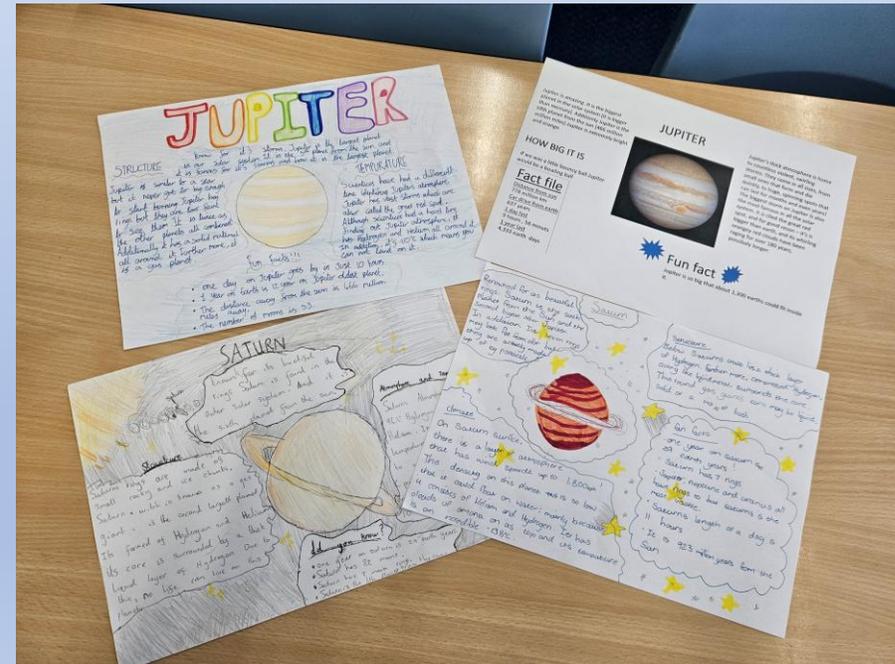


# Crayke Chronicle



# Message from the Headteacher

Well, here we are at the end of a busy and action packed Spring Term!

This week has been a wonderful opportunity for children to go out of their comfort zones, especially Oak Class during their PGL residential, Holly Class in their leading of the Easter service and choir with their performance in church. You were all amazing and a real credit to the school!

Today we celebrate our Jigsaws certificate winners, for those children who have consistently demonstrated our values all term.

We're also very much looking forward to our annual Easter egg hunt – and hoping for some sunshine !

Thank you to all parents, carers and friends of the school for your ongoing support and partnership with school as we move towards the summer term.

Have a super Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on

**Monday 13 April!**

*Judi Jackson*  
Headteacher

# NEWS FROM SCHOOL



# PGL Residential Visit – Oak Class

What a super three days we had: climbing, canoeing, den building, abseiling, on the zip wire and the giant swing – to name but a few of the activities they completed. The children ate well and slept... reasonably well (better on the second night!)

I am incredibly grateful to the phenomenal staff team who accompanied the children and made the visit happen – Miss Williams, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Willshaw and Mrs Helfferich. Days are long on residential visits, with starts well before 6am and an ear listening out through the night to ensure everyone is ok. These visits couldn't go ahead without the care and dedication of the staff – thank you to you all! Thanks again to CHASA for funding the transport.

We made the conscious decision this visit to not take photos of the children and to enjoy time chatting to them and being present in the moment. I hope that the stories and recounts of their experiences paint a picture for you of their achievements and accomplishments!

*Mrs Jackson*

# Attendance Update

A record 41 children received an attendance award this morning for excellent attendance of 99%+ in the Spring Term – wow!

You will be receiving an email report today, profiling your child's attendance to date for this academic year. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest possible levels of attendance for our children and to share this information with you on a regular basis. We will continue to share these reports with you at the end of each half term by email. Please contact us if you do not receive the report and/or you wish to discuss any aspect of it.

*Mrs Jackson*

# Red Nose Day Fundraiser 2026

Grand Total = £223



Well done to the Team Captains & School Ambassadors who raised a fantastic £58 with the bake sale on Friday.  
Thank you for your support!

**RED NOSE DAY**  
Mrs Gears

# Artbytes competition

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Art Bytes is a national competition which celebrates creativity in young people. Each year, students from Years 5 and 9 across England submit their artwork, which is then shortlisted by a panel of arts professionals who select their top 3 entries from each school. We are delighted that our school is part of this year's competition and would now like YOU to vote for your favourite out of the top 3 picked, in order to determine which of our students goes through to the next round of the competition.

The Public Vote opens from Fri 20th March – Sun 19th April - to cast your vote for our school visit here <https://artbytes.co.uk/browse-schools/>

The artwork from each school with the most votes will be showcased in the Art Bytes Virtual Gallery, an exciting display of student's achievements. Additionally, the school with the highest number of votes overall will be awarded the Community Engagement Award, receiving special recognition for building a community that supports and celebrates its students.

Every vote counts, and your participation makes a difference. Whether your child has created their own piece of art for the competition, or simply wants to celebrate their peers work, voting is a great way to celebrate the creativity of young people, build a sense of community, and support the students. More information can also be found here - <https://artbytes.co.uk/how-to-vote/>

Voting for the Artbytes competition is now live! We encourage everyone to go onto the page to see our amazing entrants from Year 5 and to vote from the three available (selected by their independent panel of judges). Well done to everyone involved, you've all created some wonderful artwork.

To vote:

- 1.Go to: [Browse Schools | Art Bytes](#)
- 2.Find Crayke
- 3.Pick one of the three artworks and click vote
- 4.Add your email to vote
- 5.You can only vote for one - if you change your mind you can vote again and it will cancel your last vote.
- 6.Voting CLOSES 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Miss Walker, Art Lead*



# \*\*Easter Holiday Reading Treasure Hunt\*\*

Here is a fun reading treasure hunt you may enjoy completing over the Easter Holidays. The instructions are below and I would love to see any pictures if you do try this at home! Please send them to [ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Mrs Dobson

 TREASURE HUNT	<b>Comics/ Magazines</b>  1	Reading that is hidden 9	<b>Fiction books</b>  16	
Reading to organise things 5	<b>Games</b>  2	Reading to make you laugh 8	<b>Songs and Rhymes</b> Baby Shark Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo Baby shark! 12	Cards/ Messages 11
<b>Take away menus</b> <b>Noodles</b> Chow Mein # Miso Vegetable Chow Mein # King Prawns Chow Mein # Beef Chow Mein # House special in gravy + crispy noodles # Vegetarian Singaporean Rice Noodles # Vegetable Pad Thai Noodles # Chicken Pad Thai Noodles # 10	Reading that gives advice 7	<b>Food packaging</b>  15	Reading that is precious to you 4	<b>Catalogues/ Adverts</b>  13
<b>Non-fiction books</b>  6	<b>Recipes</b>  14	An item with a slogan or logo 17	<b>News</b>  3	

## Reading Treasure Hunt



On #ReadingTogether Day celebrate reading in all its diversity!

Reading involves books and so much more.

Hunt for Reading Treasures (online and print) with members of your household and wider family.

FIRST:

Gather everyone together at home or online for around 20-30 mins.  
Nominate someone to lead the Treasure Hunt (everyone else is hunting).  
Guess what...adults will enjoy this too! ☺

THEN:

1. The Leader calls out the first Reading Treasure.
2. Everyone runs off to find their Treasure and returns to the group.
3. Points could be awarded for all who found Treasure and an extra point for the first one back.
4. Take turns to show what's been found and perhaps chat about the choices and read an extract.
5. Move to the next Treasure and carry on...(you decide which and how many Treasures to find).
6. Have fun finding as many Treasures as you can! Did you realise how much there is to read at home?



Do take a photo of your Reading Treasure and share with friends and family.

#ReadingTogether  
#ReadingTreasure

[bit.ly/RfPHome](https://bit.ly/RfPHome)

# CLASS NEWS



# Class News- APPLE

This week, we have really enjoyed learning about 3D shapes.

We have also been learning about Palm Sunday, Easter and spring.

Please look in book bags for their Easter cards.

Have a great holiday, they definitely deserve a good rest.

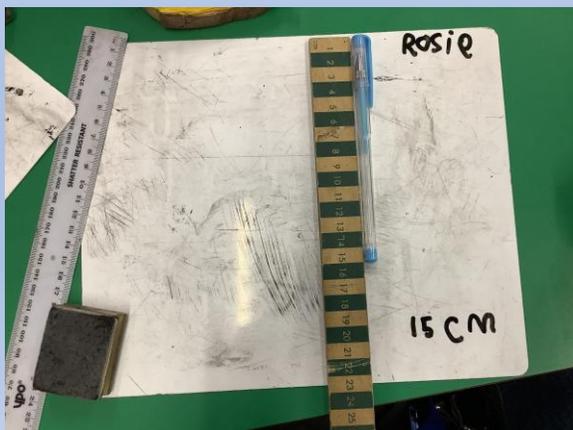
Mrs Helfferich



# Class News - BEECH

*In maths year 1 have enjoyed their new unit on length and measuring. We have measured using objects and then moved onto measuring with a ruler too! Year 2 have been working on fractions; they have found a half, a quarter, a third, the whole and three quarters! In English we have written some brilliant poems; the year 1 children focused on a list poem and the year 2 children have created acrostic poems based on our seaside topic. I hope everyone in Beech class has a wonderful Easter and I will see you in two weeks ready to work hard in our summer term!*

Mrs Dobson



# Class News – HOLLY

The children have spent time rehearsing for the Easter Service and their hard work was reflected in their wonderful performance in Church!  
We have also painted our clay dragon eyes which we sculpted last week to finish our Tales from Dragon Mountain topic.

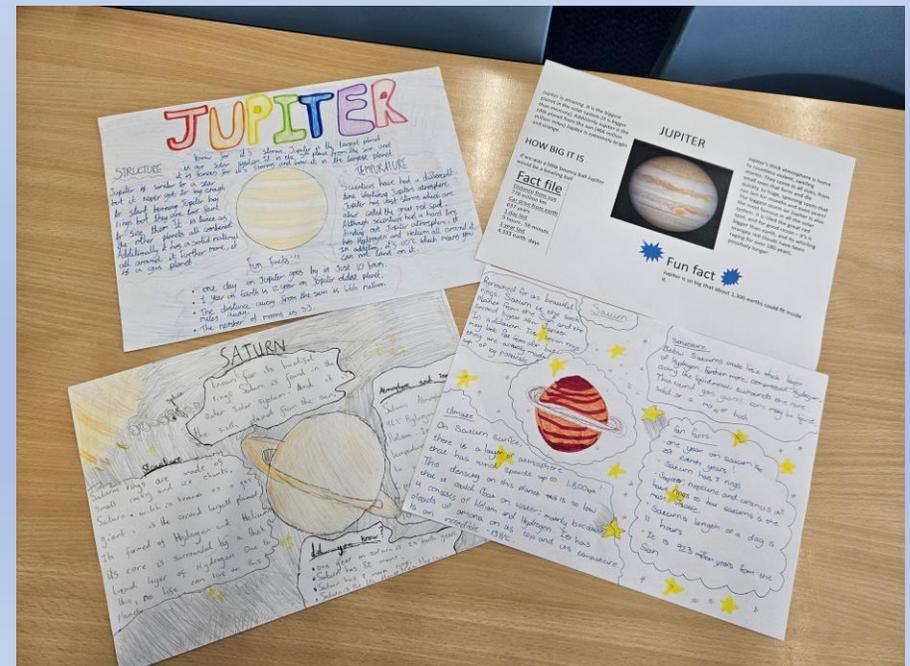
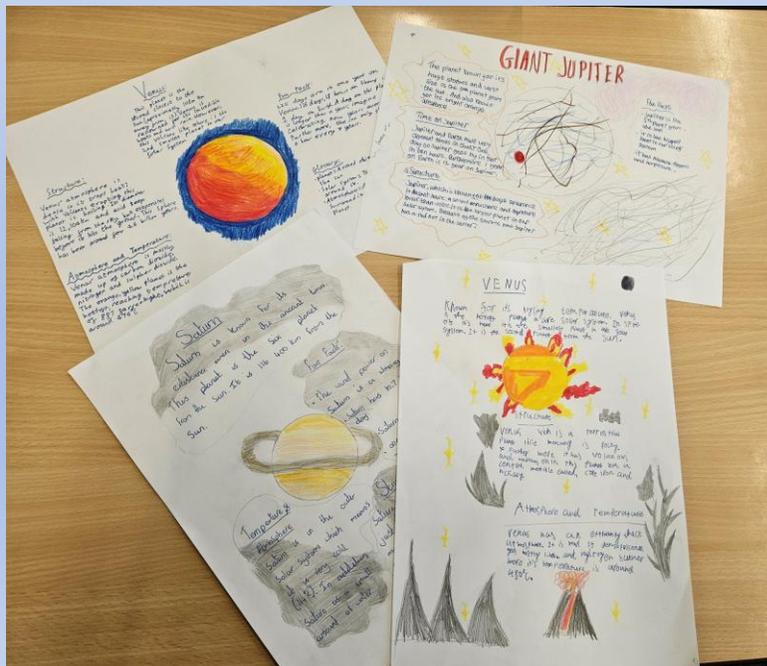
*Miss Williams*



# Class News - OAK

PGL was a fantastic experience for all involved. The children's behaviour was exemplary, they were kind and supportive to one another and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.

This week, we've also been 'polishing' and presenting our Planet Non-Chronological reports. The project has pulled together key learning from across our Science, English and Art lessons this half term. The results are stunning and would take pride of place in any textbook.



# Extra Curricular Clubs



What a lovely week we have had in Jigsaws!

The warm spring sunshine enabled us to spend time climbing, digging, rolling cars, making mud pies and playing hockey and football.

Jigsaw's children enjoyed many Easter activities making cards, decorating biscuits and eggs.

Here is a snap shot of their week:



# UPCOMING EVENTS



# Arrangements for the Start of the Summer Term

## **Reminder: School Reopens Monday 13 April 2026**

Jigsaws Before and After School Club will be open from 7:30am on Monday 13 April. The gates for all other pupils will open at 8:50am on Monday 13 April and collection time for all will be 3:30pm. Jigsaws will be open until 6:00pm for any children booked into after school club.

## **Reminder: Clubs – Summer Term**

Extra-curricular clubs will not be starting during the first week back, other than Jigsaws. Running Club resumes on Monday 20 April 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. **Similarly, please do not use the lay-by as a drive-through lane for dropping off your child as this also cause congestion both on the school site and in the village.** Thank you.

# Staffing - Summer Term

Should you wish to contact a member of staff, please do so via Mrs Bacon on [admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APPLE	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich / Mrs Robinson	Mrs Helfferich (am) Mrs Gears (pm)	Mrs Helfferich
	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington
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 (alternate 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 Summer

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

SUMMER 2026	Theme	Enquiry Question	Enrichment ( <i>Stunning Start/Marvellous Middle/Fabulous Finish</i> )
Apple	Ready, Steady, Grow	How do things grow?	Monk Park Farm visit
Beech	Step into Summer	How has Crayke changed over time?	Local visit walk
Holly	Pharaohs, Farms and Feasts	What can we learn from what the Ancient Egyptians left?	Virtual museum visit
Oak	Journeys	How can we think about different areas of our life and our world as journeys?	Immersive experience

## **\*\*Phonics Games Club\*\***

*In the lead up to the phonics screening check in June, I will be offering 3 different 'drop in' after school sessions for children in year 1 and those in year 2 who are retaking the screening check and their parents/carers to come into Beech class to play a variety of different phonics games based around the sounds that will be on the test.*

***Children will need to accompanied by their parent or carer to play the games with and Mrs Dobson and Mrs Walsh will be available to help with the pronunciation of the different sounds. It's a great opportunity for parents to gain more phonics knowledge too!***

***The dates are: Wednesday 6th May, Thursday 21st May & Wednesday 3rd June between 3.30pm and 4.15pm.***

***As these sessions are 'drop in' there is no need to sign up and you are not expected to stay for the whole time. Jigsaws Club Session is available to book for siblings.***

*Mrs Dobson*

# Awards in School This Week

	Friendship	Forgiveness	Respect	Determination
Apple	Maisie	Sofia	Phoebe	Violet
Beech	Jackson	Zeffy	Astrid	Tristan
Holly	Pippa	Isabelle	Louie	Jacob
Oak	Wynter	Carl	Arianna	Dexter
Headteacher	Arthur	Elijah	Letty	Ava

# PE Kits w/c 13 April 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					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.**

# Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 16 March 2026): **92.7%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	91.4%	1 late
Beech	93.7%	0 lates
Holly	96.5%	0 lates
Oak	88.7%	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

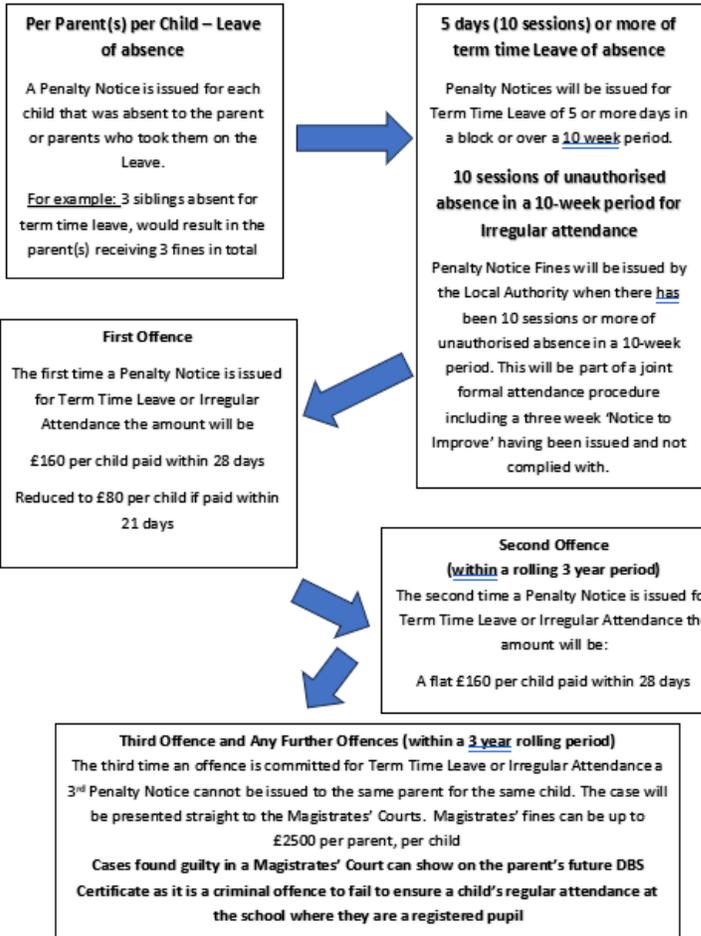


# Attendance and Punctuality

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



You may be aware of recent media coverage regarding a meningitis outbreak in **Kent**.

Although this situation is not affecting schools in our area, we recognise that it may prompt questions or concerns from staff, parents and carers.

For your information, please read this **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) signs and symptoms poster**:

The poster features a background image of three young people sitting on stone steps. The UKHSA logo is in the top left, and an orange circle with 'Meningitis NOW' is in the top right. The title 'MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA' is in large green letters. A black box contains a definition of meningitis and septicaemia. A green box lists early symptoms. A black box asks 'MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?' and lists symptoms. Another green box asks 'SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?' and lists symptoms. A final black box provides advice on seeking help and states 'EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.'

**UK Health Security Agency**

**Meningitis NOW**

**MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA**

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

**MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?**

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

**SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?**

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

**EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.**