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NEWS FROM SCHOOL



Year of Reading – November

This month, our focus turns to “Poetry and Performance”. Children are busy in classes learning poems to share in our special Remembrance Worship on Wednesday. They have also been preparing some super postcards to share with you!

We will also be joining a live Poetry Party on Thursday led by Michael Rosen. The theme is “Silly School Stuff” so the outcomes could be interesting! Some of you may have seen him talking about this on BBC Breakfast this morning.

CLASS NEWS





Class News- APPLE



This week, we celebrated World Jellyfish Day, the children were really curious to learn that jellyfish don't have blood, bones or a brain. We learnt rainbow breathing when we celebrated National Stress Awareness Day.

Guy Fawkes was next to fill our brains with fascinating vocabulary and facts.

We briefly learnt about Remembrance Day, but we will learn more about it next week. The children drew some amazing poppies.

Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week we started working on our food preparation skills, cutting and juicing different fruits for our smoothies. We enjoyed trying them and deciding which would be best for our recipes! We were very impressed with how sensibly and respectfully everyone used the equipment. On Thursday we enjoyed outdoor classroom day and took our science lesson outside to look at different natural materials. We sorted them into 'strong' and 'not strong' and thought about which natural materials would make the best bug house before working in teams to build some.

Mrs Dobson











Class News – HOLLY

As part of Outdoor Classroom Day, we took our RE lesson outside! We have been thinking about the symbolism of water and why water is important. Children spent time thinking about this and when water can be calm, powerful and dangerous.

Miss Williams















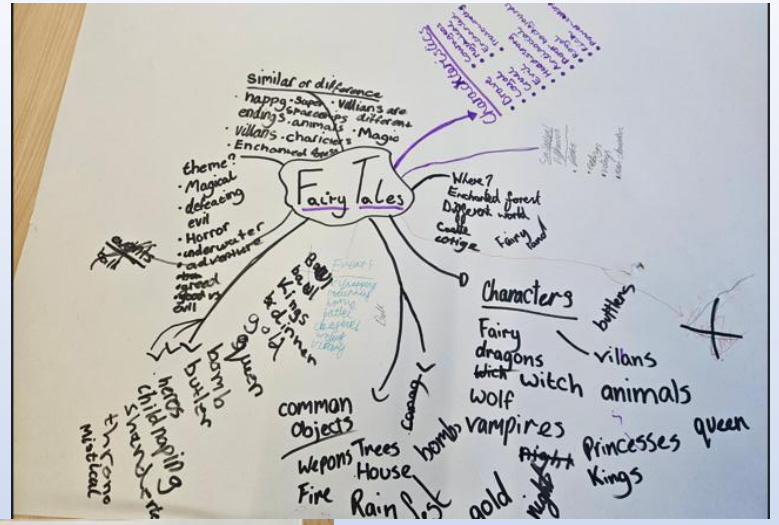
Class News- OAK

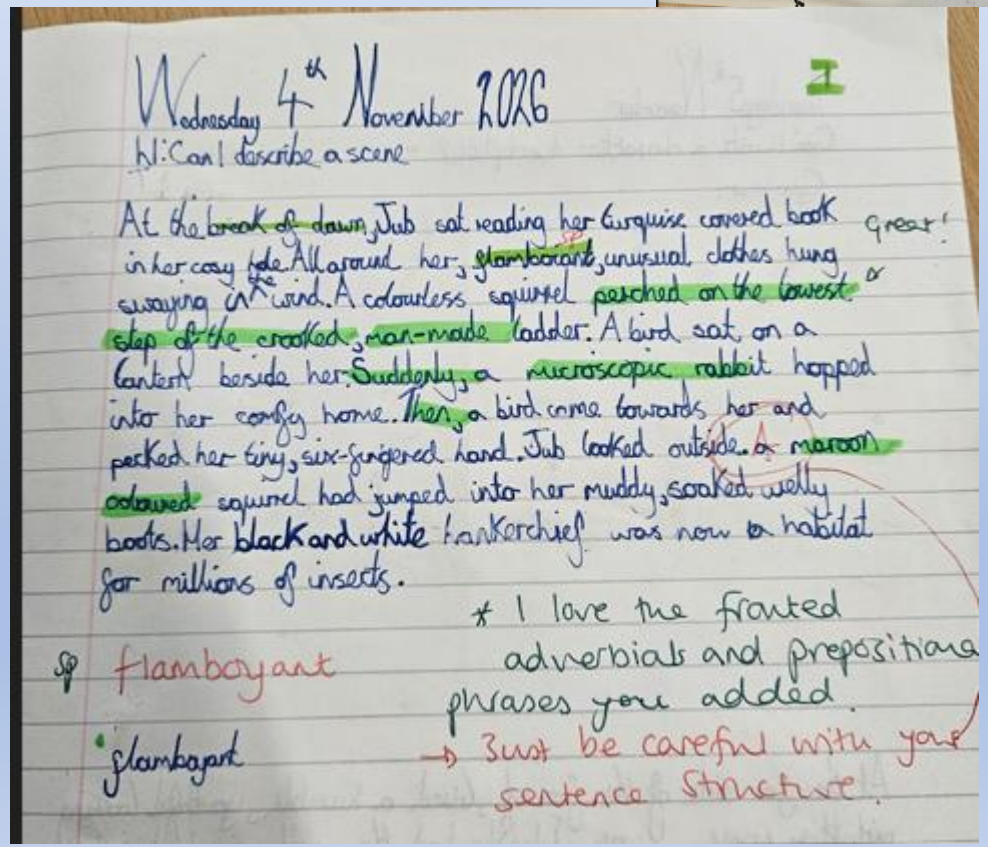
We are starting our new text in English called The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy.

As part of our learning, we have explored what we know about fairytales already, looked at the main character Jub and weaved in our grammar knowledge of prepositional phrases and parenthesis.

The children have created some fantastic character descriptions that have evoked lots of emotion in the reader.

We're so excited to see what they can do this half term!







UPCOMING EVENTS



Reminders for next week (from Diary Dates)

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Monday	9 November 9:10am	Library visit	Beech Class	Easingwold library
Tuesday	3/10/24 November **(not 17)**	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Leisure Centre
Thursday	12 November	Pirate Day	Beech Class	School
Thursday	12 November PM	KS2 Cross Country Event	Holly & Oak Class	Husthwaite School
Friday	13 November	Children in Need	Whole school	School

Library Visit – Beech Class Monday

We look forward to meeting Beech 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.

A final reminder for any remaining library books borrowed by children in Holly 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.

Children in Need – Friday 13 November



Children are able to wear non-uniform next Friday for this important event. Clothes must be appropriate for both the weather and to be able to do PE in.

We request a donation for this is made via Parent Pay, which can be made by clicking the following link: https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22130

If children would like to purchase a bun from the fundraiser, this will need to be paid for using cash only. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need Fundraiser –Team Captains will be holding a ‘Cookie Sale’ on Friday 13th November – 50p donation
Thank you for your support
Mrs Gears





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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 can now be made via North Yorkshire Council: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school

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!

Unchanged from last week

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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

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.

Unchanged from last newsletter

YEAR OF READING



Scholastic Book Club

Unchanged from last newsletter

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! You will notice the children came home today with a brochure of different books from scholastic to browse over half-term. You can also go to.....

https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-7T77MWTX

to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by November 16th, 2026.
Let's get reading!

Mrs Dobson

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OTHER NEWS



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Joshua	Alfie	Louise	Oliver
		Jack	Zephie	Fenton
Gold Awards for Sport	Amelia	Charlie	Pippa	Isaac
Headteacher Awards - Reading focus	Spencer		Constance	
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Oak Class			

PE Kits w/c 9 November 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple			Bring Forest School Kit		Bring PE Kit
Beech				X	X
Holly				X THIS WEEK ONLY!	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.

Team Points

Team	Points
Maya Angelou	281
Jane Austen	1251
Stan Lee	385
Charles Dickens	347

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









Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 19 October 2026 – 4 days): 95.8% School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	92.7%	No lates
Beech	100%	No lates
Holly	95.3%	1 Late
Oak	94.4%	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




Every day in school counts...
95% attendance
9 schools days missed
1 week & 4 days
90% attendance
24 schools days missed
4 weeks & 4 days
85% attendance
28 schools days missed
5 weeks and 3 days
80% attendance
38 schools days missed
7 weeks & 3 days HALF A TERM MISSED
70% attendance
57 schools days missed
11 weeks & 2 days 1 WHOLE TERM MISSED
and every minute counts...
5 minutes late per day
3 school days lost per year
10 minutes late per day
6.5 school days lost per year
15 minutes late per day
10 school days lost per year
20 minutes late per day
13 school days lost per year
25 minutes late per day
19 school days lost per year

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC 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

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.

Should go in (let the school know)

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.

Seek treatment before returning to school

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.

Keep them off (at first)

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?'