

CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

The last two weeks seem to have passed by in the blink of an eye! It's wonderful to see some sunshine and to experience some dry weather. Please do ensure that children come to school prepared for all eventualities – sun cream, hats, coats and water bottles are all potentially required!

This is also the season where we see a spike in lost property due to children shedding layers throughout the day – please, please help us combat this by ensuring that all items of clothing are clearly named.

The next newsletter will be shared on **Friday 15 May**, by which time the Year 6 will have finished their SATs and the end of year production will have been announced – exciting times!

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



SATs – Year 6 tests

Week commencing 11 May 2026 is SATs week for Year 6 pupils. This is a really important week for them to be able to demonstrate what they know, have learnt and understand. I am enormously proud of the progress that they have made, particularly this year and would like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of the Oak staff team – Mrs Seligman, Miss Walker, Mrs Peacock and Miss Clarke, in everything that they have done since September to help the children feel prepared and raring to go.

All children in Year 6 are welcome to come into school early for a special breakfast with their peers before starting the tests – information about this has been shared by email directly with relevant parents.

Please can parents and carers of children in ALL classes support our oldest pupils by ensuring that **everyone** is in school on time during the week, to allow Year 6 to get started promptly each morning. **Can I also ask that parents minimise disruptions during the mornings by ensuring that children have everything they need when they arrive at school, so that we don't get interrupted by deliveries of coats or water bottles once the school has begun, as tests will also be conducted at the front of school.** Thank you and GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!

Healthy playtime snacks

A quick reminder to send your KS2 child with a healthy snack for playtime — something small, easy to eat and nut-free (we have children with severe allergies). **Good ideas:** fresh fruit, chopped veg, rice cakes, plain crackers with cheese, or an oat/fruit bar. **Please avoid** chocolate bars and biscuits, sweets and sugary snacks.

It would also be enormously helpful if snack boxes can be named so we can return them to their rightful owners!

Thank you for helping us keep playtimes healthy, tidy and safe.

PAT Dog Ginny



Apple Class pupils are enjoying their first introduction to Ginny with the help from Year 6 buddies.

They are learning how to meet a dog safely and have the chance to ask Ginny's owner Polly lots of doggie questions and discuss their own pets .



Mrs Gears

CLASS NEWS



Class News- APPLE

We are happy to inform you that all of the 5/6 robins have flown the nest.

Apple Class have been making use of the sunshine and looking at shadows!

Lots of water play, roleplay and some spectacular writing.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

Last week, in art, we used our pencil and colouring techniques to observe different photographs of flowers and plants and draw the other half. In maths, year 1 were measuring the capacity of different containers and recognising the difference between capacity and volume – please ask them about this to recap! This week in geography we started to plan a map of our local area and in art we moved on to beginning to look at art work by Andy Goldsworthy.

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

Holly class have made an excellent start to their geography topic 'Where does our Food come from?' and spent time working in groups this week making posters to explain what responsible trading is and why it benefits the farmers selling the crops. Once they have finished their posters they will present them, encouraging others to buy responsibly traded products. If you see any Fair Trade products at home please do send in photos!

Miss Williams



Class News - OAK

In Science, Oak have been exploring reproduction within plants. We built on our knowledge of flowering plants to look at asexual reproduction. We discovered that this is where plants can reproduce without needing another plant such as potatoes, strawberry plants and garlic. We planted our own bulbs and we're monitoring the growth carefully!



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra Curricular Clubs



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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



The children have spent a lot of time outside with climbing, hoops, skipping and basketball.

With Earth day the children enjoyed a science project to make carbon dioxide from baking soda and vinegar to inflate a balloon. We talked about photosynthesis and how plants need carbon dioxide. They also loved exploring oceans to make ocean pictures.

We have started growing plants from seeds and the children have thoroughly enjoyed orienteering with walkie talkies.



Lunchtime Clubs – Outdoor Fun!

Now the weather is improving, we are able to take the fun outside!
Elliott has planned lots of games for this half term which will include the large Chess Set ☺





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 **CRAYKE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **YEAR 4-6**

 **FRIDAYS**

 **15:30-16:25**

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday 22 May 2026

MAKE the Rules Day (more info to follow)

AND

Wear a Hat Day!



Gather your friends, family, and colleagues to take part in our Hat Day campaign this Dementia Action Week. Whether you craft a creative hat or simply throw on one of your favourites, every hat worn is a statement of support.



Raise awareness
Raise funds
Raise your hat!



Find out more or donate to the campaign visit:
www.dementiaforward.org.uk/hat-day/

OTHER NEWS



Be Tick Aware!

It's important to be Tick aware while enjoying the outdoors.

Ticks are most active in the UK from March to October, with most bites commonly reported during May and June. They can carry pathogens (microorganisms that cause disease) such as [Lyme disease](#) and, more rarely, [tick-borne encephalitis](#).

Ticks live in many different outdoor environments, often found in woodland, rough upland or moorland pastures, heathland, grazed grasslands and some urban parks. You are more at risk of being bitten when taking part in activities such as hiking, cycling or camping, but ticks can also sometimes be found in urban gardens.

When you are enjoying the outdoors be tick aware and where possible:

- use an insect repellent that prevents ticks
- wear long sleeves and long trousers to prevent direct skin exposure
- keep to clearly defined paths and avoid brushing against vegetation
- check for ticks on young children, around their heads and necks
- when you're back indoors, check for any ticks on you, your children and pets

What to do if you're bitten:

- remove the tick as soon as you can, either using a tick removing device or fine-tipped tweezers
- grab the tick as close to the skin as you can and pull upwards
- clean the area with soap and water
- keep an eye on the bite area for a few weeks in case of any changes
- if you see a spreading bullseye rash developing, or you become unwell with flu-like symptoms or a headache, contact your GP or NHS 111 immediately.

Read more on the UKHSA website - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

If you have any queries, please contact North Yorkshire Council Public Health team at dph@northyorks.gov.uk

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Phoebe	Sylvie	Jacob	Evangeline
		Rudy	Tomas	Grace
Gold Awards for Sport	Hugo	Evelyn	Louise	Rosie
Headteacher Awards	Rudy		Louise	
School Council Kindness Award	Elijah			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Apple			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	203
Martin Luther King Jr	289
Mahatma Gandhi	190
Queen Elizabeth II	170

Want to know more about our House Teams?
See:
<https://craykeschool.org/house-teams/>

Well done Martin Luther King Jr team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

PE Kits w/c 4 May 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Apple	SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY		X			
Beech			X	X		
Holly				X		
Oak				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.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 20 April 2026): **94.8%** School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	90%	1 late
Beech	96.7%	1 late
Holly	96.1%	No lates
Oak	93.9%	No 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

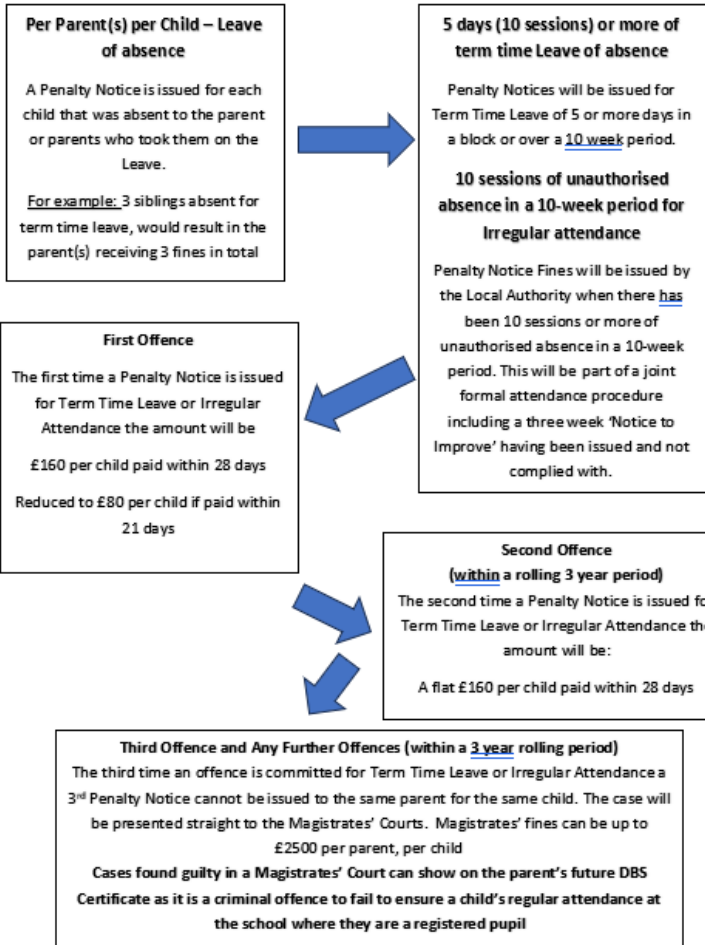


Attendance and Punctuality

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



Church News

- It's the May Family Service on Sunday 3rd. Do come and join us for the service at 10.30 am- with refreshments from 10.15.
- Future dates are June 7th and July 5th, then we will take a break in August as usual.



CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

HOLIDAY CLUB

Wednesday May 27th 10am-2pm
at Stillington Sports & Social Club
A range of activities inside and outside
(Sensible clothing and footwear needed)
Light Lunch & other refreshments provided

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