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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

Best World Book Day ever! The atmosphere in school yesterday was electric – I wish we could have bottled it. An enormous thank you to Mrs Dobson for her hard work and determination to plan such a brilliant event which engaged the children, staff, parents and carers so well. It encompassed so many different aspects of reading as well as aligning to our ongoing focus of the Year of the Festivals. Thanks to everyone for embracing this!

We know that the newsletter is a source of plenty of information and details for parents and carers; a huge amount of time and effort goes into creating this behind the scenes. Moving forward, after next week, we are going to trial moving to a fortnightly newsletter until the end of the summer term. This means that you will receive a newsletter on 13 March and 27 March, but not on 20 March.

As part of our annual end of year survey, we will ask for your feedback about this, but please do get in touch in the meantime if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

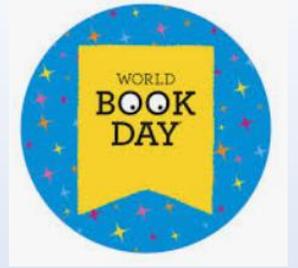


Staffing Update

- We were sad to bid farewell to Mrs Smith last week and wish her well with her next adventure, closer to home.
- We are delighted that Mrs Ozbey-Trottier has settled in so well in her role as Playworker at Jigsaws and she is proving to be a valuable asset to the team.
- We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Mrs Hetherington is starting on Monday to work as a Teaching Assistant in Apple Class – if the name sounds familiar, that’s because it is! Mrs Hetherington worked with us until late 2021 when she left to work with the portage service, supporting children and families with additional needs. We’re very happy to have her back!
- North Yorkshire Council are continuing to advertise vacancies for a kitchen assistant, cleaner and caretaker. Please get in touch with us if you would like any more information.

World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5th March

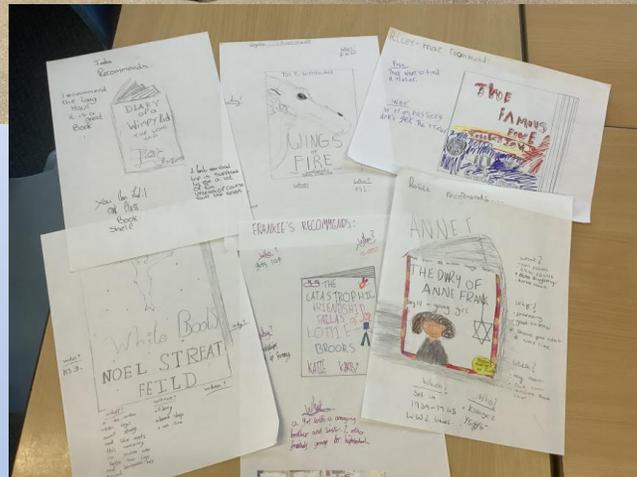
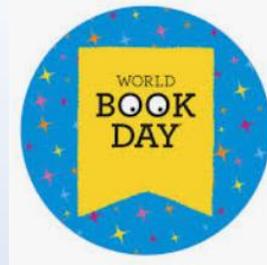
ReadingFest



What a fantastic day we had for 'ReadingFest'. Yesterday morning we enjoyed working across the school to tell different jokes as part of our 'comedy club' and the older children retold stories to Beech & Apple Class in the style of MC Grammar. Who knew we had so many talented rappers!

A huge thank you to our 'secret storytellers' for surprising the children at 4 different moments across the school day and reading some of their favourite stories! Another BIG thank you most go to CHASA who have funded a book for each child to take home on World Book Day; I hope the children had fun choosing theirs. I'd also like to thank our brilliant author Dawn Treacher, who worked across school on Thursday afternoon sharing her stories with the children. Finally I'd like to thank my wonderful colleagues who helped to bring my ideas to life and supported with their own fabulous costumes! Please see the next slide for pictures from the day!

Mrs Dobson





Well done to all our golden ticket winners!

Please email Beth for your prizes:

bleggott@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Wonka bar preparation and event and thank you to all who bought Wonka bars.

The event raised £206 for school, and I think all will agree that the children loved it – a great way to end Crayke ReadingFest!





What an amazing start to OPAL!
Thank you for sending boots into school. It has enabled the children to be on the field.
There has already been lots of positive feedback from both the children and parents.



Equipment needed



Wooden/plastic cooking utensils.

Any plastic digging equipment:
trowels, spades.



Any large containers, to
collect rain water.

Thank you
Mrs Helfferich

****WINNER****

****24 Hours of Reading Competition****

Thank you so much to the children that took the time to complete the 24 hour reading challenge. There were some excellent posters and they are all now displayed outside Oak class. It was a tough choice to decide the winner but after careful consideration and discussion the winner is Sofia, who received her £10 voucher this week! Well done Sofia!

Mrs Dobson



CLASS NEWS

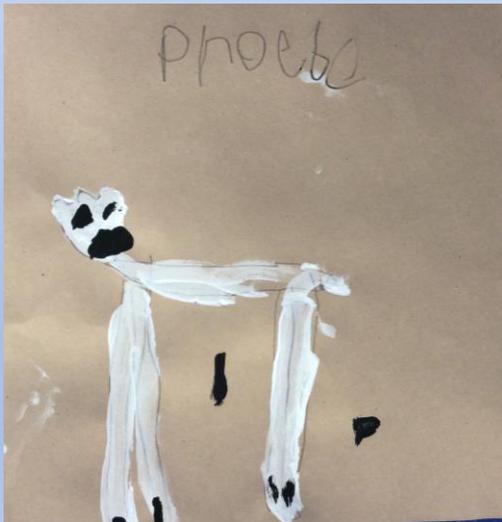


Class News- APPLE

Can you guess what animal we have been learning about? Here are some clues: “They swim really fast, they swim underwater. They have claws. They eat seals, they eat whales.” William

“They have fur. They don’t get cold. The claws grip in the snow.” Layton

“They have sharp teeth. They eat meat.” George



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

Last week Beech class enjoyed a virtual tour of the Grace Darling museum. They were really interested to see the boat that Grace Darling had used for her sea rescue and a smaller model of the lighthouse Grace had lived in. This week the children have enjoyed making their wraps; Beech class certainly smelt delicious on Tuesday afternoon!

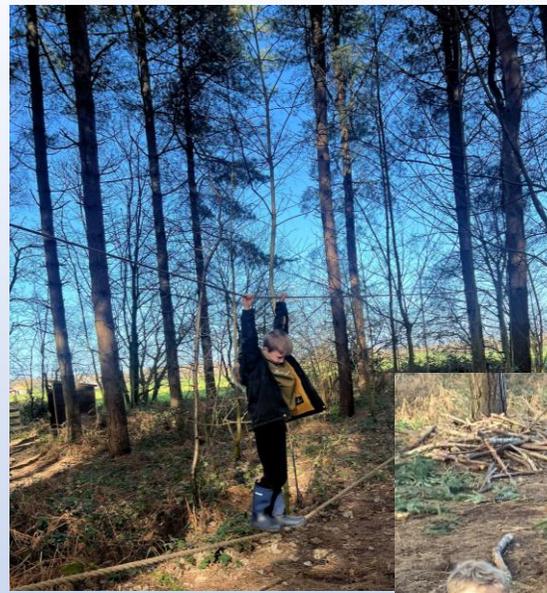
Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

What a wonderful time we had at Forest Quest this week, how lucky were we with the weather? It was a fantastic opportunity to develop our teamwork skills and I was impressed by how the groups worked together to complete the activities, particularly watching them build chariots to carry each other around the course! In the afternoon, we found and processed our own clay which we then made into pots and had some time to quietly explore the woods and create a drawing of something that reflected the beauty in nature, even when not much is growing.

Miss Williams



Class News – OAK

Last week, Oak Class went to Forest Quest and had an absolutely fantastic day. They learnt some new skills including pioneering and navigation, and practised some of the skills they learnt last year, including building shelters and lighting fires. Having been abandoned on a desert island, in the faraway land of Huby, they then had to use these skills to survive. The children worked in teams and ALL did a brilliant job of completing all the tasks. We were so impressed with their resilience, determination and above all teamwork. And it didn't even rain!



Extra Curricular Clubs



What a lovely week we have had in Jigsaws Before and After School Club!

As the weather has enabled us to be outside, Jigsaws children have enjoyed the new OPAL equipment, cricket, dancing, French skipping, making bird feeders and learning about Holi, a festival of colour.

Here are a few of their photos:



UPCOMING EVENTS



Parent Consultation Evenings

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.

A link will be sent by email on the morning of Monday 9 March to book your appointment/s.

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

OPAL Open Afternoon

- Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday 11th March from 3pm until 4pm** to see the school grounds and OPAL zones.
- Please see posters at the school gates for more information. **Children will not be playing in these areas during these times.** There will be more opportunities to visit throughout the year.

Mrs Helfferich

Crayke Open Gardens – Non uniform day

CRAYKE

OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY



29th MARCH, 2026

11.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

- Open Gardens – Tickets £5 (children free)
- A Crayke history display in Church
- Local artists work on display in Sports Club
- Refreshments in Sports Club and Church
- Visit our school outdoor learning projects
- Huge Tombola : Plant sales
- Easingwold Town Band
- Spectacular views from the hilltop
- Free parking at the Sports Club - **YO61 4TZ**

For more information contact:

Fiona email: f.warriner@hotmail.co.uk

or visit – craykeopengardens.org or craykepc.org.uk

or Facebook pages:

[@craykechurchstcuthbert](https://www.facebook.com/craykechurchstcuthbert) and [@godsowncounty16](https://www.facebook.com/godsowncounty16)

Friday 13 March 2026

Part of our role for Open Gardens is to collect Tombola prizes. We do this by holding a non uniform day in return for bringing in a small item for the tombola such as:

- Small toy/game
- Stationery
- Unwanted gifts
- Sweets
- Bottles of wine/beers
- Bubble bath/shower gel
- Box of chocolates

In return, we are given a share of the money raised on the day, which will go towards OPAL resources. Please help support us.

Mrs Helfferich

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Xander	Joe	Isla	Dexter
		Ava	Pippa	India
Gold Awards for Sport	Harvey	Lance	Isabelle	Elijah
Headteacher Awards	William T and Astrid			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	217
Martin Luther King Jr	151
Mahatma Gandhi	188
Queen Elizabeth II	50

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 9 March 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech		FOREST QUEST		X	X
Holly			X FINAL 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 23 February 2026): **95.1%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	90.7%	0 lates
Beech	96%	1 late
Holly	97.7%	1 late
Oak	93.2%	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 19th August 2024

