

CRAYKE

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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

It's hard to believe that when we return to school after the weekend it'll be December! We know how exciting this time of year can be for children and families, and how busy lives can get. We will be focussing on trying to keep school routines as normal as possible to help ensure that we can all enjoy the festive season!

There's some important information on the following slides including how to book your tickets for the Reception and KS1 nativity performances.

We hope to see lots of you at Junior Parkrun on Sunday morning – 8:50am start at Millfield!

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

News from School – Nativity Performances

Ticket Arrangements for the Reception and KS1 Nativity

Apple and Beech classes will be performing 'Everyone Loves a Baby!' on Wednesday 10 December at 9.30am and again at 2.15pm.

Each family in Apple and Beech will be allocated 2 tickets for either the morning or afternoon performance or these can be split into 1 ticket for the morning and 1 ticket for the afternoon.

We expect that there will be some additional tickets available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis up to a maximum of 2 additional tickets. We will not be able to confirm this until Monday 8 December.

Please complete the following online form by **Friday 5 December** to confirm your ticket requirements.

[Everyone Loves a Baby! Performed by Apple and Beech Class – Fill in form](#)

Please note that photography and filming during this event is prohibited.



News from School – Parkrun Takeover

Yesterday, Hilary Dutton from Millfield Parkrun came into school to talk to the children about the Millfield Junior Parkrun.

Members of the Crayke Team including staff, governors and CHASA, will be at Millfield Park on **Sunday morning**, ready to greet and support all of the runners. Please come and join us at 8.50am. Toby Seligman (ex-pupil) will be leading the warm up.



News from School – School Meals

This week, a focus group met with Elaine Clemit our Catering Manager to discuss school meals and the lunchtime experience at Crayke.

Wilfred F, Pippa, Mabel D, Arianna, Elliott and Leo were the chosen representatives. I was delighted to receive this amazing message from Elaine after her meeting with them:

“I wanted to let you know that today’s focus group meeting went exceptionally well. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school. They were eager to share their opinions, spoke openly and put forward some excellent points. I found them impeccably polite and, dare I say, highly amusing—it was a pleasure to meet with them.”

Well done to these pupils for representing our school so well. Their next task is to agree and decide upon a “Menu Takeover!” – I can’t wait to see what they come up with. Their views will also help shape future menus and we are looking into the possibility of a panini option... watch this space!

Safeguarding Update – Online Safety

We want to remind our school community about the importance of being mindful of what is shared on social media. What we post can have lasting effects on our children's privacy and wellbeing.

To support this, we recommend watching two short YouTube videos that explain this quickly, visually and clearly:

Pause Before You Post – a helpful guide on thinking before sharing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QL1FmBaof8>

Message from Ella: Without Consent – a powerful story highlighting the impact of online sharing -

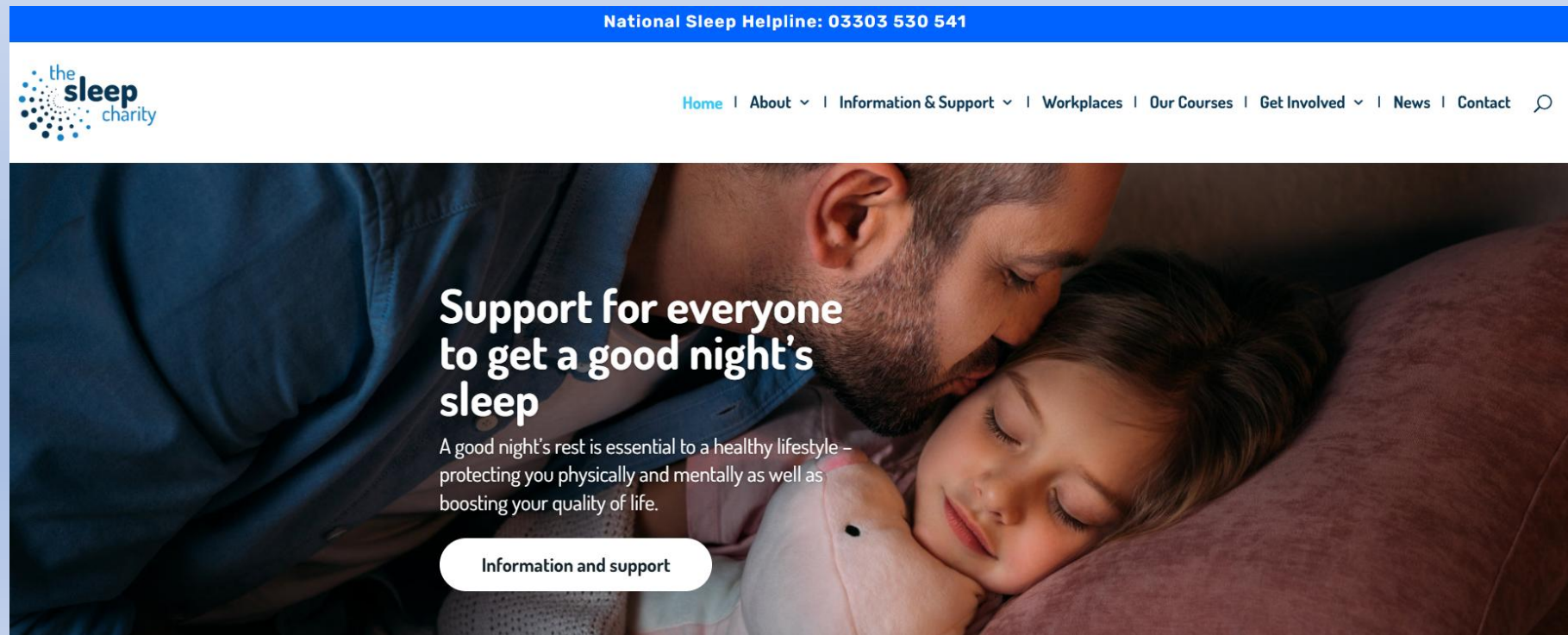
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNd9K_hKZ54

Please take a moment to watch these to help keep everyone safe online.

Thank you for supporting our commitment to online safety.

News from School – Support for Families

This week's focus is on sleep. We cannot underestimate the importance of a good, consistent bedtime routine with screen-free time before sleep. For information, advice and support if you're struggling with your child's sleep, please have a look at: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>



News from School – Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support you raised £99.70
District total raised £7833.15



Class News- APPLE

Our Monday began seeing a beautiful double rainbow during our morning running session. We then saw a single rainbow during our afternoon run.

It's not December quite yet, but we needed to make sure that our tree decorations were ready for Monday. We have had a busy week making wreaths.

In maths, we have been learning about circles, we decided that we would use this opportunity to make snowflakes, the glitter season has officially begun.

The boys were creative and very good at balancing when they built their vehicle.

We are all very excited that December will soon be here.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week, Beech class have started to get a little Christmassy (Eeeekkk!!) and created their decorations for the Christmas tree next week. They tried really hard to make a fantastic Rudolph which will make it's way home to you before Christmas too. The nativity rehearsals are well on their way and it is great to see who has really been practising at home. If grown ups at home could work on making sure their children can say their lines loudly and clearly and also knowing which line comes before theirs, that would be an amazing help! Thank you in advance!

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

I have been incredibly impressed by the hard work and determination shown this week by the children for assessment week, they have tried their best and positively seen it as a time to show off everything they know. The children have creatively designed and made their decorations for the Christmas tree using scrap material. We linked it to our topic 'Our Blue Planet' and learned that a rubbish truck worth of fabric is thrown away every second!



Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

Greek Feast

We became chefs this week by creating our own 3 course Greek inspired meal. We worked together to plan, prepare, eat and evaluate our starter, main and dessert. It amazed everyone that some little chickpeas can turn into delicious hummus.

We then used our English skills to write up the menu with high level vocabulary and figurative language, as well as utilising our maths skills by estimating prices of ingredients to decide if Morrisons provides good value or not!

Mrs Seligman and Miss Walker



Extra Curricular Clubs



The children have had fun with dancing and obstacle courses. They have enjoyed making pom-pom launchers, bead stars and watching corn starch snowmen melt. We hid pictures of woodland animals inside and outside and once found we tried to match their footprints. We also have had a go at shadow puppets. Football and ping pong continue to be popular too.

Here are just a snap shot of their games.



Recommended Bedtime Reads

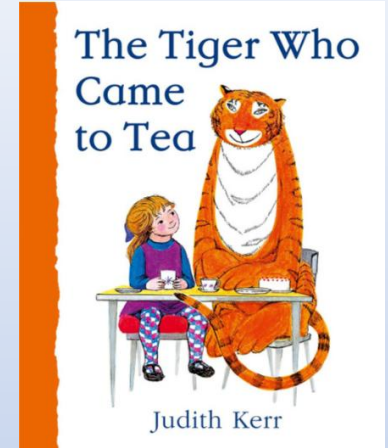
Mrs Jackson recommends 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' By Judith Kerr

This was my favourite book when I was little and then it became one of my favourite books to read to my children when they were younger.

I loved the fact that the author has the same first name as me and I thought it must have been so exciting for Sophie to go and eat sausages and chips and ice cream at a café, in the dark, in her nightie and her wellies!

Mrs Jackson

This is definitely a firm favourite in our house too! Super choice Mrs Jackson and I'm sure she'd love to hear if you enjoy it too! Mrs Dobson 😊





Upcoming Events – Christmas@Crayke 2025

Date	Time	Event	What we need from you as parents
Wednesday 3 December	Afternoon	Pantomime at the Sports Hall	Ensure your child has a warm coat and water bottle. CHASA have kindly funded the full costs of this experience.
Monday 8 December		Christmas cards can be brought in from today	Please ensure that Christmas cards are clearly labelled with first name, surname and class to ensure safe delivery to the correct recipient.
Tuesday 9 December	9:30am	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	All children involved need their costumes ready before today.
Wednesday 10 December	9:30am	Nativity Performance 1	Book your tickets! Information to follow.
	2:15pm	Nativity Performance 2	
Tuesday 16 December	From 12pm	Christmas Lunch	If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Bacon on admin@ In the event of dietary requirements, a form will require completion prior to the event.
Tuesday 16 December	pm	Christmas Party afternoon	Come to school wearing party outfits.
Wednesday 17 December	1:30pm	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church	Parents and carers are welcome to join us at church for the service.
Friday 19 December		Christmas Jumper Day	Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers.
		Reindeer Rush afternoon	Please ensure appropriate footwear for running outside. Sponsorship information sent separately.
		End of term -2:30pm	



PE EVENTS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



- **Sunday 30th November** – Crayke Takeover at Millfield Parkrun – All welcome. 9am at Millfield Park
- **Friday 5th December** – Reindeer Rush Daily Mile at Running Club – All welcome.
- **Friday 19th December** – Reindeer Rush/Elf Run for St Leonards Hospice



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Harriet	Mabel	Louie	Grace
		Sylvia	Constance	Elijah
Gold Awards for Sport	Hugo	Jack	Honor	Elliott
Headteacher Awards	Wilfred F and Pippa			
School Council Kindness Award	Wilfred L			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	453
Martin Luther King Jr	214
Mahatma Gandhi	249
Queen Elizabeth II	241

Well done **Corrie ten Boom** team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

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

PE Kits w/c 1 December 2025

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

On all other days, full uniform should be worn.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 17 November 2025): **94.3%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	95.4%	3 lates (1 child)
Beech	96.3%	0 lates
Holly	96.7%	0 lates
Oak	89.4%	2 lates (1 child)

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

