

CRAYKE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect | Friendship | Forgiveness | Determination

"Follow your pathway and we grow together with confidence"

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Crayke Chronicle



Farewell Year 6; you've been amazing!

Message from the Headteacher

Here we are at the end of the academic year! I'm writing this on the training day, as the end of last week passed by in a whirl of sunshine, songs, certificates, applause and maybe just a few tears from Year 6 parents and carers!

This final newsletter of the year includes some important information for September, and will be re-sent just before the beginning of the new term. In the meantime, by the end of last week, the staff room and classrooms were full of cake, flowers, biscuits and many other lovely gifts. We are tremendously grateful for all your gestures of appreciation and, above all else, the kind words we've received in cards and in person.

We wish our whole school community a wonderful and restful summer break with thanks to everyone who has made a contribution to making Crayke School the incredibly special place it is.

See you in September!

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



Awards in School This Week

	Friendship	Forgiveness	Respect	Determination
Apple	William	Hugo	Albie	Trixie
Beech	Lyuba	Otilie	Benjamin	Rosie Wd
Holly	Esmond	Henry	Sophy	William
Oak	Evangeline	Mabel	Barnaby	Elliott
Headteacher	Harry	Grace	Lucas	Dexter

Pupil Leaders 2026/2027

These children have been voted for by all members of staff and the existing captains. You can find out more about the teams and why we have chosen these names in the accompanying document, but in the meantime let's celebrate our Team Captains and School Ambassador as follows:

Role	Child
Maya Angelou team captain	Eva
Jane Austen team captain	Arthur
Charles Dickens team captain	India
Stan Lee team captain	Grant
School Ambassador	Mabel

Harry Hall Cup 2026



I am absolutely delighted to announce that the winners of this year's Cup are Rosie and Lucas. They have both been noticed by so many members of staff as displaying all the required qualities to be the very well-deserved winners of this award. They are brilliant Crayke Sportspersons; always displaying determination to do well, improving skills and being respectful to peers throughout.

Attendance awards

It was absolutely wonderful to be able to give out 40 certificates on Friday to the children who had excellent attendance (99+%) for the summer term. Well done to you all!

We also celebrated Alina, Zephaniah and Esmond who have 100% attendance for this academic year and an EXTRA SPECIAL well done to Sophy and Lucas who have had 100% attendance awards for two years running!

Pupil Review of the Year

Children were asked to share what they thought had **gone well this academic year** and **what would make next year even better**. Here are some of their responses:

“I like new OPAL and the new play equipment.”

“It’s good that we now have second options for lunch.”

“Now we can walk straight in without lining up after play.”

“Learning – teachers teach well to help pupils learn more especially in science and school values.”

“Den building gives us a chance to learn from our mistakes and how to fix problems.”

“The teachers are really nice.”

“More sporting competitions.”

“Reading spots all around school.”

“More learning outside.”

“Bring back Arctic roll!”

PAT Dog Ginny

PETS AS
THERAPY



Oak Class enjoyed a treat
afternoon last Friday with
a visit from Ginny who
wished them all the best
of luck as they move on to
secondary school.

Mrs Gears



INFORMATION FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



Autumn Term 2026 Curriculum

School reopens to pupils on **Tuesday 8 September**. We look forward to an exciting term with each class focussing on the following themes and enquiry questions in their learning:

AUTUMN 2024	Theme	Enquiry Question	Enrichment (<i>Stunning Start/Marvellous Middle/Fabulous Finish</i>)
Apple	Starting School	How do we learn the routines of the school day?	Visit from health practitioner
Beech	Shiver Me Timbers	What was it like to be a pirate?	Pirate Day
Holly	Through the Ages	How did life change through the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages?	Stone Age day workshop – in school
Oak	A Child's War	What was it like to be a child during WW2?	Visit to Eden Camp

Arrangements for the Start of the Autumn Term

Reminder: School Reopens Tuesday 8 September 2026

Jigsaws Before and After School Club will be open for business from 7:30am on Tuesday 8 September. The gates for all other pupils will open at 8:50am on Tuesday 8 September 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 – Autumn Term

Extra-curricular clubs will not be starting during the first week back and we will be providing further information about next term's club offer in due course.

Request for Donations – Good Quality Books

If you happen to be having a clear out of children's books over the summer holidays, we'd be really grateful for any donations of good quality children's books to refresh our collections in classrooms and for our reading shed. We are also looking at the possibility of installing a small area for parents and carers to be able to swap books, and a refresh of our staff room library so adult books would also be appreciated! Thank you!

Who do I contact?

Office staff Mrs Bacon	Class teacher See next slide for details	Headteacher/Special Educational Needs (SENCO)/Safeguarding (DSL) Mrs Jackson		Wraparound care – Jigsaws Mrs Charters
Reporting absence or lateness	Learning	Special educational needs concerns	Family support	Breakfast club
Educational visits info	Progress and attainment	Learning support	Safeguarding	After school club
Payments	Behaviour	External agency support	Attendance	Jigsaws fees
School meals	Friendship and social skills	Referrals	If an issue has not been resolved	jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk
Allergies and medicine	General wellbeing	SEND assessments	School policies	07745 560985

Staffing – 2026/2027

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APPLE	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich	Mrs Helfferich / TBC _(alternate)	Mrs Helfferich (am) Mrs Gears (pm)	Mrs Helfferich
	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Hetherington
BEECH	Mrs Seligman	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) Mrs Gears (pm)	Miss Williams	Miss Williams (am) Mrs Jackson _(alternate pm)	Miss Williams	Miss Williams
	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford	Miss Ford
OAK	Miss Walker	Mrs Seligman	Mrs Seligman	Miss Walker	Miss Walker
	Miss Clarke	Miss Clarke	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Peacock

Importance of Attendance

Every child's education is a vital pathway to their future success and well-being. Regular attendance is essential for your child to thrive both academically and personally and it is a shared responsibility between the school and families.

Why Regular Attendance Matters:

- **Maximising Learning Opportunities:** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve good outcomes. Research shows that children with higher attendance rates perform better in reading, writing and maths by the end of Key Stage 2. Missing school means missing vital lessons and experiences that help children grow in confidence and resilience.
- **Supporting Personal Development:** Attending school every day helps children build friendships, develop social skills, and engage fully with our Christian values of respect, friendship, forgiveness and determination.
- **Safeguarding and Well-being:** Regular attendance allows our staff to identify any additional support your child may need early on, ensuring their safety and well-being.

New Attendance Regulations and What They Mean for You:

Recent updates to attendance guidance emphasise the importance of consistent attendance and outline clearer responsibilities for parents and schools. These include:

- **Legal Responsibility:** Parents are legally required to ensure their child attends school every day the school is open, except in cases of illness or authorised absence.
- **Attendance Monitoring:** We have strengthened our processes to monitor attendance closely, including first-day calling and follow-ups on unexplained absences.
- **Clear Policies:** Our school attendance policy, available on our website, explains attendance expectations and procedures clearly, including the consequences of unauthorised absences.
- **Support and Intervention:** We are committed to working with families to overcome barriers to attendance and provide support where needed. However, where absence is unauthorised and persistent, formal actions such as Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

Your partnership is crucial in helping us maintain a culture of high attendance and ensuring every child benefits fully from their education. If you have any questions about attendance or need support, please contact Mrs Jackson (Attendance Lead).

Uniform Expectations

A brief reminder about uniform expectations from the start of term in September 2026.

- **School-branded items:** please buy only Crayke-branded sweatshirts, cardigans and PE tops (showing the Crayke logo). Plain items of the same colour are also acceptable. **Other visible brand logos (e.g. Nike, Adidas) should not be worn on any item of school clothing.**
- **Shoes/trainers:** plain black only — no coloured logos, bright soles, flashing lights or fluorescent trim.
- **PE days:** children should wear plain navy, grey or black shorts only (no patterns or visible brand logos). PE tops should be a Crayke logo tee or a plain white polo; dark joggers and dark trainers are acceptable in cold weather.
- **Pre-loved uniform** is available termly via CHASA and branded items can be purchased from our usual supplier: <https://school-shop.co.uk/school/crayke-primary-school/>

If a child arrives in unsuitable clothing, we may contact parents and ask for more appropriate items to be brought in for the day.

If the cost of replacing uniform is a concern, please contact the school office or speak to me confidentially — we will support families.

Thank you for helping keep Crayke smart, fair and united.

Examples of appropriate footwear for school



Diary dates 2026/2027

The diary dates document is currently being updated and will be shared in due course with parents and carers and via the school website.

Please note that, from next year, we will no longer be closing early at the end of terms and Jigsaws after school club will be available until 6pm. This brings us in line with the other local schools and ensures that the offer of wraparound care is available on every day that school is open.

Clubs next academic year

- We are currently reviewing our after school Club offer for September and will share further details in next week's newsletter. Please be reassured that Jigsaws will continue to operate as previously; we're just looking to revitalise the nature of the clubs that we offer within the 3:30-4:30pm session. If anyone has any ideas please do let us know via jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk
- We are also looking to enhance our before school offer to incorporate an opportunity for children to read to each other. Running Club will continue to be available too.

OTHER NEWS



Safeguarding Procedures - Report your concerns

Should you have any concerns over the summer holidays, no matter how small, please read here.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, please call 999

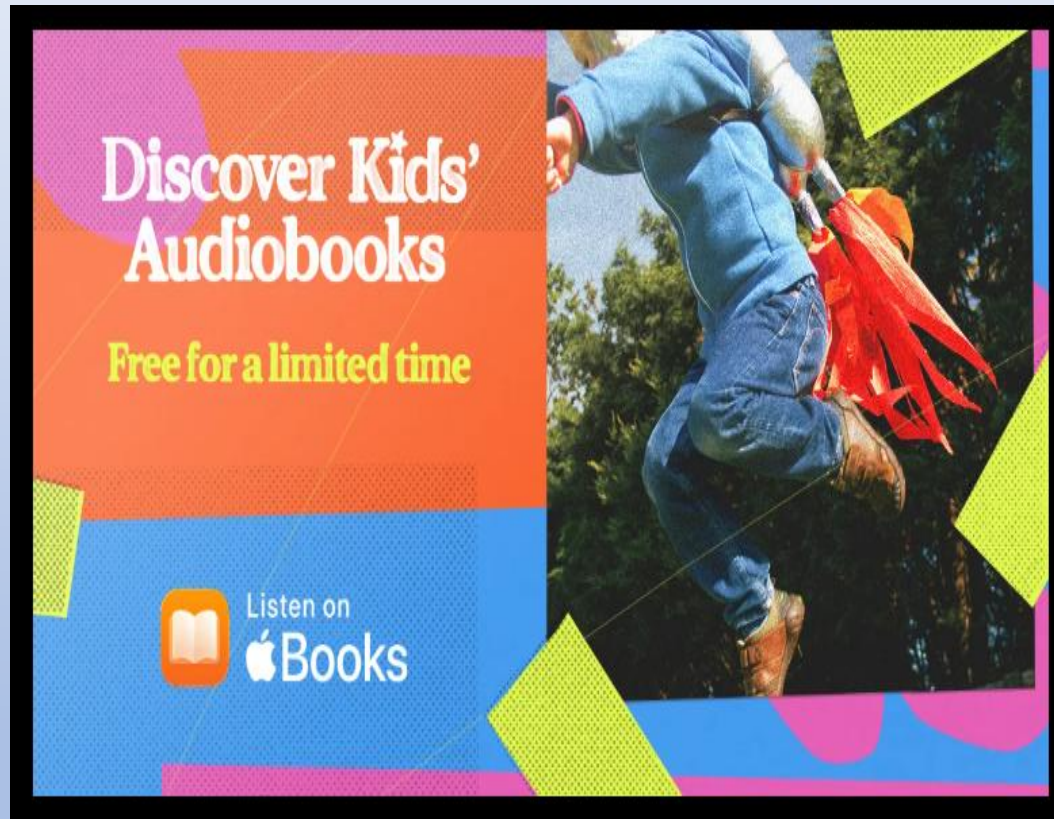
Should you have any concerns outside of school hours, then you should report them to the North Yorkshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Screening Team, please call 0300 131 2131. Additional information about making a referral can be found on their website by [clicking here](#).

Parents and carers can also visit the **North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website** for more advice and information: [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk).

Or call NSPCC on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000).

For pupils, the NSPCC Childline number is [0800 1111](tel:08001111).

Free audiobooks offer – only until tomorrow!



Available on Apple devices via Book app

Who wants to hear a story? Listening to someone tell a cracking tale is a huge pleasure. So is hearing someone explain fascinating things about the world. Audiobooks are a great way to help children engage with new interests. They can spark an interest in reading too, showing how brilliantly engaging and accessible books can be. This collection—curated by our editors to celebrate the National Year of Reading—features more than 50 children's audiobooks from bestselling and beloved authors including Julia Donaldson, Jill Murphy, Enid Blyton and Michael Morpurgo, as well as well-known names such as Marcus Rashford, Leah Williamson and Dermot O'Leary. And a brilliant cast of narrators including David Tennant, Kate Winslet and Bill Nighy bring the stories and characters vividly to life. They're all free to download for a limited time, and once they're in your library, they're yours to enjoy for good. Introduce kids to your own favourites or pick together and listen as a family. Dive in and discover together.

Pre-School: 0–4 Years >

The Lion Inside Rachel Bright	Oi Frog! Audiobook Kris Gray	How to Catch a... Oliver Jeffers	The Burpee Bears Joie Wicks	What We'll Build Oliver Jeffers	Dear Zoo and... Red Campbell	You Can Do... Anything Lenny Henry
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Early Listeners: 5–8 Years >

InvestiGators John Patrick Green	The Enchanted... Magic Faraway Tree Enid Blyton	Toto the Ninja... Dermot O'Leary	Rabbit's Bad... Julian Gough	The Boy Who G... Andy Shepherd	Hotel Flamingo Alex Milway	Meet the Mubbles Liz Pichon
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Middle Grade: 8–12 Years >

Grimwood... Nadia Shireen	Skandar and the... A.F. Steadman	Diary of a Big... Ben Miller	The Boy Who Fell... Benjamin Dean	The Wizards of... Cressida Cowell	Which Way to... Cressida Cowell	Crookhaven The... J.J. Arcangelo
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Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your
local library and
earn exclusive
rewards for reading



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READ^{to} the BEAT

Read to the Beat is the name of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge – the UK's biggest reading for fun scheme for 4 – 11-year-olds



Children sign up at their local library to start the challenge, which is to read six books over the summer break.

They can choose any books they like, as long they're from the library. eBooks and audiobooks borrowed from our digital platforms Borrowbox and Libby also count.



Reading or listening to books with grown ups or siblings also counts towards completing the challenge.

For each book read, children collect stickers. When completed, they are presented with exclusive prizes, a certificate and medal.



Lots of fun and often FREE tie-in events running across libraries. Scan the QR code for details of what's happening in your patch.

Sign up to Read to the Beat at your local library from Saturday 4 July – while stocks last...



READ to the BEAT

FREE FUN & GAMES AT THE LIBRARY!

JUNK MUSIC

with CHRIS GEESON CREATIVE CLUBS

Saturday 8th August

2pm - 3.30pm For ages 9 to 13 years.

Use junk to make music! Get down and noisy with junk drumming! Turn an old tub into a funky rhythm machine to take away!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Please bring a parent or guardian. Walk-ups may be taken on the day if the session isn't full.

CD ANIMALS

with CHRIS GEESON CREATIVE CLUBS

Friday 14th August

10am - Noon For ages 4 to 11 years.

Use old discs and other scrap materials to create a fun animal face, a cute crafty creature or a hideous monster!

Drop-in - no need to book. Please bring a parent or guardian. Allow 30 minutes.

FAIRGROUND GAMES

presented by EASINGWOLD LIONS

Saturday 18th July

10am - Noon Fun for all the family!

Roll up, roll up for the thrill of traditional fairground amusements: Treasure Hunt • Roll a Ball • Beanbag & Bucket • The Infamous Splat the Rat.

Outside the library (weather permitting). No need to book - just turn up.

SINGALONG

with MARTYN THE MUSIC MAN

Tuesday 28th July

10am - 11am For ages 4 to 7 years.

Join a band and help to bring a story book alive with music, rhythm and singing!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Please bring a parent or guardian. Walk-ups may be taken on the day if the session isn't full.

GIANT BOOKS

with CHRIS GEESON CREATIVE CLUBS

Wednesday 26th August

10am - 11.30am For ages 6 to 13 years.

Create a giant book from scrap card and paper with a cover based on your favourite story or an entirely made-up idea! It'll look fabulous on your bookshelf at home!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Please bring a parent or guardian. Walk-ups may be taken on the day if the session isn't full.

HOW TO BOOK

Open for bookings from 4th July.
Drop by the library. Call 01609 534584.
Email: ec1generalenquiries@gmail.com



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Join the free Summer Reading Challenge at Your Local Library!

Dear parents and carers,

We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** – Read to the Beat! - completely free at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – all books count!

Why should my child sign up?

One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11 and many will struggle to keep up at secondary school, despite reading for pleasure being one of the single biggest indicators of children's development.

The Summer Reading Challenge helps your child to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Stay prepared to return to school in the autumn
- Settle into a new year group
- Access free books and fun family activities all through the summer at your local library

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency, delivered in partnership with the public library network, and this year powered by Universal Music Group UK – whose artists will be championing the joy of reading and sharing their own stories of creative expression. All brought to life with wonderful illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator Harry Woodgate.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](https://www.readingagency.co.uk/) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](https://www.publiclibrarynetwork.org.uk/).

"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper joy for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading fun."
parent/carer of 6–7-year-old boy

What will my child read?

Anything they like! We've also curated a special booklist featuring 55 titles for all reading levels, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and graphic novels, with dyslexia-friendly options too. From rap and K-pop to orchestras and opera, there's a music-inspired story for every child.

How can my child take part?

- Visit your local library to sign up
- Choose from books, eBooks, or audiobooks. Check out the [Read to the Beat Collection](https://www.readtothebeatcollection.org/) for suggestions
- Receive a special sticker booklet and collect rewards for reading



DON'T FORGET!

to sign-up for the
Summer Reading Challenge

READ to the BEAT
at the library from
Saturday 4th July!

Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit

– support for parents and carers

This valuable resource is now live and available for parents and carers to access support, ideas and strategies from. Please do take some time to have a look at this website:

<https://nyes.info/imt>



**Unchanged from last
newsletter**



Speech, Language and Communication Advice Appointments

'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's speech, language & communication skills'.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ~ PLEASE BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

Where – [Stokesley Globe Community Library](#)

When – Monday 27th July 2026, morning appointments

North Road, Middlesbrough, TS9 5DH

Where – [Galtres Centre, Easingwold](#)

When – Wednesday 29th July, 2026, morning appointments

Market Place, York, YO61 3AD

Who will be there?

Linda Dalgliesh – Speech & Language Therapist

Liz Wilson – Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Please contact us to book a slot by emailing
liz.wilson@northyorks.gov.uk.

For any queries please ring 07989 727022

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Thank you to all those who helped in any way with CraykeFest, it was a wonderful family event and it raised £1559 (+ gift aid & fund match) for the school! 🎉

The CHASA summer term newsletter has been sent to parents and carers, so do have a read to find out what has been raised this year and what the money has been spent on.

CHASA AGM Proposed Date: Thursday 17th September at the Durham Ox, Crayke.

Thank you for all your support this year and have a fantastic summer break! CHASA 💕