

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

What a week of changeable weather! Please make sure that your child/ren are prepared for this by ensuring that they have a warm coat with them every day. Water bottles are also essential.

Parents and carers should have received the interim progress reports this morning via email – please do contact us if you have not had an email. We look forward to meeting with you next week to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

Oak class parents and carers should also have received final information about the upcoming PGL visit.

Thank you for the wonderful variety of donations for the Open Gardens event. It looks as though it will be a very alcoholic tombola!

Remember – no newsletter next week! This edition contains important information and reminders for the end of term so please do read carefully.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL





Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our OPAL Open Afternoon on Wednesday. OPAL monitors will find out their zones on Monday and will be rewarded with the highly sought after hi-viz! The trophy for the tidiest zone will be awarded next week.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Thank you to our Junior Road Safety Officers who were so polite and encouraging to those families who were walking from the Sports Club.

A few weeks ago, we held a collective worship to discuss the importance of trying to keep the area around school a child safe zone.

There are always so many cars parked around the area near school that it makes crossing the road unsafe. We informed the children that we would be out monitoring the parking and rewarding those who parked down at the Sports Club. We will continue to monitor and reward. Well done to those who were rewarded with a reflective star.



Lunchtime Clubs

Lunch Clubs!

Lunch Clubs continue to run this half term with many of the same activities, we are going to do Easter Crafts next week on 16.03.26 but there will be no club on the Friday.

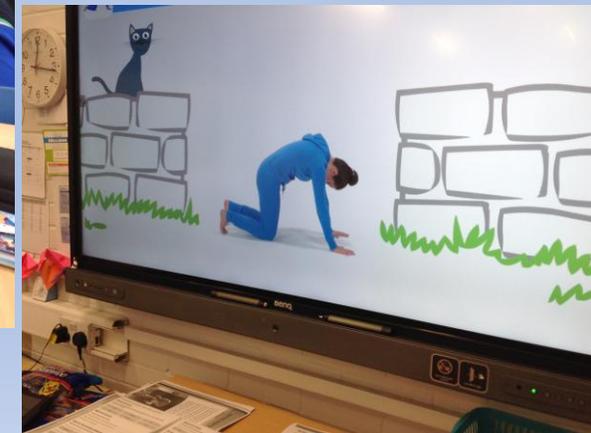
Lunch Clubs run from 12.05pm to 12.25pm they are currently for Y3, Y4, Y5 pupils but we hope to hold more groups for KS1 and Y6 in the Summer Terms.

Please ask if you have any questions or suggestions.

Elliott Y5.



Cosmic Yoga fun!



Mrs Gears

PAT Dog Ginny

PETS AS
THERAPY



Mrs Gears



Beech Class children have enjoyed reading time with Ginny this half term, Ginny loves listening to them all!



CLASS NEWS



Class News- APPLE

Last week, we noticed how much litter there was on the school field. We decided to do something about it; the children enjoyed running around the school field looking for litter. We collected nearly a bucketful of playtime snack wrappers. Well done Apple Class for taking care of our school environment.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a great day at Forest Quest. We were keen to practise lighting a fire and it was wonderful to see how much more confident the children were than when we did it last year! S'mores were certainly a highlight for both the children and adults! We also worked on communication and the children enjoyed using the walkie talkies. In the afternoon we looked at identifying trees and using clay to make a person and their shelter. We were really impressed with everyone's hard work and super behaviour! Well done Beech class!

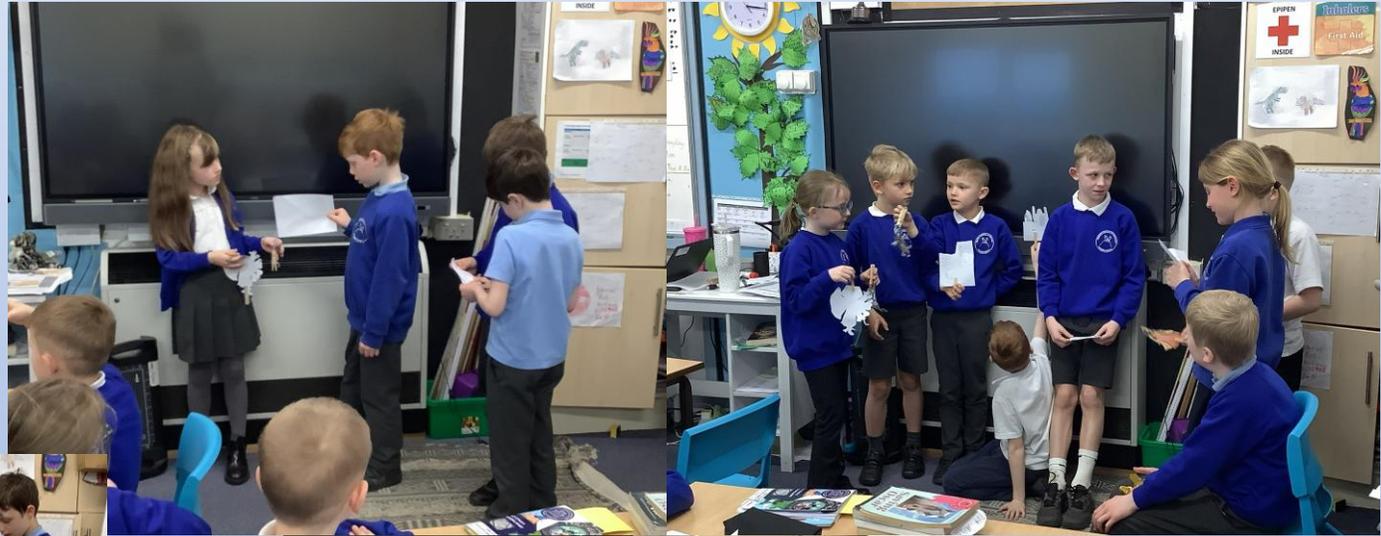
Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

We have had fun in RE this week retelling the story of Rama and Sita by using puppets. Each group designed props and retold a chunk of the Hindu story that is the reason why Diwali is celebrated by millions every year!

Miss Williams



Class News – OAK

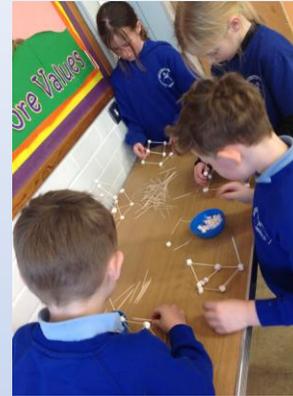
On Friday, we took part in a Moon and Mars workshop to help celebrate Space Week. It was all about the Artemis II space mission that will fly four astronauts to space. We learnt a huge amount of information: who the astronauts are, what the process is to send a crewed mission into space, what they will do when there and how they'll eventually return to Earth.



In English, we've continued our poetry learning by investigating the importance of rhyme and rhythm. We applied our knowledge by performing Gran Can You Rap? We really enjoyed this poem and would recommend it! Especially if you think poetry isn't for you... you might be surprised!



Extra Curricular Clubs



What another busy week we have had in Jigsaws!

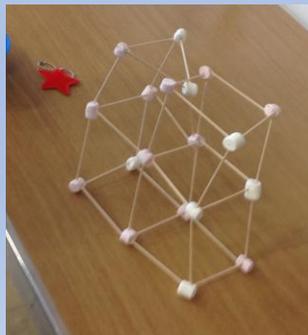
Jigsaws children have enjoyed a range of sports: Hockey, Tennis, Rugby, Football and French skipping continue to be popular.

At craft club the children designed and created their own Mother's Day cards.

The children's engineering skills were developed as they were challenged to make a tower out of sticks and marshmallows.

The windy weather enabled us to make and fly kites too.

Here is a snap shot of their week:



UPCOMING EVENTS



Parent Consultation Evenings – next week

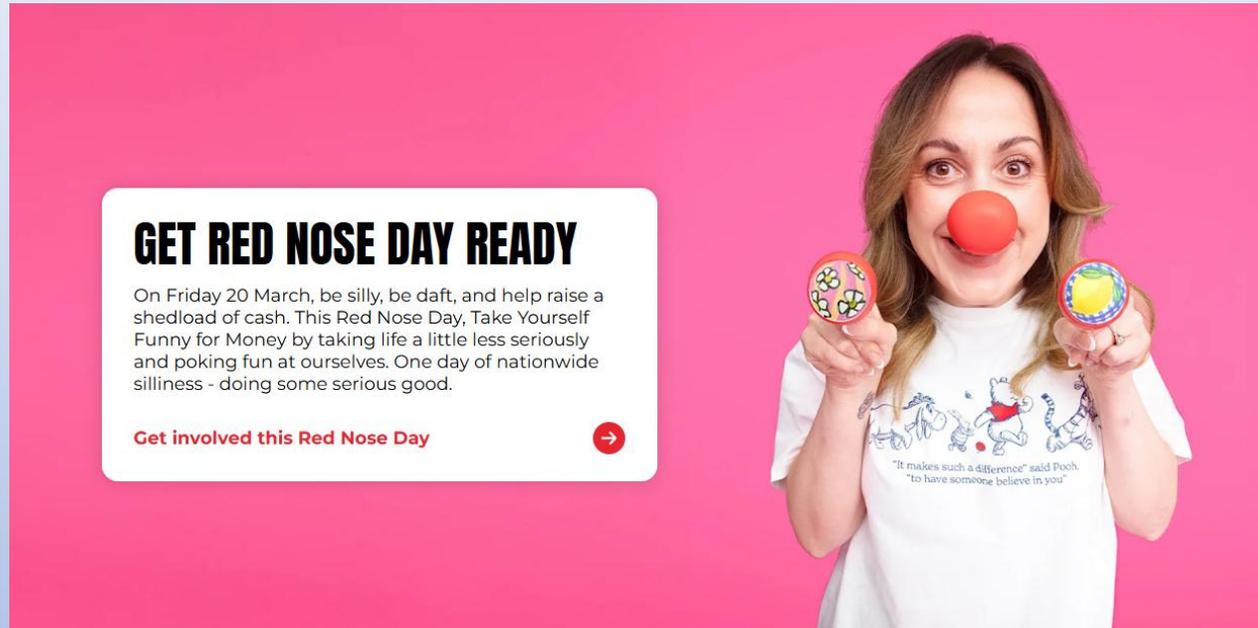
Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 March** for children in Beech, Holly and Oak Class. Apple Class parent consultations will take place on **Thursday 19 March** only.

If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please can you do so before Monday – thank you. If you need the email resending, please contact Mrs Bacon.

When attending your parent consultation, please enter school via the playground and hall doors. There will be an opportunity for you to view your child/rens books before/after your appointment.

CHASA will be running a pop-up pre-loved uniform sale in the Hall during the parent consultation on Tuesday 17 March only.

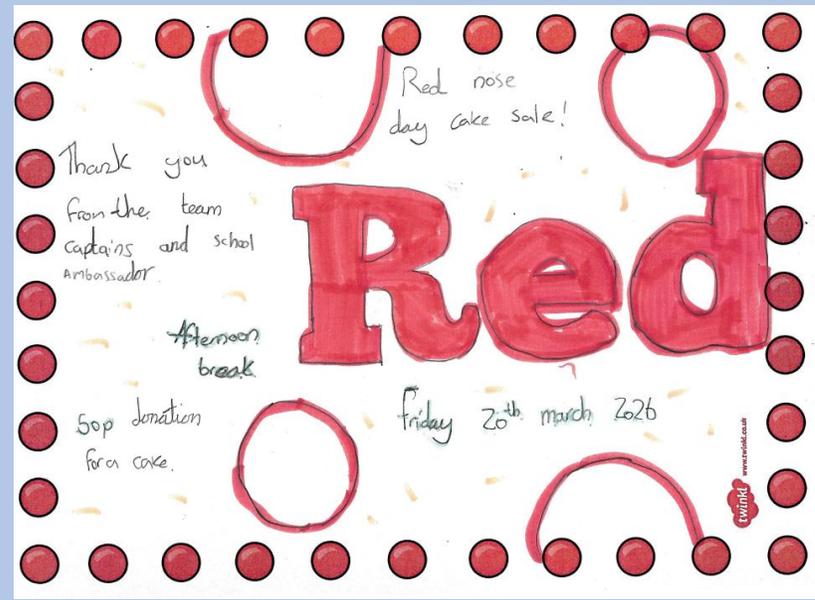
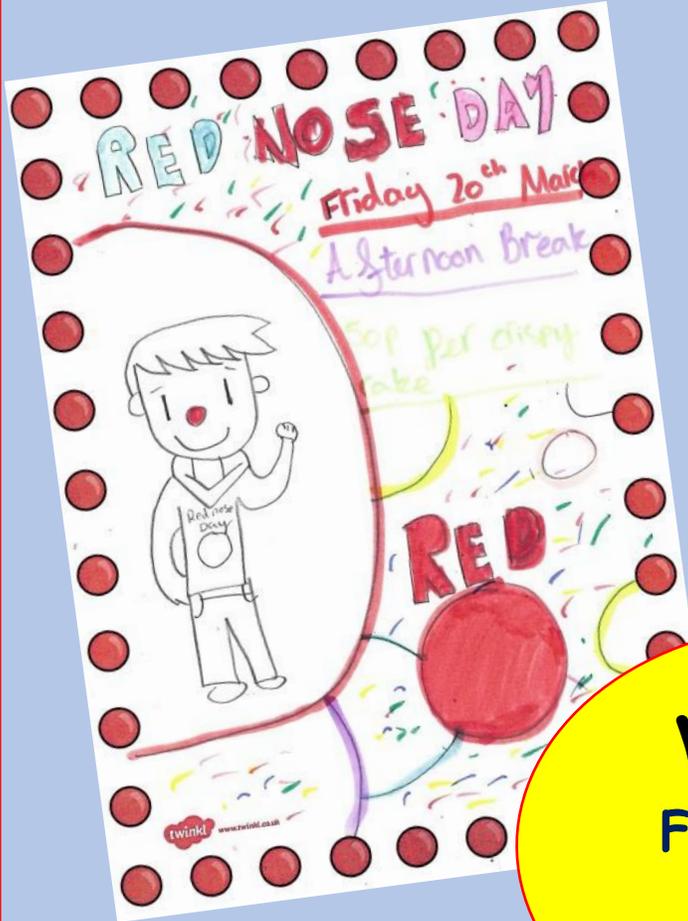
Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Children are invited to wear an item of red clothing on **Friday 20 March** (must be suitable for PE) in exchange for a donation to this worthy cause: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20531>

Red Nose Day Fundraiser 2026

How much?
50p
donation



When?
Friday 20th
March
afternoon
break

RED NOSE DAY

Mrs Gears



Easter Service – Thursday 26 March

Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to join us at the Easter Service, which is taking place on Thursday 26 March at 1:30pm at Crayke church. The service will be led by Holly class.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a respectful and focused environment during our church services, we kindly remind all families that **photography and video recording are not permitted before, during or after the service**. This helps us preserve the sanctity of the occasion and ensures all children and attendees can fully engage without distraction.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in supporting our school's values and the special nature of these moments.

Thank you for helping us maintain a respectful atmosphere for everyone.

End of Spring Term reminders

It seems unbelievable that we're already thinking about the end of the Spring term!

Some important reminders as follows:

- Running club finishes on Friday 20 March and will resume on Monday 20 April.
- School closes for the Easter holidays at 2:30pm on Friday 27 March. We reopen on Monday 13 April.

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Harvey	Rosie Wt	Arabella	Barnaby
		Jack	Esmond	Elliott
Gold Awards for Sport	Sofia	Joe	Isaac	Wilfred
Headteacher Awards	Rosie Wt and Dexter			
School Council Kindness Award	Pippa			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Oak			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	405
Martin Luther King Jr	267
Mahatma Gandhi	268
Queen Elizabeth II	266

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 16 March 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple		FOREST QUEST			X
Beech				X	X
Holly			X		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.

PE Kits w/c 23 March 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech				X	X
Holly			X		X
Oak	PGL				X

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Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 2 March 2026): **95.9%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	86.2%	No lates
Beech	97.3%	No lates
Holly	99%	No lates
Oak	95.5%	3 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

