

CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready and raring to go for what is always a really busy but exciting term.

Our newsletter aims to be a “one stop shop” containing lovely updates about what your children have been learning, but also vital information about other aspects of school life including which days your children need to wear their PE kits and about other upcoming events. It takes hours of preparation and pulling together, so please do read it – the next newsletter will be shared on **Friday 1 May**.

We were delighted to have received confirmation of our Reception new starters and will be making contact with the relevant settings in upcoming weeks to begin the transition process of starting school – it really does seem to come around quicker every year!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APPLE	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich / Mrs Robinson <small>(alternate)</small>	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 <small>(alternate pm)</small>	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

Curriculum Summer Term 2026

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

SUMMER 2026	Theme	Enquiry Question	Enrichment (<i>Stunning Start/Marvellous Middle/Fabulous Finish</i>)	Further curriculum information available on our website here:
Apple	Ready, Steady, Grow	How do things grow?	Monk Park Farm visit	https://craykeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Curriculum-Map-Apple-Class-for-the-year.pdf
Beech	Step into Summer	How has Crayke changed over time?	Local visit walk	https://craykeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Beech-Class-Curriculum-Tree-Year-B-Summer-Term-2026.pdf
Holly	Pharaohs, Farms and Feasts	What can we learn from what the Ancient Egyptians left?	Virtual museum visit	https://craykeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Holly-Class-Curriculum-Tree-Year-B-Summer-2026.pdf
Oak	Journeys	How can we think about different areas of our life and our world as journeys?	Immersive experience	https://craykeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Oak-Class-Curriculum-Tree-Summer-Year-B-2026.pdf

Artbytes competition

– FINAL CHANCE TO VOTE!

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 CLOSSES 19th April

Miss Walker, Art Lead



CLASS NEWS



Class News- APPLE

“Kandinsky was born in 1866, he lived in Ukraine”.

“He painted circles and lines”

“James Brunt lives in Yorkshire”. “We could learn about him all day at school”.

“He uses wood and shells and leaves and stones”.

“He doesn’t use paint or paper”

We have been learning about different artists for World Art Day.

Mrs Helfferich and Apple Class

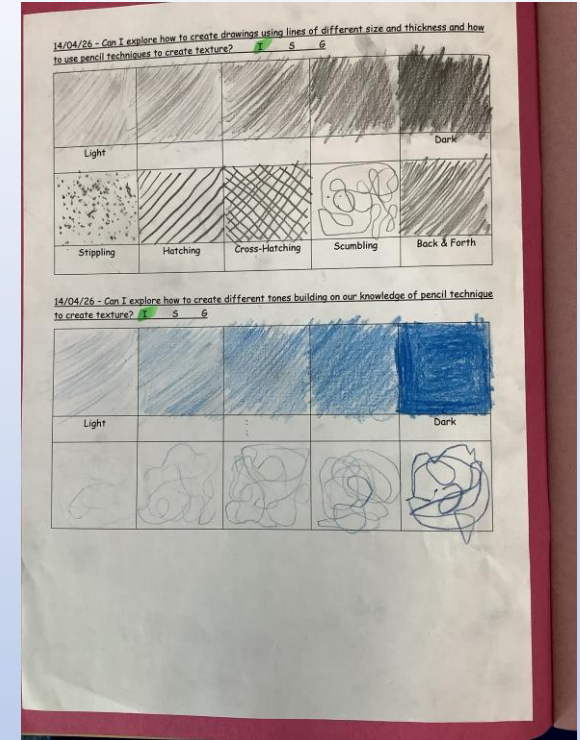
REMEMBER:
Please come to school
WEARING PE kits on Friday.
Uniform all other days (no
hoodies)



Class News - BEECH

In Art this week we have focused on pencil and drawing techniques. We focused on pressing lightly with the pencil and holding it nearer the top to create a paler colour and then moving our hand further to the tip of the pencil with a harder press to get a deeper, darker colour. Then we tried our different pencil techniques including hatching, cross-hatching, scumbling, stippling and back and forth. We will use these techniques for some observational drawings this half-term! In maths, year 1 have enjoyed exploring measuring mass and year 2 children have recapped addition and solving addition problems.

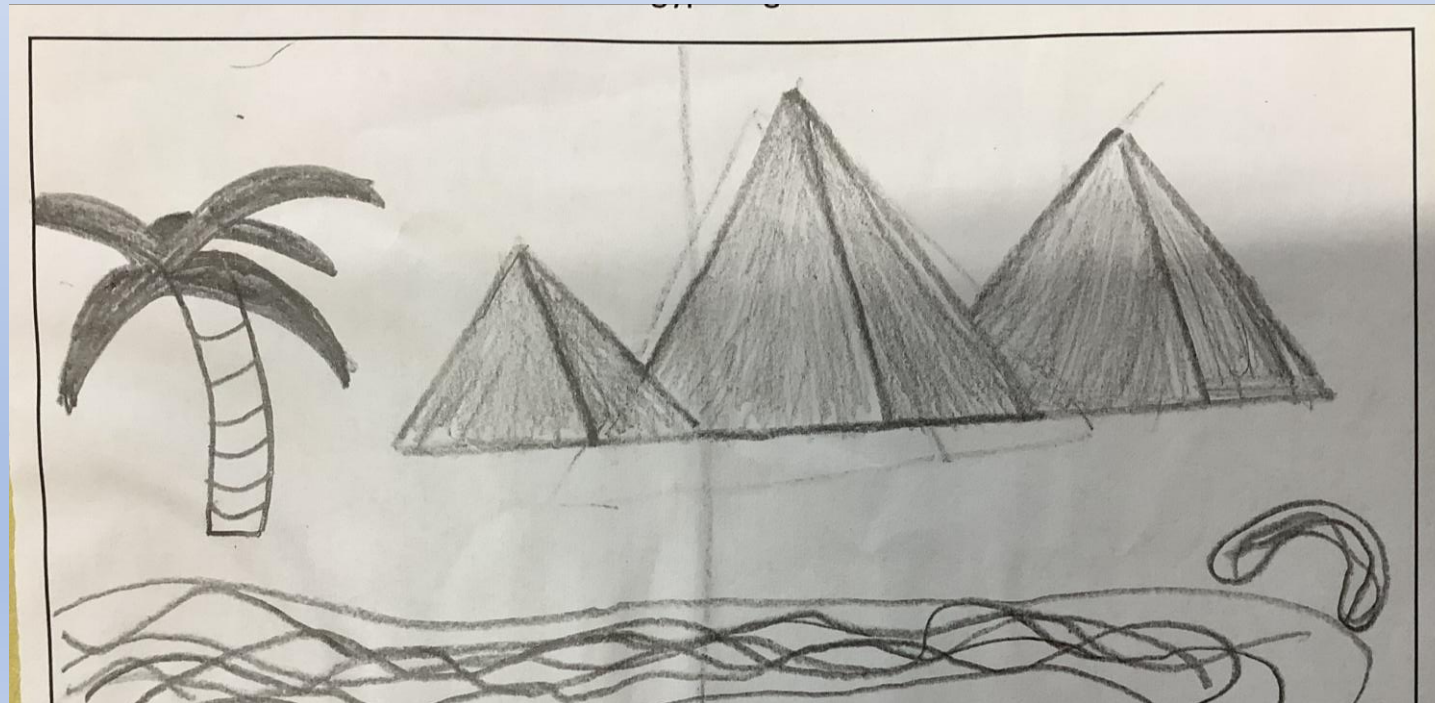
Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

To start the summer term in Holly class, we have spent time exploring artefacts to make predictions about our new topic: The Ancient Egyptians. The children have already shared some wonderful knowledge they have about the Ancient Egyptians from outside of school and have spent some time drawing what they think Egypt might have looked like at the time.

Miss Williams

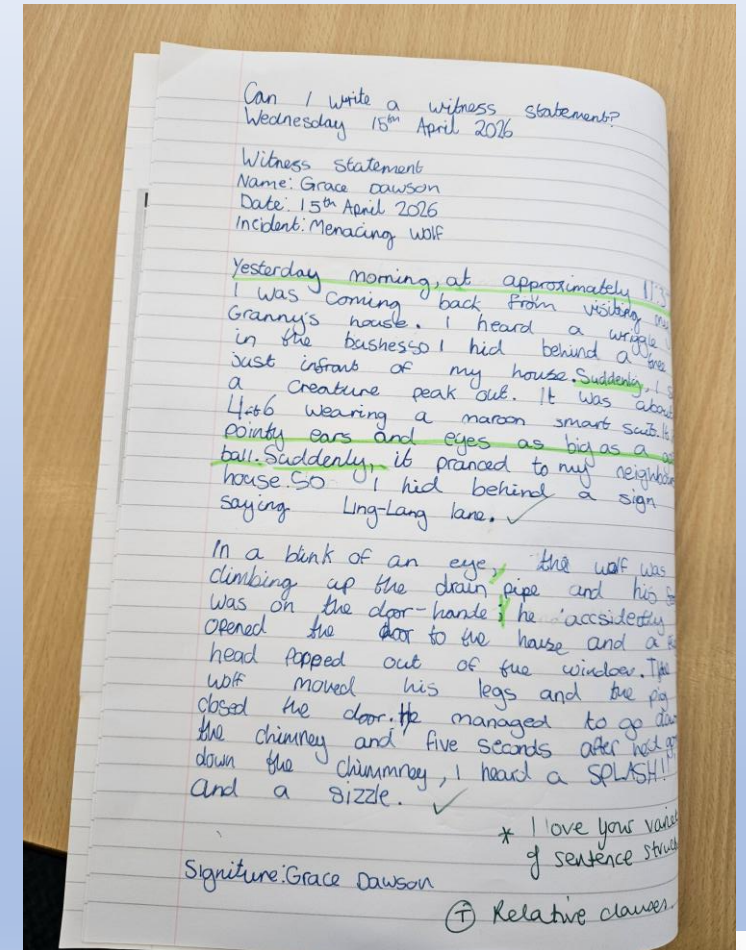
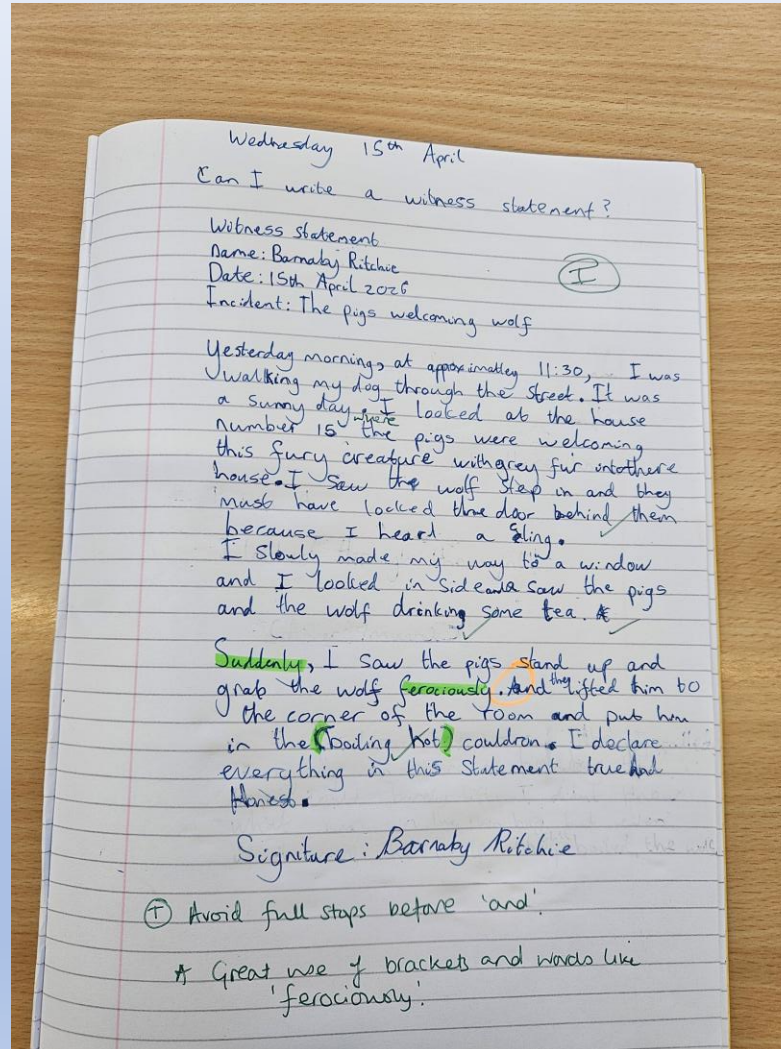


Class News - OAK

This week, Oak have been exploring a classic tale in a new way: The Three Little Pigs. We used the Guardian's award winning Three Little Pigs advert as our stimulus.

We looked at witness reports and identified common features.

We also explored language choice including how different adjectives can change a reader's perception of the character. To round off the week, we enjoyed hot seating our Three Little Pigs to identify their motives and whether they were quite as innocent as first believed...



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra Curricular Clubs



At craft club the children designed and made their own

Space Rockets as we discussed Artemis 11's mission to the other side of the moon.

At stem club the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring forces and motion with balloon rockets.

At forest school we looked at constellations and the children made their own milky way.

Opal, barrels, mud kitchen and rolling cars continue to be popular.



After School Club - Choir

Miss Leggatt is offering children from Year 2 – Year 6 the opportunity to join after school choir! Starting next **Wednesday 22 April** and running for 11 weeks until **Wednesday 8 July**, the club is open to all abilities and is payable via ParentPay as a block payment of £44.

The children know Miss Leggatt well as she teaches music throughout school, leads a lunchtime club and led our after school choir club last term.

Please email Mrs Bacon to book your child/ren's place(on) on this club. We will need a minimum of 6 children for the club to be viable.

admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk



M.C.S.S SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

CRAYKE AFTER SCHOOL MULTISPORTS COACHING

The coaching sessions are designed for Reception to Year 6 who would like to learn new skills, improve existing skills or anyone who enjoys their sport. Instructed by fully qualified, experienced DBS checked staff. Children will be able to play in a safe and friendly environment. Prizes and awards are presented to any children showing good attitude, behaviour, sportsmanship and improvement. Members of the FA licensed coaches club.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

FOOTBALL TEN PIN BOWLING STREET DANCE
HOCKEY BADMINTON/TENNIS DODGEBALL
DARTS CRICKET ATHELETICS/ASSAULT COURSE
BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL TOG O WAR TAG RUGBY



COURSE INFORMATION:

VENUE: Crayke CE Primary School – Hall, Playground & Field
DATES: Every Tuesday starting21 APRIL 2026..... for 6 weeks (excluding holidays)
TIME: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
COST: £35.00 per child

To book, please complete and return the form below to the school office or send a text to **Mark Cromack 07970 165764**.

Payment to be made prior to the first session by either cash, bank transfer or cheque (made payable to M I Cromack).

Bank Details: Mr M I Cromack Sort Code: 09-01-29 Account No: 67660898



M.C.S.S. APPLICATION FORM

DATES:.....

CHILD/REN'S NAME:

YEAR GROUP/CLASS:.....

PARENT:.....**CONTACT NUMBER:**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:.....

UPCOMING EVENTS





Introducing the exciting end of year CHASA family event... **CraykeFest!**

Please save the date!

Friday 10th July 4pm - 6.30pm

To make the event a success we're looking for lots of volunteers to help plan the event and help on the day, please click on the link below and **fill out the form** by **26th April**. Thank you for your support.

[Volunteer Form Link](#)



Please note, children must be accompanied by their parent/carer at this event

****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



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Layton	Charlie	Tomas	Rosie
		Ben	Oliver	Frankie
Gold Awards for Sport	Violet	Riley	Lucia	Grant
Headteacher Awards	Edmund		Arianna	
School Council Kindness Award	Fenton			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	252
Martin Luther King Jr	180
Mahatma Gandhi	190
Queen Elizabeth II	150

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 20 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.

PE Kits w/c 27 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.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 23 March 2026): **95.8%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	92.9%	0 lates
Beech	99.3%	2 lates (2 children)
Holly	94.2%	1 late
Oak	95.2%	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

