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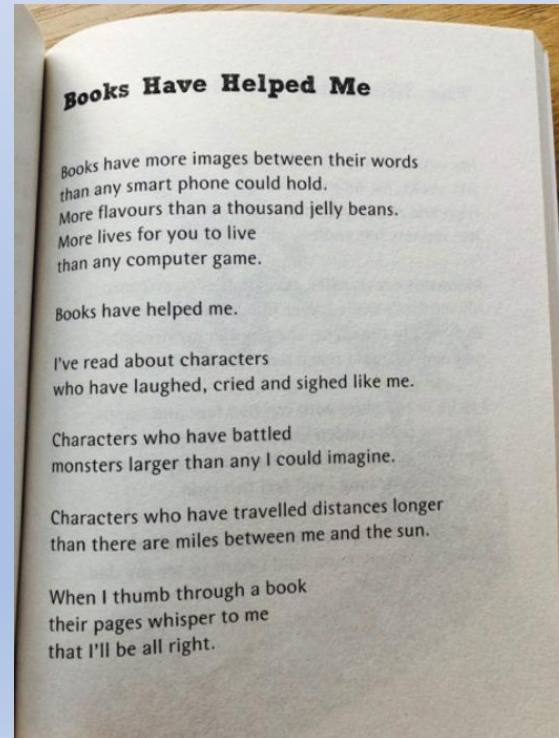
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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy time in school! Thank you for all your kind donations for our Shine Night Walk, we have raised well over £6000 as a staff team and we're so pleased to be able to support Cancer Research which is a cause very close to our hearts.

As the weather is now most definitely on the turn, please do ensure your child comes in every day with a coat – this should be warm, waterproof and NAMED.

I have had multiple conversations with parents and carers this week about lost jumpers, hoodies and cardigans. Please make sure that every item is clearly named; this really does help us to be able to reunite items with owners.

Many parents will now routinely be receiving a “good news email” on a Friday. We are aiming to celebrate those children who have been present all week and demonstrated consistently positive attitudes to learning, made the right choices and worked hard. Please celebrate these achievements with your child!

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



Summer Reading Challenge

We were so thrilled with our whole school participation in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The overall results were as follows:

Year Group	Percentage of completers
R	29%
1	33%
2	63%
3	64%
4	80%
5	20%
6	50%



An enormous thank you to Curious Coffee who provided and delivered hot chocolate and brownies as a delicious and well deserved treat!

White Rose Infinity



Children in Holly class have been using White Rose Infinity this week on the iPads and will have the option to log in at home and complete our class quizzes to consolidate their learning in maths so far this year.

This is a fun way for children to practice the skills they have learned in maths this year and show you what they have been learning!

To log in:

Visit: www.infinity.whiteroseeducation.com/home

Enter our school code and pupil access code which the children will have in their reading records. Children can then complete the quizzes to earn stars.

Printed versions are available on request, but will not contribute to their stars.

Miss Williams



CLASS NEWS



Class News- APPLE

We have had a very busy week, learning lots of facts about badgers and octopuses as we celebrated National Badger Day and Octopus Day. Can your child tell you: What does 'nocturnal' mean? What is a badger's home called? How many hearts does an octopus have? What colour blood does an octopus have?

We have been learning about shapes, making collages, working on our fine motor skills and visiting church.



Mrs Helfferich

Class News - BEECH

Over the past 2 weeks we have been working on our pirate portraits. We looked at colour mixing and creating tints and tones in order to have a variety of colours to use. We explored portraits by the artist, Barbara Hulme and then drew our own portraits but adding pirate features. Here are a couple of examples below. In science we have been looking at properties of materials and tested a variety of different roofs for our lego houses. We wanted to find the most waterproof and also the strongest to protect us from the wind.

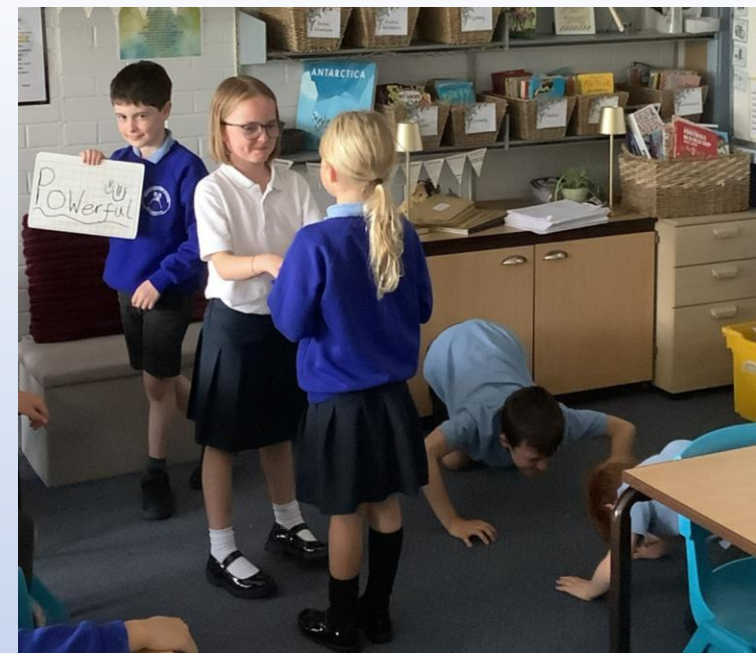
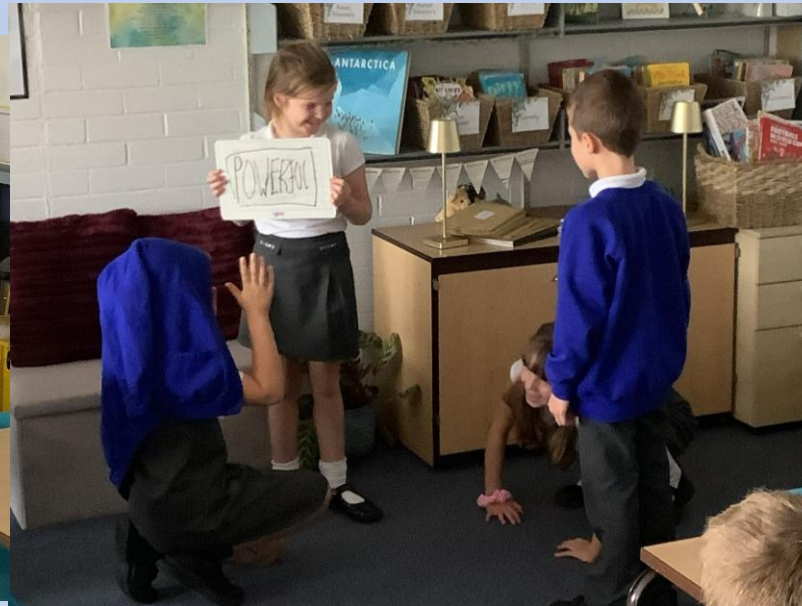
Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

In RE, we are learning about what different Bible stories might tell Christians about God. While looking at the story of Moses and the Burning Bush, children acted out the story, created a freeze frame and explained what the story might tell Christians about God. The children explained that they felt it showed God is loving, powerful and unexpected.

Miss Williams

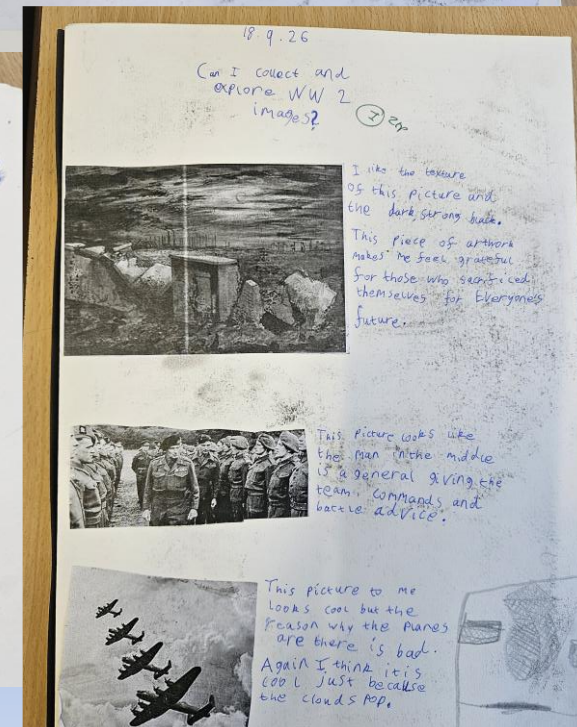
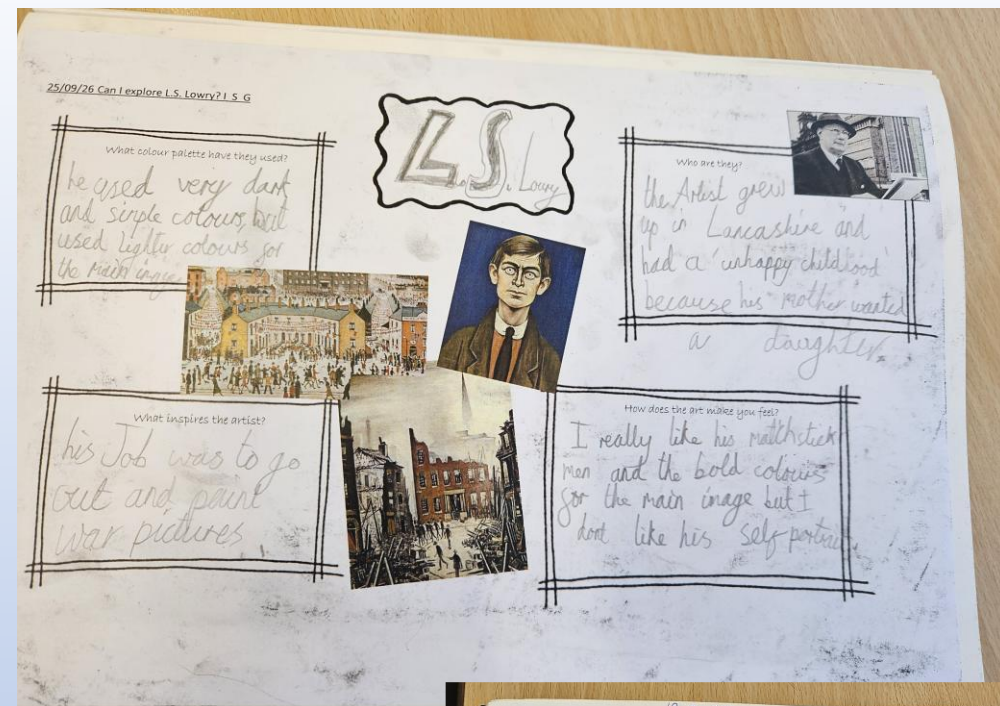


Class News - OAK

In Art over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed exploring the work of L.S. Lowry, in particular his role as a war artist.

We have gathered ideas from WW2 era photographs and artwork, learnt about Lowry's life and most recently experimented with watercolour to re-create his iconic muted colour palette.

Our artbooks are looking superb and it is really interesting to see how creative the children are becoming in recording their learning.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Reminders for next week (from Diary Dates)

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Monday	12 October 9:10am	Library visit	Holly Class	Easingwold library
Tuesday	13 October	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Leisure Centre
Wednesday	14 October	Open Morning for September 2027 (1 of 2)	Prospective families	School
Thursday	15 October	Individual and sibling photographs	All + Pre-school siblings from 8:30am	School

Library Visit – Monday

We look forward to meeting Holly Class at Easingwold Library at 9:10am on Monday for their class visit. **Please ensure that children remain supervised outside the library by parents/carers until this time.** They will be transported back to school by coach at 10:15am. The children will each be able to borrow one book from the library to take home, following the visit. Due to half term, it will be the responsibility of families to ensure the return or renewal of this book.

A final reminder for any remaining library books borrowed by children in Oak class – if they are brought into school today, we can take them back on Monday. If not, they remain your responsibility to return or renew.



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Is your child due to start school in September 2027?
If so, why not join us at one of our

Open Mornings

Wednesday 14 October 2026 or
Friday 20 November 2026

9.15am – 11.30am by appointment only



To make an appointment please contact Mrs Bacon in the school office

Tel: 01347 821767 Email: admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

www.craykeschool.org

Headteacher – Judi Jackson

Applications for Reception 2027 open next week (12 October) via North Yorkshire Council:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

Please share the news of our upcoming Open Mornings, the first of which is next week on Wednesday.

Do ask any friends with pre-school children to get in touch with Mrs Bacon – we look forward to showing them round our wonderful school!

Photograph Day **Thursday 15 October**



Tempest Photography will be visiting school on the morning of **Thursday 15 October** to take both individual photographs and sibling groups.

If you would like pre-school children to be photographed with their siblings, these will be taken first from 8.45am (please access school via the main reception).

Please can parents/carers make sure that children have a clean school jumper or cardigan in school on the day for the photographs (not school hoodies).

Beech class have PE on a Thursday, so please can they come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kits with them to change into after the photographs have been taken.

Apple Class Stay and Play

Parents/Carers of children in Apple Class are invited to join us for a phonics based Stay and Play session on EITHER

Monday 19 October 9:30am – 10:00am

OR

Tuesday 20 October 1:05pm – 1:35pm



Please book your place via Mrs Bacon on admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

We respectfully ask that, due to space constraints, just one representative from each family attends. Also please note there is to be strictly no use of mobile phones in school.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 October** for children in Beech, Holly and Oak Class. Apple Class parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 20 October** only. A link will be sent by text on Monday 12 October to book your appointment/s.

If your child/ren attend Jigsaws, alternative arrangements have been made at the Sports Hall for both evenings. If you need further information, please speak to Mrs Charters or email jigsaws@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

****Parents' Evening Book Swap****

Parents' Evenings are being held on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October and we are excited to announce that we would like to arrange a 'Book Swap' for parents, carers and also staff! It's really great for the children to see the adults around them reading and talking about books they enjoy too! I love to be absorbed in a book, feeling like I can't put it down!

Please drop any adult books in advance in the 'drop box' so that we can arrange them in the school hall to be taken by you on the evenings. Or you can bring any books along with you and swap them on the night! We also have an area in the staffroom that we will be looking to add to from your recommendations!

Let's get reading!

Mrs Dobson



****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.

**Unchanged from
last week**

Miss Williams

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra Curricular Clubs



This week in Jigsaws we have been making the most of the dry weather with tennis and cricket.

We have explored a range of fun filled activities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. These included making leaf hedgehogs, parachutes, kites, leaf bowls and balloon stress balls.

The children have used their imagination to make their own musical play.

Here is a snap shot of our week:





We are getting busier! It's wonderful that more families are choosing to use Jigsaws as this helps maintain its long term sustainability. However...

Please book Jigsaws before- and after-school club sessions in advance, via ParentPay.

Booking ahead helps us ensure that staff have the right information and medication plans available and that children are properly registered and supervised from arrival to collection. Unplanned bookings or late notifications can disrupt classroom routines and causes additional work for the office as well as Jigsaws staff.

Thank you for booking promptly - it helps to keep our provision safe, calm and reliable for all pupils.



YEAR OF READING



Book Drop! Newsletter

Please see the attached link to the 'Book Drop' newsletter which is a free children's book newsletter from Authorfy. This edition features an interview with Katherine Rundell and an extract from her book 'The Neverfear'. There are also some book recommendations for recently published books which the children may enjoy or want to put on their Christmas lists!

[BOOKDROP age 5-11 Sept/Oct 2026](#)

Enjoy!

Mrs Dobson



Reading Recommendations

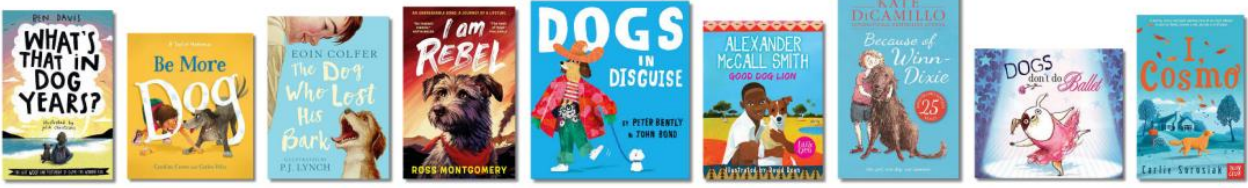
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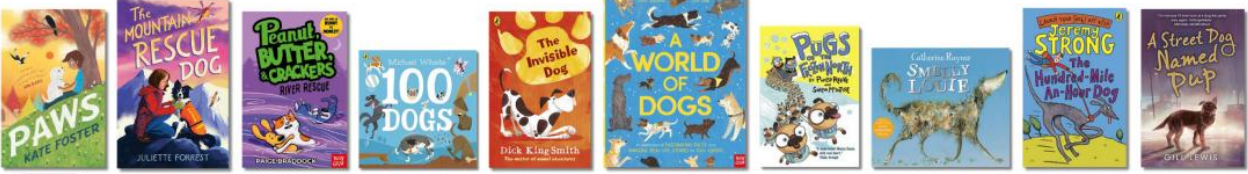
If you're into...



Dogs



...READ into it!



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OTHER NEWS



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Otto	Xander	Ava	Wilfred
		Tristan	Otilie	Olive
Gold Awards for Sport	Maisie K	Rosie Wt	Joe	Carl
Headteacher Awards - Reading focus	Harriet		Elliott	
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Oak			

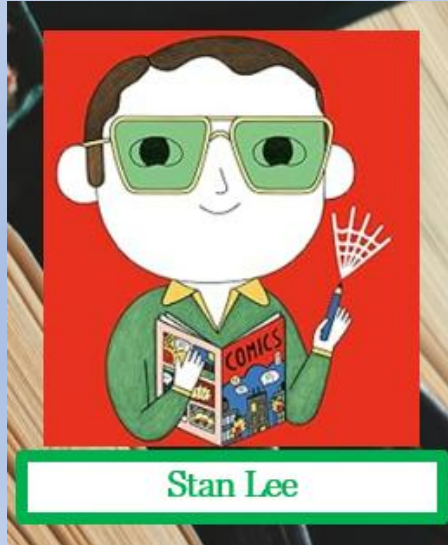
Team Points

Team	Points
Maya Angelou	317
Jane Austen	412
Stan Lee	244
Charles Dickens	255

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

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



PE Kits w/c 12 October 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 28 September 2026): **96%**

School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	92.9%	0 lates
Beech	99.6%	0 lates
Holly	96.2%	1 late
Oak	94.2%	0 lates

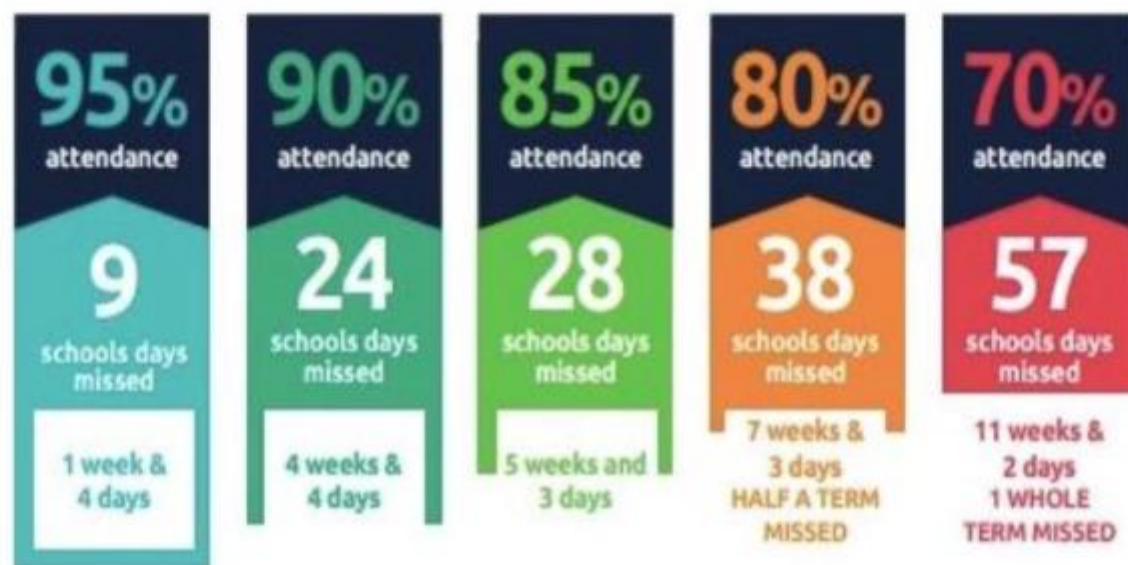
If you are unsure
whether or not to send
your child to school, have
a look at this website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please note we are now
reporting attendance
data one week behind



Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'