

# CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Crayke Chronicle



# Message from the Headteacher

What another busy week in school, as always!

Information has been shared with parents and carers in Oak Class about our upcoming PGL residential. Please can any remaining medical/dietary forms be completed via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/y42XtRSWBU> before Tuesday – thank you.

Please note changes to PE days as follows:

Beech – Tuesday (NOT Thursday) – next week only

Holly – Wednesday (NOT Monday) – for this term due to swimming (starts 28 Jan)

Oak – Thursday (NOT Tuesday) – next week only due to Cross Country

Have a lovely weekend,

**Judi Jackson**  
Headteacher

# Class News- APPLE

This week, we have been learning about the Lohri festival; we built a 'bonfire' and joined in singing one of the harvest songs. We discussed the similarities between Lohri and bonfire night as well as how we celebrate harvest.

In maths, we have been learning one more and one less. We looked at different ways of making five. The children were the witch from 'Room on the Broom'. They had to see how many of the ingredients they could get into the cauldron and how many missed. We then used our subitising skills to say how the 5 was made.



Mrs Helfferich



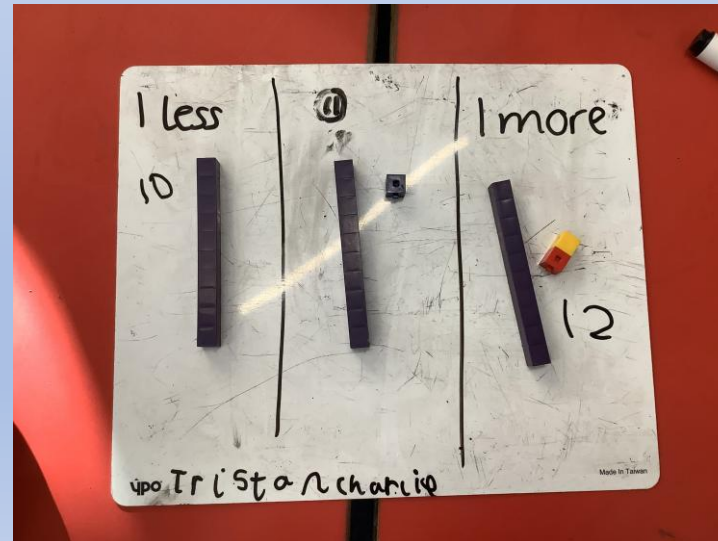
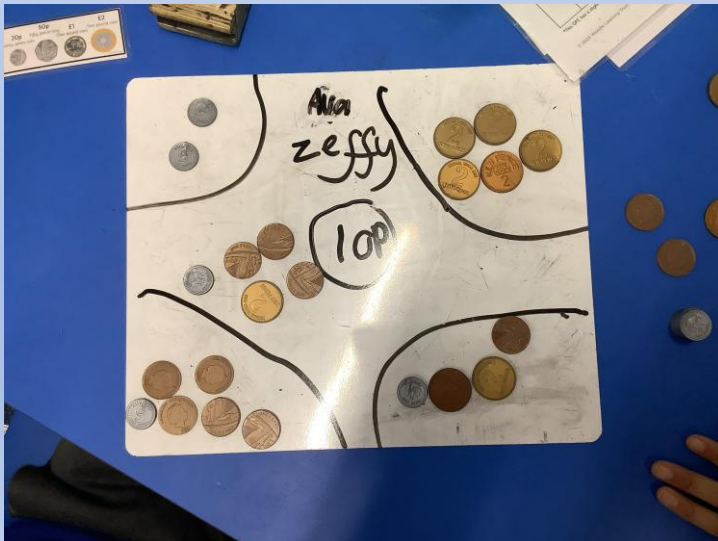


# Class News - BEECH

*This week we have been enjoying learning about Grace Darling and her great sea rescue. The children have been amazing with remembering different facts and recalling what a brave heroine Grace was! Please do ask them to tell you all about it!*

*In maths this week year 2 have been working on money and it has been quite tricky. It would be great to practise this at home, identifying notes and coins and adding up amounts. Team points will be given for anybody who shares what they have done. Year 1 children have been working on numbers to 20 – if you would like to practise writing these out at home ensuring the correct letter formation we would love to give team points for this too!*

Mrs Dobson

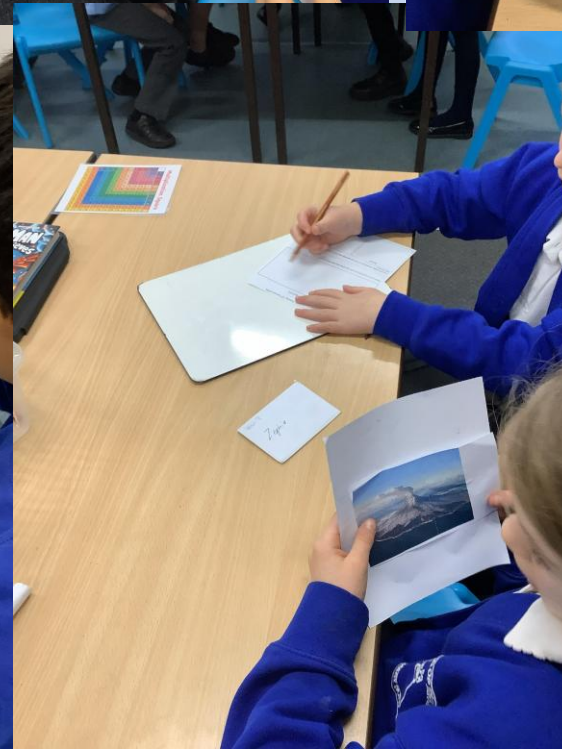
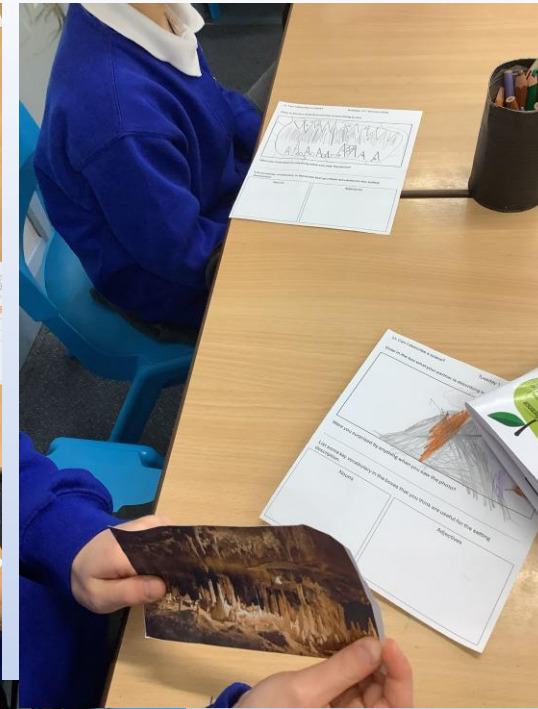
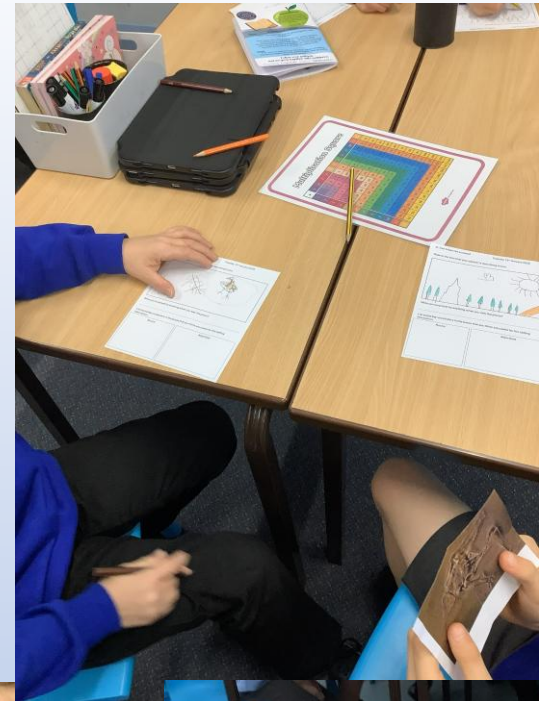




# Class News – HOLLY

In English this week we have been writing descriptions of underground caves. In preparation for this, children described a scene for their partner to draw to work on their descriptive language. They produced some wonderful drawings that match the photos!

*Miss Williams*





# Class News – OAK

This week we have had a very busy week in Oak Class. On Monday, we enjoyed a trip to York to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre. Whilst there, we experienced what life was like for people living in York over 1000 years ago. We also got to see the world's oldest fossilised poo that has been insured for over £250,000 and may even have been held by the King of England!

This was followed by a visit to the DIG where children got to learn about life as an archaeologist and the treasures that were found in the 1970s. We also attended a workshop where we learnt about the Viking raids on the Anglo-Saxons and the weapons that they used to fight. The children especially enjoyed dressing up as a Viking and holding the weapons.

Yesterday we had a visit from Imran Kotwal who told us all about life in Britain as a Muslim as part of our RE topic.



# Extra Curricular Clubs



Jigsaws have had lots of fun making sock snowmen and enjoying bird watching. The warmer days have enabled us to play football, hockey and running races. Friends Lego, kinetic sand, chess and other board games have also been popular. Here are just a snap shot of their games.







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## Online Safety Quick Read

<b><i>What is the purpose of the Online Safety Policy?</i></b>	To ensure the safety of pupils, staff, volunteers, and governors when using technology, by protecting them from risks such as harmful content, cyberbullying, and inappropriate contact online.
<b><i>What is the role of the governing board in online safety?</i></b>	Governors oversee the policy's implementation, ensure staff training, monitor filtering and monitoring systems, and support the DSL in safeguarding online safety.
<b><i>How does the school educate pupils about online safety?</i></b>	Online safety is taught through the curriculum, including relationships and health education, covering safe use of technology, recognising risks and how to report concerns.
<b><i>How are parents involved in online safety?</i></b>	Parents receive information through letters, the school website, and parents' evenings. They are asked to support the school's acceptable use agreements and report concerns.
<b><i>Are pupils allowed to bring mobile devices to school?</i></b>	No, pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smartwatches to school.
<b><i>What happens if a pupil misuses ICT or the internet?</i></b>	Incidents are dealt with according to the school's behaviour and acceptable use policies, with actions proportionate to the severity of the misuse.
<b><i>How are staff supported in online safety?</i></b>	Staff receive induction and refresher training regularly, plus updates as needed. They follow strict acceptable use agreements and are supported by the DSL.
<b><i>How does the school monitor and review online safety?</i></b>	The DSL logs incidents and reports to governors. The policy is reviewed annually, supported by risk assessments reflecting evolving online risks.





Work is taking place behind the scenes. We have held OPAL assemblies, explaining the next steps. Thank you CHASA for purchasing Hi-Viz vests for the station monitors. Over the next few weeks, the grass in front of the welly sheds will be having paving slabs installed. The children will then be asked to bring in their boots and the fun can begin! If anyone has any of the following at home, which they would like to donate, they would be very much appreciated.



Thank you  
Mrs Helfferich

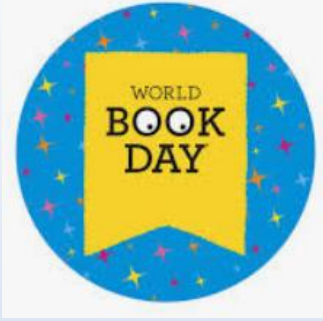
**New Club starting next week on Monday &  
Friday lunchtimes  
Open to - Y3, 4 & 5**





# World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

## \*ReadingFest\*



As part of our 'Year of Festivals' this year's World Book Day will be known at Crayke as 'ReadingFest'. We wanted to give advance notice that this year we will be asking children to come into school 'festival ready' on World Book Day. There are some ideas below but bright colours and funky ideas are encouraged! Have fun planning your outfits!

*Mrs Dobson*



# School Council- Crayke's Got Talent

This half term, we will welcome the return of Crayke's Got Talent. It's a chance to showcase the huge variety of wonderful talent at Crayke. Children can enter the show with any act. In the past we have had comedians, dancers, singers and musicians. This can be as a solo act or as part of a group.

There will be opportunity for all those who want to enter to audition within their classes and two acts from each class will be democratically selected via a blind vote. Those acts will then perform in the show during the last week of the half term.

We can't wait to see what you can do! If you have any questions about the show please contact School Council or Miss Walker.

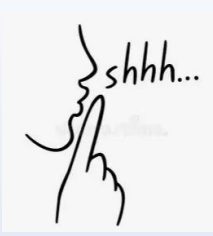
More details to follow soon!

Miss Walker



Unchanged from  
last week.





# World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March



## **\*Secret Storyteller\***

As part of our 'Year of Festivals' this year's World Book Day will be known as 'ReadingFest'. More details will follow to explain our theme and dress up ideas 😊

However, one of the ideas we can share with you now is 'Secret Storytellers' throughout the day. This could be a parent/carer or grandparent who would like to bring a book into school to read to their child and classmates for them to enjoy too! It could even just be a chapter if the book is longer. There will be various slots throughout the day to be decided on, depending on people's availability. If you would like to take part, please email me [ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk) to state your child's name, class, your availability on the day and the book you would like to read.

Depending on the response it is likely you will only be able to visit one class in school and adults will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.

**Remember it is a secret so please do not tell the children in advance as we want to create excitement!**

I look forward to hearing from you 😊

*Mrs Dobson*

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# Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Martha	Astrid	Jacob	Oliver
		Rudy	Martha	Elise
Gold Awards for Sport	Sofia	Jackson	Amber	Mabel
Headteacher Awards	Maisie		Gem	
School Council Kindness Award	No meeting this week			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly Class			



# Team Points



Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	367
Martin Luther King Jr	384
Mahatma Gandhi	313
Queen Elizabeth II	434

Want to know more  
about our House Teams?

See:

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

Well done Queen Elizabeth II team !



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

# PE Kits w/c 19 January 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech		X THIS WEEK ONLY			X
Holly			X		X
Oak				X CROSS COUNTRY	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 5 January 2026 – 4 days only): 96.2%

School Target: 96%

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	96.2%	No lates
Beech	100%	No lates
Holly	99.2%	1 late
Oak	89.8%	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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

