

# 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

The highlight of the week was of course Crayke's Got Talent! This was a wonderful opportunity to bring together the whole school community showcasing the varied skills of our finalists. Who knew Sophy had the voice of an angel? Who knew Phoebe had such dance moves? Who knew Isla was so bendy?!

Well done to ALL our finalists; thank you to Miss Walker for her super organisational and leadership skills and thanks to our judges! In particular, it was wonderful to welcome Mr Porter back into school and so lovely to see him.

It's been a long half term and it seems to have rained a LOT. However, the weather won't stop our long awaited and highly anticipated **OPAL LAUNCH** – all children are welcome to bring their wellies into school from **Monday 23 February** – hurrah!

Have a super half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 23 February (with your wellies!).

*Judi Jackson*

Headteacher



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Bring a pair of **NAMED wellies** into school for OPAL.

Thank you  
Mrs Helfferich



# Safeguarding Update – Nuts and Sesame

We would like to remind all families of the importance of **not sending nuts, nut-based products, sesame seeds, or foods containing sesame** in your child's snacks or packed lunches. This precaution is vital to protect children with severe allergies, as exposure to these allergens can cause serious and potentially life-threatening reactions. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all children.

To support our commitment to promoting good health and nutrition, please note that children in **Apple and Beech classes do not need to bring additional playtime snacks**, as fresh fruit is provided daily through the government's fruit scheme. This ensures children have access to healthy, balanced, and nutritious snacks during the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us create a safe, healthy and welcoming environment where every child can thrive.

# Important - Social Networking

As a school, we work very hard to be approachable and to ensure that, as parents and carers, you are an important part of your children's education. If you feel that something has been mishandled then please do come in to see us about it. We promise that we will take your concerns seriously.

Please could I ask that you come in and discuss any problems with the appropriate member of staff and not to use Facebook or other digital media to air a grievance. It really is hugely discouraging for staff, has a potentially massive audience and worst of all does not afford us an opportunity to respond. Legal action could be taken against the person who has made the online comment. Making comments that could be construed as threats of violence or are grossly offensive or indecent is a criminal offence which can lead to court action under the Malicious Communications Act 1988 and/or the Communications Act 2003.

If you have concerns about anything which happens in school, please speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher who will do their best to resolve things. If you are still unhappy we have a complaints procedure which will ensure that your concerns are investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken.

# The Importance of School Attendance and Term-Time Holidays

At Crayke CE Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child has the best possible opportunities to succeed. **Regular attendance is vital, especially for our Year 6 children as they approach their SATs and prepare for the next stage of their education.** Missing school during this crucial time can significantly impact their progress and confidence.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Taking children out of school for holidays in term time disrupts learning and can lead to fixed penalty notices (fines) being issued. These fines are enforced by law and are intended to support regular attendance for all pupils.

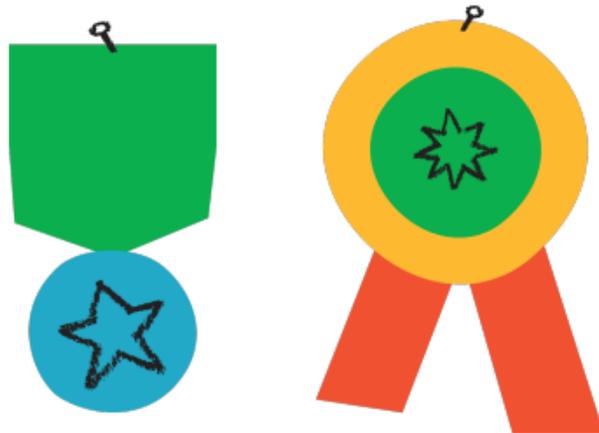
We urge you to carefully consider the impact of any absence during term time and to prioritise your child's education by ensuring they attend school every day.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and secure the best outcomes for all our children.

# Positive Parenting

## Rewards and discipline

Different parents will have different views about the best ways to encourage children to change their behaviour. While some younger children may respond well to reward charts and some older children may respond to the offer of being allowed to stay out a bit later, other children won't.



**Only you will know what works for your child but here are some helpful points to think about.**

- Praise children, even for the little things they do.
- Reward positive behaviour and consider asking what would be a good reward.
- Avoid making rash decisions when you're angry.
- Talk to your child about the rewards and consequences of their behaviour, and do it before rather than after.
- Take time to really listen to what your children are saying and explain to them what you are feeling.
- Be a role model and don't do things that you wouldn't want your children to do.

**Smacking is never a good idea**

Ideas on bringing up children have changed, and we now know a lot more about the effects of smacking. Smacking can hurt children's feelings – making them resentful and angry, and damaging the relationship between parent and child. This makes parenting and discipline harder in the long run, not easier. Smacking can get out of control.

This also comes back to being a role model. If you smack your child, they may think this is acceptable behaviour and treat other people in the same way. Children may avoid being

smacked by lying or hiding how they feel. And they may become withdrawn – not developing independence.

When you give out love, you get it back. When you give out harsh punishment – screaming, yelling or hitting – this means you are eventually likely to get anger and resentment back.

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Finding the right balance of rewards and discipline is a key part of positive parenting.  
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# Safeguarding Procedures - Report your concerns

Should you have any concerns over the half term 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).**

# Class News- APPLE

Well done to all of the children who performed in front of the whole school you were all amazing.

This week in maths we have been learning about length and height. We put ourselves in height order. We decided that we would keep this photo so that we could compare their height order when they are in year 6..

We have been making 'care cards' for our friends in the village. We used tissue paper to decorate hearts and wrote notes inside.

Mrs Helfferich

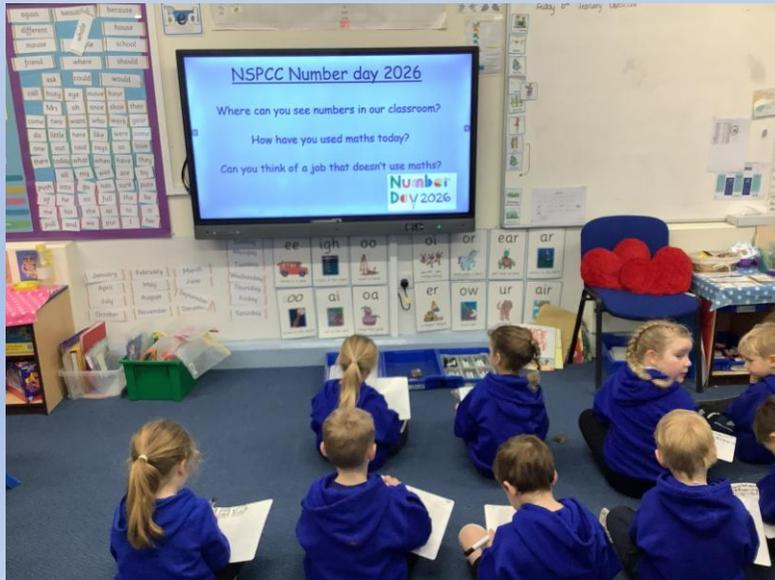


# Class News - BEECH

*Last Friday, Beech class enjoyed Number Day – we had a great discussion about jobs that wouldn't use maths. The children tried extremely hard to catch Mrs Walsh and myself out with a huge array of jobs but each time we managed to think of how maths would be used in someway in the job!*

*This week we have started our food preparation skills and being looking at grating, chopping and snipping! There were some super skills on show! Well done Beech class!*

Mrs Dobson



# Class News – HOLLY

We have finished our science topic for the half term by carrying out an experiment to test the permeability of different types of soils. The children predicted which soil they thought would be most permeable and why. They then carried out the experiment to test which soil was the most permeable, and thought about the best uses for that soil.

To finish our English topic, we have written non-chronological reports about the layers of the Earth, focussing on the crust. The detail in these is amazing and I look forward to sharing the final pieces!

*Miss Williams*



# Class News – OAK

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard completing their practise SATs papers and Year 5 have been excellent team-mates in supporting them. Well done everyone!

Oak Class have been finalising their Artbytes competition submissions. We have researched Illuminated Manuscripts and their historical and cultural significance. We used the school Bible verse to then create our own Illuminated manuscripts. Last Friday, we also enjoyed taking part in our Hinduism workshop where we explored the religion, its festival and key beliefs.



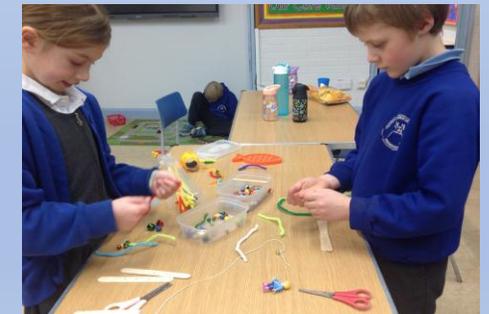
# Extra Curricular Clubs



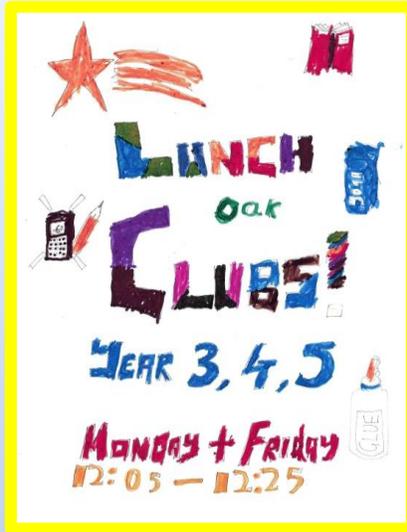
When the weather enabled us outside, some children have practised their football skills, Rugby, skipping and tennis. We have explored making salt crystals, pop up groundhogs, valentine cards and windchimes.

Jigsaws, board games and making fortune tellers continue to be popular.

We also had a go at yoga too!



# Lunch Club – fun this week!



Craft Club this week – children have enjoyed trying Origami, making aeroplanes and mindful colouring activities.



# PAT Dog Ginny



PETS AS  
THERAPY



We are so lucky to have a PAT dog visiting our school! The children really enjoy time with her at the end of a busy week, the pictures tell the story. We must also thank Polly for enabling these visits.

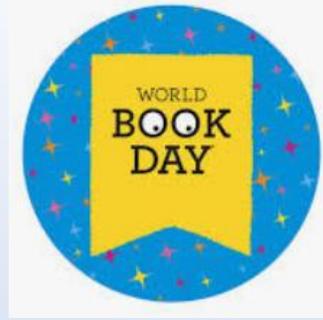
Mrs Gears

# We had an amazing day with Dave from SKIP2BFIT



# 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*



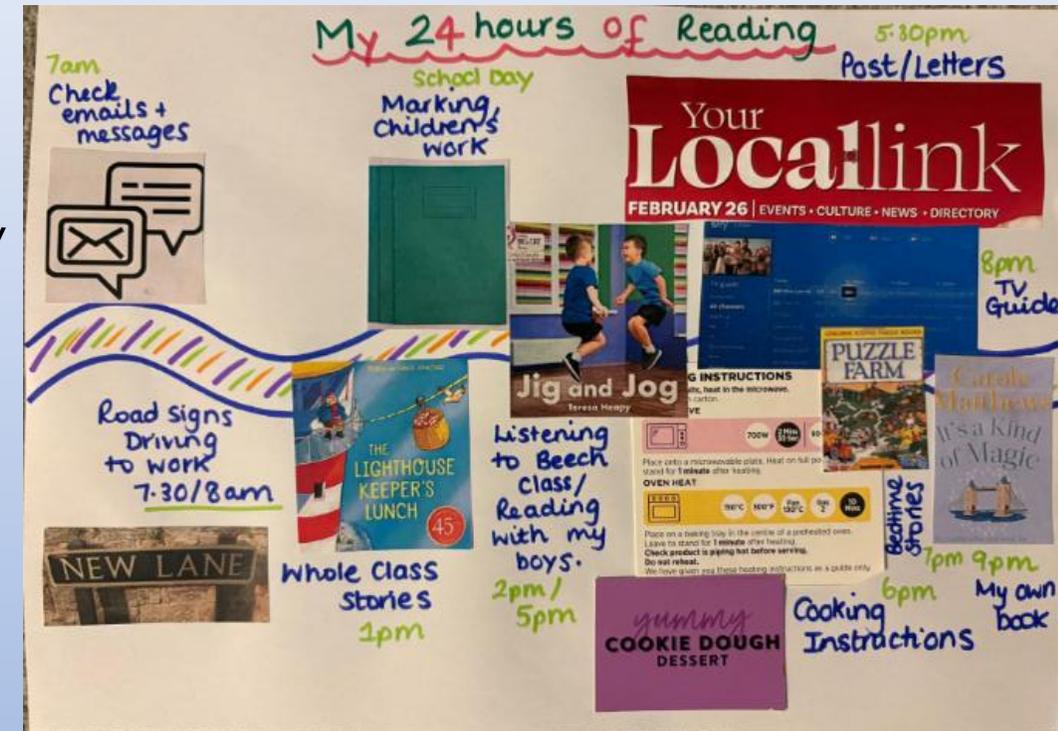
Unchanged from  
last week.

# **\*\*Half-Term Competition\*\***

## **\*\*24 Hours of Reading Competition\*\***

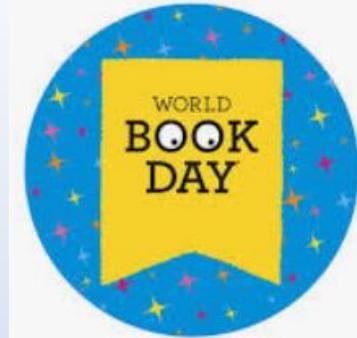
*This week I have shared with the children our half-term competition '24 Hours of Reading'. We've looked at how many different ways we might use reading throughout the day, not just when we use books! I shared my example of '24 Hours of Reading' with the children and have attached a photo below to help.*

*To enter please design your own A4 Poster showing your '24 Hours of Reading' and hand in to Mrs Dobson by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are hoping to create a display with the entries and the winner will receive a £10 Book Voucher.*



Mrs Dobson

# World Book Day 2026 – Competition



*Please find below a link to a competition to design a National Book Token. There are lots of great prizes for both yourself and school!*

[Design a National Book Token competition 2026 - World Book Day](#)

*Mrs Dobson*

**Design a National Book Token competition**

NATIONAL BOOK tokens

Special guest judges

Go All In on your creativity!

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

# \*Recommended Bedtime Reads\*

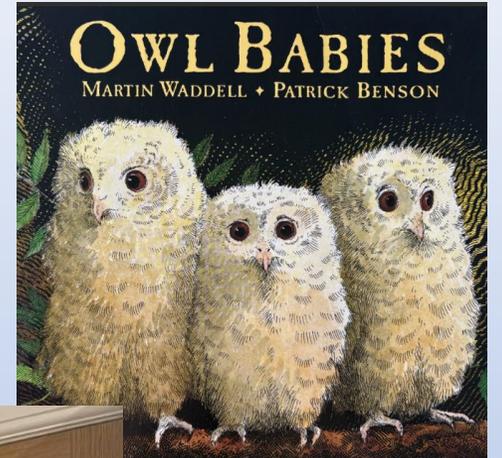
## Mrs Dawson recommends 'Owl Babies' By Martin Waddell

I'm going back a while now but "Owl Babies" was very much a favourite bedtime story in our house when Grace was little. I used to love reading it to Grace and as time went on, she would read along with me. In fact we read it so much, we learned it by heart! Grace loved the story of the owl babies, three siblings, waiting for their mummy to come home to their tree trunk.

*Mrs Dawson*

*A lovely choice – I'm sure Grace will be able to pass on to her mum if you enjoy the story too!*

*Mrs Dobson 😊*



# Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
<b>Stars of the Week</b>	Maisie	Mabel	Zephaniah	Riley
		Sylvia	Alanna	Mabel
<b>Gold Awards for Sport</b>	Layton	Jaxon	Letty	Joshua
<b>Headteacher Awards</b>	Sophy and Harry			
<b>School Council Kindness Award</b>	Harry and Otilie			
<b>Cloakroom Ninja Award</b>	Holly			

# Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	425
Martin Luther King Jr	340
Mahatma Gandhi	318
Queen Elizabeth II	265

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 26 February 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech				X	X
Holly			X SWIM		X
Oak		FOREST QUEST			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 2 February 2026): **93.2%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	92.3%	0 lates
Beech	91.3%	0 lates
Holly	97.1%	0 lates
Oak	91.6%	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

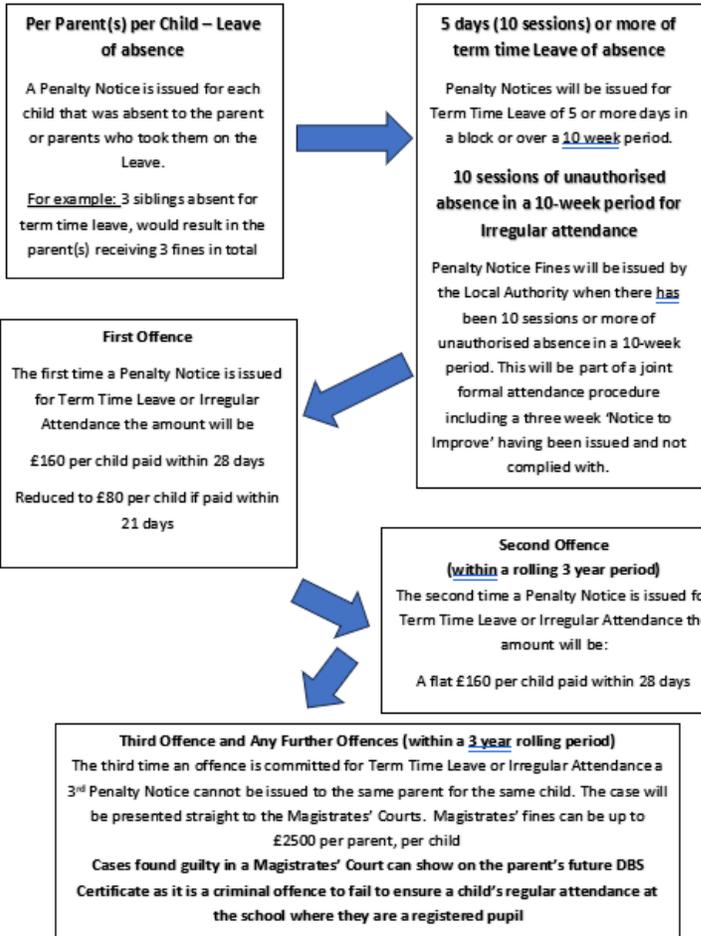


# Attendance and Punctuality

New rules around attendance are now in force. Further details are outlined here.

## 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





Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the CHASA Valentines disco, it raised £316 for school and more importantly the children loved it! 🎉





Roll Up! Roll Up! The CHASA Wonka bars are back!!

200 Wonka bars (£2.50 each) now available to purchase, get yours today to be in with the chance of finding a magical golden ticket!

See poster for all the details

Do be quick, because once they're gone, they're gone!

Follow this link to purchase and good luck!

<https://crayke-home-and-school-association.sumupstore.com/products>

Any questions, please email: [bleggott@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:bleggott@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Celebrate with us!

Will you win a golden ticket?!

Celebrating with

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



To celebrate World Book Day on March 5th we are encouraging children to read **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** with their families.

In keeping with the theme, we will be selling CHASA Wonka Bars with real golden tickets and prizes to be won!

**ORDER A CHASA WONKA BAR £2.50**  
FROM FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB ONLINE

<https://crayke-home-and-school-association.sumupstore.com>

Please remember to order in your child's name with 'bus' or 'club' after their name if this is where they go at pick up on 5th March (bars given out on this day).

There are 200 bars in total with 8 containing a fantastic golden ticket prize!  
Will you be like Charlie and win a golden ticket?!

*Prizes are Flamingo Land Tickets, Clip 'n' Climb Tickets, Piglets Tickets, Flip Out Trampoline Tickets, Monk Park Farm Tickets, Fika Room Voucher, Teamworks Karting Tickets, a Puzzle from 'The Yorkshire Jigsaw'. Your ticket will tell you which you have won. Prizes to be collected by the lucky winners from Mrs Bacon.*



All proceeds raised will go to Crayke C of E Primary School.

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*Please note: these are 100g Galaxy smooth milk chocolate bars if you need information on allergens*