

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



"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

— Albert Einstein



Message from the Headteacher

This week we have, amongst other things:

- Begun our library visits – what a wonderful start to the week that was!
- Started our new writing approach “Pathways to Write” and received some super feedback from staff and children.
- Welcomed parents and carers of almost 70 of our children in for the Open Afternoon – wow!
- Heard all about Holly Class's “amazing” educational visit to the Yorkshire Museum.
- Discovered information about padel at the Padel Farm from Adam in a special assembly.
- Celebrated Mrs Walsh’s special birthday.

It’s a good job it’s the weekend, so we can all have a rest... except that most of the staff team are preparing our walking boots and glo-sticks tomorrow night for our 10k sponsored Shine Night Walk in York!

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

In memory of Norman Jackson, former Governor

We are very sad to share that Norman Jackson passed away unexpectedly earlier this week. Norman gave an extraordinary 45 years of service to Crayke Primary School as a governor until 2022. He was Chair for many years and also gave long service on the board at Easingwold Secondary School.

Norman made an incredible contribution to local education and to our village. During my time as Headteacher, he was a dedicated and supportive governor who always championed the hard work of our staff, contributed enormously to our Heritage Week and formally opened our running track in September 2022. A familiar face around the village, Norman was a true gentleman with a great sense of humour, a twinkly-eyed smile and a willingness to embrace new challenges, which even extended to managing to join governor meetings online during Covid!

We are deeply grateful for all he did to make Crayke the school it is today – he was a real treasure of the community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Norman's family, and all who knew him, at this difficult time.



NEWS FROM SCHOOL

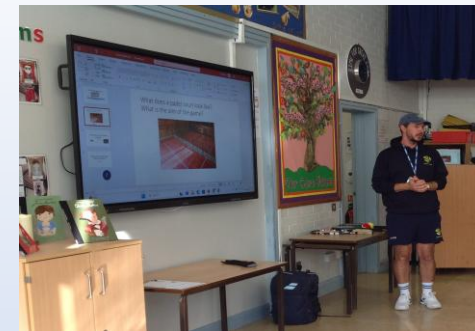


News from School – Consent Forms

Children in Year 1-6 will be bringing home some important documents today which require your urgent attention. These include a range of consent forms regarding visits, media and acceptable use, as well as this year's Home School Agreement.

The deadline for return stated on the letter is **Monday 5 October**. However, **if your child is in Holly or Oak class, please return by Monday 28 September** as the visit consent form is required to enable your child to participate in the visit to Crayke Church on Tuesday next week.

Many thanks for your support with returning these forms.



As part of our helping everyone find their sport, we welcomed Adam from The Padel Farm.

Adam explained the aim of the game, his background in tennis and how he is a relatively new player to the sport. The children asked some great questions:

How much does each session cost? **£10 which includes the session and the hire of the equipment needed. There are no joining fees and you pay per session, so for the weeks you can't attend, you are not paying for them.**

What is the scoring system? **The same as tennis but deuce is Golden Point, whoever wins the point wins the game.**

When are the sessions? **See flyer to the right.**

What do I need to bring? **PE kit and a water bottle**

Will the sessions be fun? **Yes, as well as playing padel, I incorporate fun games so that everyone has a great session.**

For more information Email:

juniors@thepadelfarm.org

Next week, we welcome Olivia from Bloom Elite Cheerleading and Gymnastics





JUNIOR ACADEMY

50% OFF FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS

From 2nd September Kids Classes Every Monday-Thursday (Term Time)

7th-18th Sept: £5/session | Regular Pricing: £10/session

DAY	TIME	SESSION
MONDAY	4-5PM	5 - 7 Years Mini Padel
	5-6PM	8 - 10 Years Kids Padel
TUESDAY	4-5PM	11 - 13 Years Junior Padel
	5-6PM	14 - 16 Years Junior Padel
WEDNESDAY	4-5PM	5 - 7 Years Mini Padel
THURSDAY	4-5PM	8 - 10 Years Kids Padel
	5-6PM	11 - 13 Years Junior Padel

- ✓ Qualified LTA Coaches
- ✓ Fun, Active Sessions
- ✓ Exceptionally Sociable
- ✓ Open To All Levels
- ✓ Warm Indoor Courts
- ✓ Café & Comfy Seating for Parents

SCAN ME TO BOOK



OR SENDS YOU TO HOMEPAGE
SCROLL TO 'ACADEMY'
JOIN THE SESSION

IF YOU ARE BOOKING FOR
TWO OR MORE CHILDREN
PLEASE EMAIL ANYWAY WITH
THE DATE AND SESSION
YOU WISH TO BOOK

Sutton-on-the-Forest, YO61 1EE For More Information Please Email juniors@thepadelfarm.org



Crayke Staff Shine for Cancer Research UK



The majority of the school staff team will be taking part in the **Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk** in York **tomorrow night**, coming together to walk, remember, support and raise money for such an important cause.

Cancer is a disease that has touched all of us in some way. Whether through a loved one, a friend, a colleague, or through our own experiences, we all know just how deeply it can affect individuals, families and communities.

As we walk together through the night, we'll be thinking of those we have lost, those who are fighting cancer, those who have overcome it, and all the families and friends who have supported them along the way. ❤️

We're proud to be taking part as a team from Crayke School and hope to raise as much as we can for Cancer Research UK, helping to fund vital research and bring us closer to a future where more people survive cancer.

If you'd like to support us with a donation, no matter how big or small, it would mean so much. Here is a link to the Crayke Team fundraising page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/crayke-ce-primary-school>

Together, we can shine brighter! ✨



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

**So far we have raised an
astonishing £3625.49 +
£761.25 Gift Aid!
THANK YOU!
Dare we dream that we
can make it to £5000???**



CLASS NEWS



Class News- APPLE

We have had another busy week; learning phonics and starting to blend. In maths, we have been learning about pairs and matching.

We took part in our first forest school session. We made the bug hotel and designed bugs using natural resources.



Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

It was so lovely to welcome everyone into Beech class for Open Afternoon this week! The children have been enjoying our pirates theme and worked hard on their pirate hats! A big thanks to all the parents that helped with the plaiting; the children used their determination well and we were really pleased with the outcomes. I'm sure you will agree the hat designs are brilliant! In history this week we began looking at Blackbeard and learning about why he was such a notorious pirate! Please ask the children about him 😊

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

Holly Class have started the year with such enthusiasm and have settled into the new routines well. This week we had an amazing time at the Yorkshire Museum as part of our Through the Ages topic. Here is an email we wrote on our return to thank the staff at the Yorkshire Museum and share our highlights. Our computing topic is emails so it will be great to see a real reply!

Miss Williams

Dear Yorkshire Museum,

We are writing to say thank you for our wonderful trip. Here are some highlights we have compiled as a class.

I liked the clay making.

I enjoyed the interactive bits like the tunnel and the dinosaur X-ray on the iPad.

I really liked the Vikings section because of all of the little coins. There was a helpful lady there who we asked questions to and told us about them.

I really liked the dinosaurs.

Sarah was super kind, nice, helpful and knowledgeable about the Stone Age. I liked the activities she planned for us to do, we held lots of artefacts from the Stone, Bronze and Iron age, we made clay pendants based on the Star Carr pendant. The banner that we held up helped us to remember the order of the ages.

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Thank you so much for a lovely day with you!

From,

Holly Class



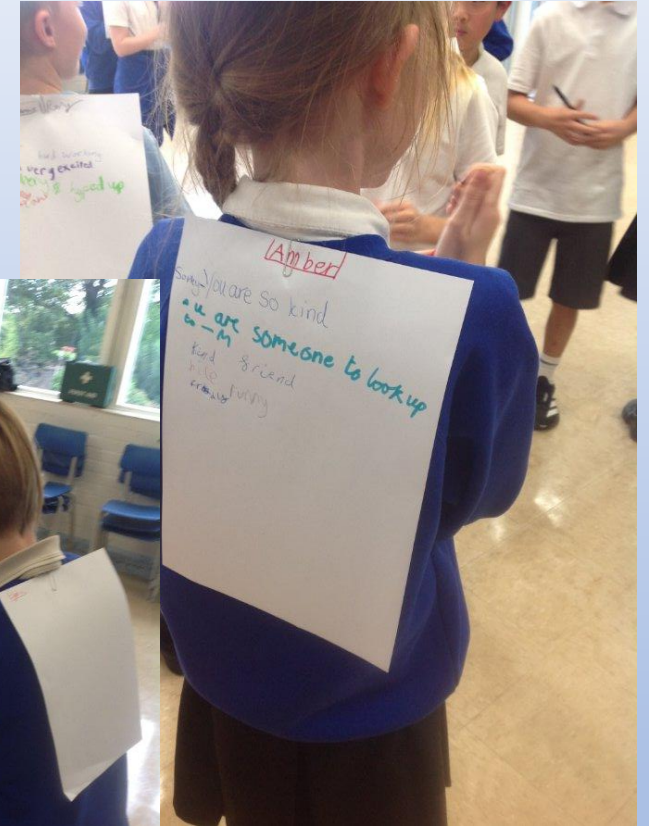


Class News - OAK

Kindness is incredibly important to us and so as a way of team building at the beginning of the year, we worked to share compliments.

Each child clipped a piece of paper to their back and their classmates all took turns to write what made them special.

It was a way to build each other up and celebrate what makes us all unique. It was such a lovely lesson to be a part of.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Reminders for next week (from Diary Dates)

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Tuesday	29 September	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Leisure Centre
Tuesday	29 September	Church visits	KS2	St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday	29 September	Outwood Academy Open Evening	Year 6	Outwood Academy Easingwold

****Beech Class Phonics Drop in Lessons****

We would like to invite Year 1 parents and any parents of Year 2 children who are retaking the phonics screening check to come into Beech class to watch a phonics lesson in action! The dates we have available are listed below and the lessons take places between 9.05am until 9.30am. Please email Mrs Bacon to sign up for one of the sessions below. Places will be limited in each session so do get booked in early!

The dates are:

Thursday 8th October

Thursday 22nd October OR

Wednesday 4th November

We look forward to seeing you there! ☺

Mrs Dobson

2026 Shoebox Appeal



We are once taking part in Children in Distress' Shoebox Appeal after a successful first year in 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and share kindness with children who may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Your child will come home with a leaflet explaining what can go in the box and these can be brought in with your child and dropped off at the office. The final deadline for this is **Friday 6th November**.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity to support such a wonderful charity.

Miss Williams

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra Curricular Clubs



- What a lovely week we have had in Jigsaws Before and After School Club!
- Some of the activities included making clay leaf prints, mandalas and sewing puppets.
- Practising our skipping and cricket skills.
- Other activities the children have enjoyed are marble runs, rolling cars and den building.

Here is a snap shot of our week:



Extra Curricular – Breakfast Session



Breakfast Club opens each morning from 7:30am. Children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast and fun with their friends before school! It costs £5.50 a session with a 20% sibling discount. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



Unchanged from
last week

T: 07745 560985 (during opening hours)
E: jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Extra Curricular – Club Session



The following clubs are available to book via your Parent Pay account. Each club runs from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and is available for all children from Reception to Year 6. It costs £5 per child with a 20% sibling discount. Please contact jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Monday	Craft
Tuesday	STEM
Wednesday	Open play – child led
Thursday	Sports focus (netball/hockey/skipping)
Friday	Chill

**Unchanged from
last week**

T: 07745 560985 (during opening hours)
E: jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Extra Curricular – Full Session

Jigsaws After School Club is open every day until 6pm. Children are given a nutritious light tea and enjoy a range of high quality activities led by Caroline and supported by Mrs Fowler and Mrs Ozbey-Trottier. It costs £11 a session with a 20% sibling discount. Places are bookable via Parent Pay.



**Unchanged from
last week**

T: 07745 560985 (during opening hours)
E: jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

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JIGSAWS

AT CRAYKE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Jigsaws Out of School Club Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereal/toast Pancakes				
Snack	Fruit				
Term 1	Bagels, cream cheese, cucumber/ tomatoes	Beans on toast	Vegetable sticks, Salsa & Tortillas	Ham / Salmon & salad Wraps Yogurt	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta
Term 2	Toasted Sandwiches	Tomato Pasta	Beans on toast	Soup & Roll	Wraps
Term 3	Salad, Salmon or Turkey pitta bread	Mozzarella sticks, peppers & cucumber	Savoury Rice	Cheesy pasta	Vegetable sticks, tzatziki & tortilla Crisps

Unchanged from
last week



YEAR OF READING



Magazine Subscriptions

Unchanged from
last week

 **Can you help us build an amazing reading culture at Crayke School?** 

As part of our exciting Year of Reading, we're looking for individuals or local businesses to sponsor a children's magazine subscription for the school.

We have identified these as fantastic options, and we'd love to build up a wide variety for the children to enjoy. It doesn't matter if we receive duplicate subscriptions – extra copies simply mean they can be shared across different classrooms! If you'd like to sponsor a magazine, you can browse the suggested titles here:

 <https://www.magazine.co.uk/kids-magazines>

Some of the recommended magazines include:

- National Geographic Kids
- How It Works
- The Week Junior
- Science + Nature
- FourFourTwo
- Eco Kids Planet
- History Extra
- First News
- Match of the Day
- The Phoenix Comic
- BBC Wildlife
- All About History

If you choose to sponsor one, please have the subscription sent directly to us at school: Crayke Church of England Primary School Easingwold Road Crayke York YO61 4TZ

If you own a business, or know someone who might like to support our school in this way, we'd be incredibly grateful if you could share this with them too.

Thank you so much for helping us inspire a lifelong love of reading in our children! ❤️ 📖

Reading Recommendations

GO
ALL
IN.

National Year of
Reading 2026

READS FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

Books for young music lovers



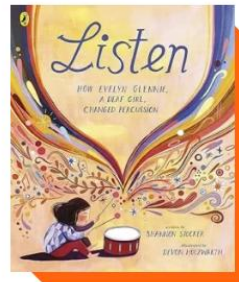
PICTURE BOOK

Ossiri and the Bala Mengro

AGES 5-7

Ossiri, a young Romani girl, builds her own instrument from scraps. Mocked but determined, her music awakens the ogre Bala Mengro and sparks magical events.

[READ MORE ↗](#)



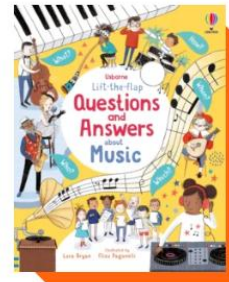
PICTURE BOOK

Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion

AGES 5-7

This inspiring picture book tells the true story of world-famous deaf percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie.

[READ MORE ↗](#)



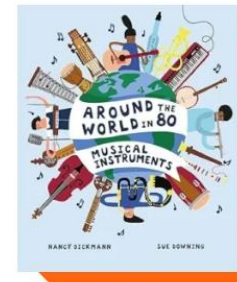
BOOK | PICTURE BOOK

Questions and Answers About Music

AGES 5-9

A fun flap book answering big music questions, exploring instruments worldwide, with sounds via Quicklinks playlist.

[READ MORE ↗](#)



BOOK

Around the World in 80 Musical Instruments

AGES 7-11

A vibrant look at instruments worldwide, from classics to rare creations, with a gatefold celebrating global musical diversity.

[READ MORE ↗](#)



BOOK | AUDIOBOOK

Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer

AGES 9-11

Kofi and Kelvin create a rap-lyrics fanzine, discovering friendship, growing up and the power of music in 1990s London.

[READ MORE ↗](#)

<https://goallin.org.uk/music/>

Easingwold Library



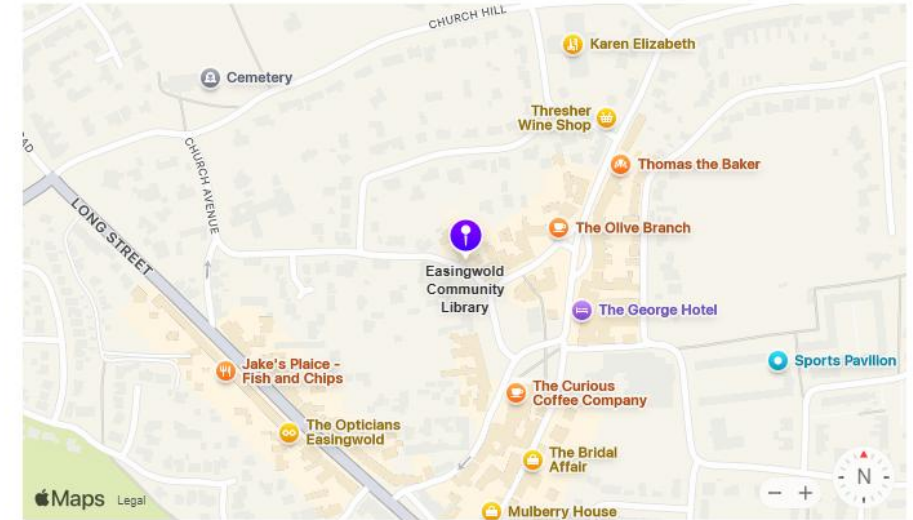
Tel: 01609 534584
Email: ecl.generalenquiries@gmail.com

Opening Hours:

Monday	10.00 - 12.30	14.00 - 17.00
Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00	
Thursday	10.00 - 15.30	
Friday	09.30 - 17.00	
Saturday	10.00 - 12.30	

WHERE WE ARE

The library is close to the Market Place in Easingwold town centre, just behind The Commercial. Look for our large sign under the willow tree.



<https://easingwoldcommunitylibrary.com>

OTHER NEWS



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Spencer	Benjamin	Dianta	Elliott
		William	Henry	Elijah
Gold Awards for Sport	Rory	Violet	Jackson	Mabel
Headteacher Awards - Reading focus	George		Sylvia	
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Holly			

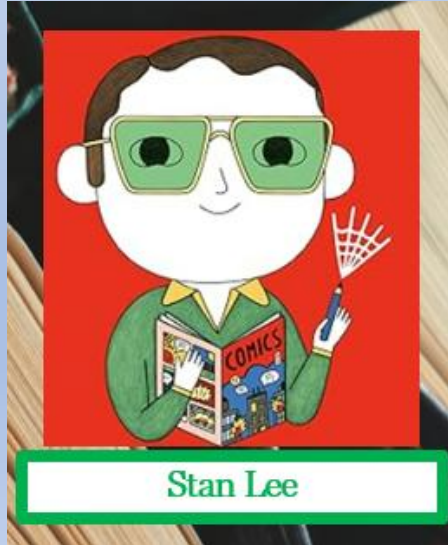
Team Points

Team	Points
Maya Angelou	93
Jane Austen	183
Stan Lee	177
Charles Dickens	175

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

<https://craykeschool.org/house-teams/>



PE Kits w/c 28 September 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple			Bring Forest School Kit		Bring PE Kit
Beech				X	X
Holly		X			X
Oak		SWIMMING			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. **Hoodies should only be worn on PE days.**

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 14 September 2026): **95%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	92.9%	No lates
Beech	97.1%	No lates
Holly	91 %	1 late
Oak	97.7%	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





CRAYKE VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 26th September 2026
At Crayke Sports Club & Village Hall

Come along for a good bit of traditional fun.
Get growing, baking, making and preserving!
Fun for all ages. Classes for all

- Doors open 2pm, entries on the day
- All entries to be received by 3.15pm.
- Judging starts at 3.30pm.
- Friendly Crayke v ROW sporting event!

Bar open,
Cafe open serving hot drinks and
our famous bacon sarnies!

@ Crayke Sports Club & Village Hall,
Crayke, York, YO61 4TZ

Crayke Produce Show 2026

Saturday 26th September

Entries on the day or email to shelldunning@hotmail.com. 50p per entry - tick classes to enter.

Doors open 2pm. Entries in by 3.15pm for 3.30pm judging.

Name:	Address:	Tel. No:	Email:
Class: Cut flowers / garden	Tick	Class: Baking & home produce	Tick
1 1 Rose		26 1 jar fruit jelly	
2 Assorted bunch of garden blooms		27 1 jar fruit jam	
3 Bunch of mixed herbs		28 1 jar fruit chutney	
Class: Vegetables & Eggs	Tick	29 1 bottle fruit spirit	
4 3 Kinds of vegetables (1 of each)		30 1 cake made with white sponge - any recipe	
5 4 White potatoes		31 1 cake made with chocolate sponge	
6 4 Coloured potatoes		32 4 Scones	
7 3 Chillii peppers		33 4 Brownies	
8 6 Runner beans		34 4 slices any traybake/non bake tray	
9 3 Carrots		35 Bread - any type	
10 3 Onions		36 Savoury flan/quiche	
11 6 Tomatoes		37 4 Yorkshire Puddings	
12 Longest Runner Bean		Class: Adults art / craft / other	Tick
13 Longest Carrot		38 Photo of animal/bird/insect	
14 Largest Leek		39 Photo of landscape/scenic/weather	
15 Largest Onion		40 Photo of local architecture	
16 Largest Pumpkin		41 Photo of food	
17 Largest Marrow		42 Any pencil drawing	
18 Longest stick of rhubarb		43 Any painting	
19 Funniest wonky fruit or veg!		44 Painting/drawing of a sunflower	
20 Most disappointing fruit or veg!		45 1 item of woodwork	
21 4 Home laid eggs		46 Vintage/classic Vehicle entries	
22 Any other veg not listed		47 Lego model	
Class: Fruit	Tick		
23 5 Cooking apples			
24 5 Eating apples			
25 5 Pears			
Class: Childrens classes	Tick	Class: Childrens classes	Tick
48 Any painting or drawing		53 Wooden spoon character	
49 Garden on a plate		54 Painting/drawing of a sunflower	
50 Any animal or person made of fruit/veg		55 Lego garden	
51 Handwriting - I am glad the sky is blue (google this for full poem)		56 Lego Model	
52 Any sweet bake (Cake, biscuits, cupcakes, traybake)		57 Decorated paper plate	

NOTE: Childrens entries - put age on the front and name on the back. Entries will be split according to age and number received.