



CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect | Friendship | Forgiveness | Determination

"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"

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THANK YOU for
all your generous
donations for
the Food Bank –
wow!



Message from the Headteacher

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Crayke CE Primary School, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone in our school community.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your unwavering support, care and encouragement throughout the year. Your thoughtful gifts, kind cards, and heartfelt messages have truly touched us and remind us of the strong partnership we share in nurturing your children's growth.

We are immensely grateful to our dedicated governors who generously give their time and expertise to support and challenge the school. Your commitment plays a vital role in helping us maintain high standards and continue to improve.

A special thank you must go to the fabulous staff team. Every day, they go above and beyond in their care and nurture of our children, embodying our Christian values and creating a warm, inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful children. You inspire us daily with the way you live out our school vision, showing respect, friendship, forgiveness, and determination. You truly are the heart of Crayke School.

Together, we have followed our pathway and grown with confidence. We look forward to continuing this journey with you all in 2026 and beyond!

Have a lovely holiday and Merry Christmas!

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

Safeguarding Procedures - Report your concerns

Should you have any concerns over the Christmas 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).

News from school this week – Hannukah

The whole school have been learning about Hannukah this week as part of our ongoing focus on the Year of Festivals. Beech Class enjoyed watching a short video about Hanukkah and reading '10 things I love about Hanukkah'. We enjoyed learning about how a Jewish family celebrates Hanukkah and why it is special to them. We have recapped various facts over the week and I have been really impressed with how much the children can remember!



News from School – Reindeer Rush

We're really looking forward to celebrating the end of the term in style with our annual fundraiser for St Leonard's Hospice.

There is still time to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/craykereindeerrush> and we would be incredibly grateful – thank you! Let's see if we can raise a record-breaking amount this year!



Arrangements for the Start of the Spring Term

Reminder: School Reopens Tuesday 6 January 2026

Jigsaws Before and After School Club will be open from 7:30am on Tuesday 6 January. The gates for all other pupils will open at 8:50am on Tuesday 6 January and collection time for all will be 3:30pm. Jigsaws will be open until 6:00pm for any children booked into after school club. *Spare a thought for school staff who are undertaking First Aid training on Monday 5 January!*

Reminder: Clubs – Spring Term

Extra-curricular clubs will not be starting during the first week back, other than Jigsaws. Running Club resumes on Monday 12 January at 8:30am.

Reminder: Breakfast serving times

Breakfast is served until 8:15am at which time everything must be cleared away to enable us to prepare for the day ahead. Please ensure your child is on site before this time if they would like to have breakfast. Thank you!

Reminder: Please do not park in the lay-by!

Unless this has been agreed in advance with the Headteacher, please refrain from using the lay-by outside school for dropping off or collecting your child as this causes huge congestion. Thank you.

Staffing - Spring Term

Should you wish to contact a member of staff, please do so via Mrs Bacon on 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

Upcoming Events – Curriculum Spring

These are the areas of focus for learning for each class next term:

Class	Theme	Enquiry Question	Enrichment <i>(Stunning Start/Marvellous Middle/Fabulous Finish)</i>
Apple	Once Upon a Time	What important lessons can we learn from Fairy Tales?	Dress up as a fairy tale character
Beech	Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside	What is it like beside the seaside?	Virtual tour of the Grace Darling museum
Holly	Tales from Dragon Mountain	Why do people live on volcanoes and mountains?	Volcano workshop – in school
Oak	Into the Darkness...	What was it like to live in the Dark Ages?	Jorvik visit

Awards in School This Week

	Friendship	Forgiveness	Respect	Determination
Apple	Harvey	Harriet	Martha	George
Beech	Joe	Ava	Wilfred	George
Holly	Tomas	Fenton	Louise	Constance
Oak	Eva	Arthur	India	Lucas
Headteacher	Rosie S	Aidan	Honor	Mabel A

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	257
Martin Luther King Jr	111
Mahatma Gandhi	135
Queen Elizabeth II	132

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

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

Well done **Corrie ten Boom** team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

PE Kits w/c 5 January 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY				X
Beech				X	X
Holly					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 1 December 2025): **94.7%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	97.7%	1 late
Beech	96.3%	0 lates
Holly	96.5%	0 lates
Oak	90.3%	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

