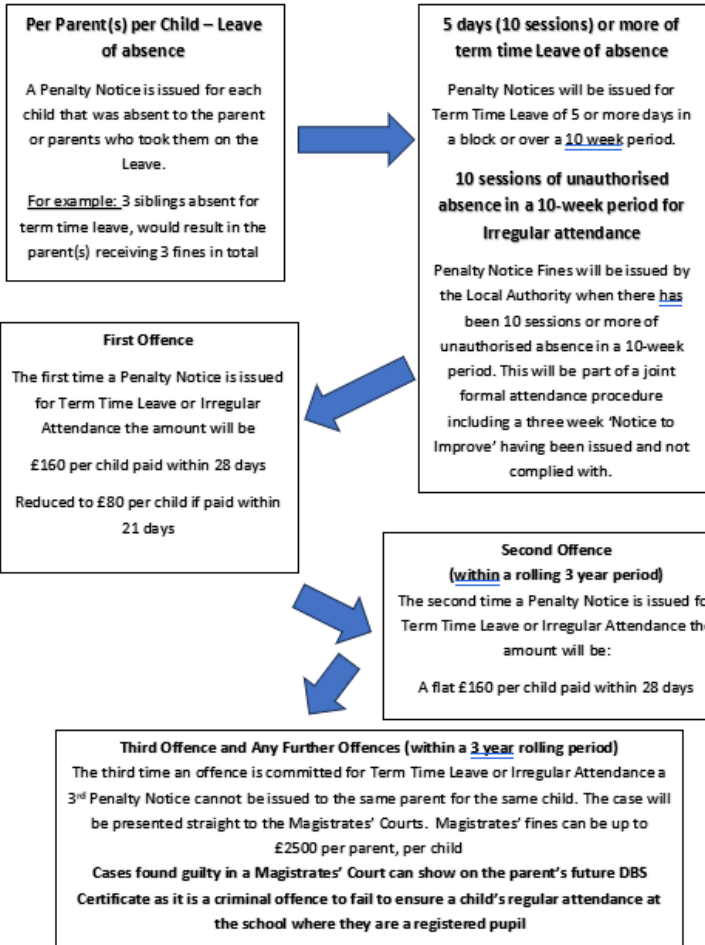


Attendance and Punctuality

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



Church News – Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert's Church



Sunday October 19th at 5pm is our
Harvest Festival celebration in church.

Do come and join in the thanksgiving,
singing and praises as we thank God for
all he gives to us!

There will be refreshments afterwards
with lots of delicious cake to share as
we catch up and meet new friends.

Any donations will be for Easingwold Foodbank.

Do come, you are most welcome!



Unchanged
from last week

Church Schools – Family Service

Family Service @ St Cuthbert's Church



Do come and join us for our

Family Service on Sunday Nov 2nd at 10.30am.

There will be refreshments from 10.15 if you can arrive a little earlier for a chat.

If you haven't been before, do give it a try - it's a short (30mins) informal service.

If you are a regular, do invite a friend to come.

All ages are very welcome to join us and we would love to welcome you!

Date for your Diary: At the **December 7th Family Service** we will be starting Mary & Joseph off on their travels around the village for Advent and they will return to church on **Christmas Eve for the Nativity at 6pm** - do come and find out more of what that is all about!

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