



CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"

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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

We're incredibly proud of the behaviour and conduct of the vast majority of our pupils. They show commendable attitudes to learning, live our school values every day and are preparing to be members of society who will make valuable contributions. We'd like to recognise these pupils more. Therefore, in the coming weeks, we will be launching a Good News Friday text to parents, celebrating those pupils who have done the right thing all week. We are also considering other ways to validate these children and we will keep you informed and updated.

A small minority of our pupils do require additional support in managing their behaviour and in making the right choices consistently. We are grateful to parents and carers for their ongoing support with this and for their commitment to working with school, so that ALL children can come to school to learn and achieve in the best possible environment.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

Class News- APPLE

This week, we have been using our imaginations, by designing amazing creations and taking part in imaginative play. This involved: listening to other children's ideas, working together, taking turns, having their own ideas and sharing the resources with the other groups of children. Some fantastic learning and play took place.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week we have been creating our own seaside pictures in the style of Janice McGloine. We carefully used a range of different pencils to create lines with different thicknesses. We ensured our houses were drawn freehand so that the lines were 'wonky'. Then we used watercolours to paint our masterpieces. Here are a few examples below.

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

We had a fantastic time at our Volcano workshop on Thursday! The children learned what causes volcanoes and earthquakes and what the Romans believed was happening when volcanoes erupted and earthquakes took place. They then performed an extended piece of drama about everything they had learned!

Miss Williams



Class News – OAK Cross Country

A huge well done to all of Oak Class for their fantastic participation in the Cross Country. It was a particularly wet and soggy afternoon but our children showed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship throughout.

Very well done to all those who received a medal! You made us all (especially Mrs Helfferich) extremely proud!

Well done to our medal winners:

Mabel – Silver
Jozef – Gold
Oliver – Bronze
Rosie – Gold
Lucas - Silver



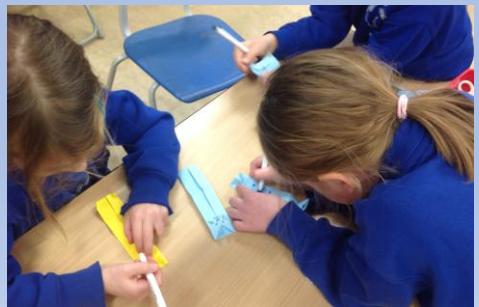
Extra Curricular Clubs



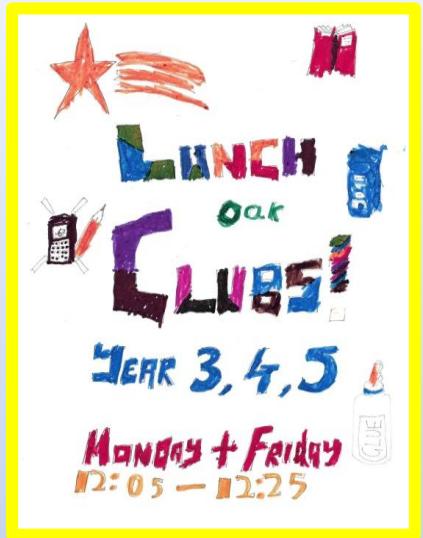
JIGSAWS
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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Jigsaws has had a busy and fun packed week!

The children have enjoyed practising their skills in making music especially having a go at drumming. They have made key rings and followed instructions to make jumping cats and frogs. When the weather didn't allow us outside, balloon volley ball was enjoyed by many. Drawing, making shadow puppets and small world games were popular too.



Lunch Club – fun this week!



PAT Dog Ginny



Holly Class pupils enjoyed Ginny's visit this week, I am not sure who is getting the most therapy Ginny or the children!

Upcoming Events - HINDU WORKSHOP

On **Friday 6 February**, Oak and Holly class are participating in a Hindu Workshop. Learning about the Hindu faith is an important part of the RE curriculum that the school delivers, in accordance with the North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus. The children will be learning about the basic concepts of Hinduism, and how such a world view informs lifestyle and morality for Hindu people. The children will also learn about the story of Krishna and the different deities that Hindu people worship. They will have the opportunity to learn some Hindu dances and partake in some yoga and mindfulness, and listen to some traditional Hindu chanting. This will be an enriching experience for all children, and complement the topics being covered in class.



Upcoming Events - Art-Bytes Year 5

This term, we are entering the Art-Bytes competition!



This is a national art competition which celebrates creativity and is open to Year 5 and Year 9 pupils up and down the country. In previous years, our students have done exceptionally well & it's a superb opportunity for Oak Class to engage with a different kind of competition.

Pupils' work will be submitted before the end of the half term and once the page goes live, we'll need your help to help support their work (more details to follow).

In the meantime, you can explore past winners' work on the webpage found here [Art Bytes | Celebrate creativity in schools.](#)

If you're inspired further, Marta Colman kindly made us aware of another amazing opportunity called the Young Artists' Summer Show. This looks fantastic and is open to all students aged 4-18!

[Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

It is so lovely to see how excited and engaged Oak class have been with their artwork this year & we're keeping our fingers crossed for success in the competition.

Miss Walker, Art Lead





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

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last week.



World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5th March

Secret Storyteller



UPDATE: We still have a couple of spaces available and would especially like some adults for Apple Class please!

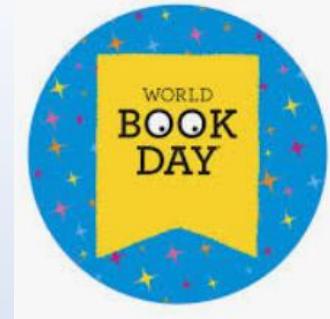
If you would like to take part, please email me ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk to state your child's name, class, your availability on the day and the book you would like to read.

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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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



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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



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Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Maisie	Jack	Isabelle	Lucas
		Zeffy	Lucia	Arthur
Gold Awards for Sport	Xander	Ottolie	Tabi	Arianna
Headteacher Awards	Wilfred L and Grace			
School Council Kindness Award	N/A this week			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Oak Class			

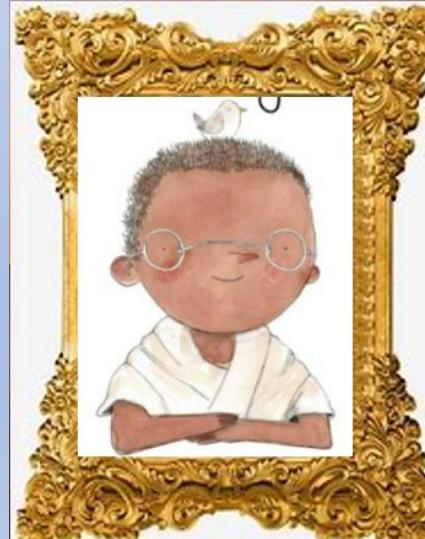
Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	286
Martin Luther King Jr	329
Mahatma Gandhi	119
Queen Elizabeth II	272

Well done Martin Luther King Jr 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 26 January 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech				X	X
Holly			X SWIM		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 12 January 2026): **94.3%**

School Target: **96%**

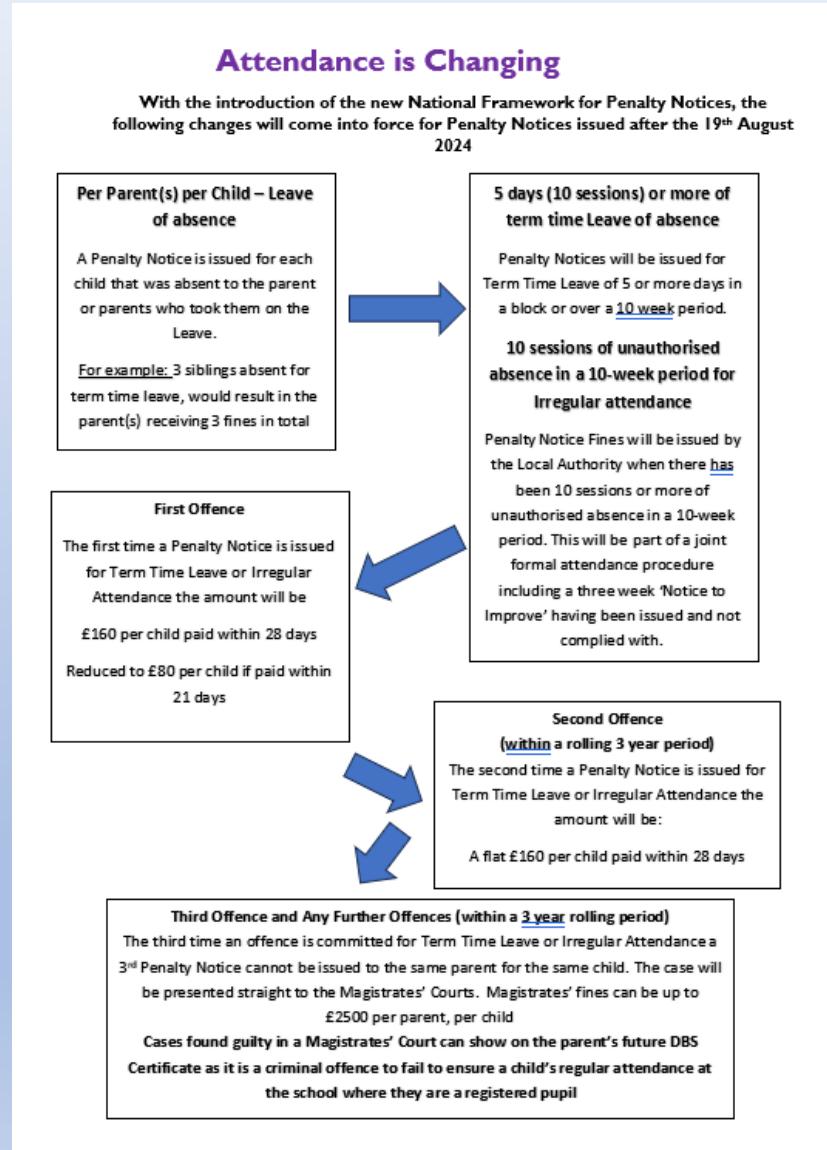
	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	94.6%	0 lates
Beech	94.3%	0 lates
Holly	96.8%	1 late
Oak	91.9%	0 lates

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.