



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 1

Fri 31st Oct '25

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of term 2—it's a long one ahead of 8 weeks; lots of time for the children to make progress!

Craylearning value

On Wednesday this week, we recognised those children who demonstrated the value of 'listening to others' last term. A big well done and thank you to all those children who received a certificate and met Lenny the Lion. Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend and share in this special achievement with your children.

Term 2's Craylearning value is 'extending your learning'. The children can extend their learning in the following ways:

- complete their homlearning projects
- Learn their spellings and/or times tables
- Practice on times tables rockstars
- Attempt challenge activities in class
- Complete additional work at home that complements their learning in school
- Read lots at home

We look forward to seeing who is chosen at the end of the term.

Behaviour reminders

A reminder that we follow our ROARS rules at Craylands and would always encourage you to support with any behavioural issues that occur in school and you are informed about. Just as a reminder, ROARS stands for:

- Respect Others
- Act Responsibly
- Stay Safe

We also have 'lovely lining up' and 'wonderful walking' as children are moving around the school—it ensures that the environment is calm and orderly.

The 'C' word

We aren't mention the 'C' word yet but just wanted to let you know that there will be a slight change to how the Key Stage 1 children mark this special time of year. In the past, we have had a KS1 nativity, which has meant lots of time in the hall rehearsing and not as much time in the classroom learning. Whilst we recognise the importance of drama within the school, we have made the decision that this year's KS1 event will be more of a sing song rather than a play/nativity. Each class will have the opportunity to shine on the stage singing a song.

These events are:

- 10th December am
- 11th December pm

More details about how to request a ticket will be sent out closer to the time.

Important dates

31/10	Last day to apply for secondary schools
10/11	EYFS SEPT 2026 IN-TAKE TOURS
12/11	EYFS/ KS1 (Including Lenny's Den) anti bullying workshop
13/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop
14/11	Children in need—own clothes day
17/11	EYFS SEPT 2026 IN-TAKE TOURS
19/11	Well being session during school time
27/11	Parents/carers evening
1/12	Elmer reading morning (including members of Lenny's den) 830—855—mobile 1
2/12	Funnybones (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/12	Gruffalo (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/12	Stickman (including members of Lenny's den) reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/12	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
8/12	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
9/12	Walliams reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
10/12	Simon reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
10/12	KS1 performance a.m. EYFS performance p.m

Happy Halloween to anyone celebrating



Stay safe if you are out trick or treating tonight!

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 2 DATES</u>
27/10	INSET DAY
28/10	Children return to school
10/11	NEW EYFS INTAKE OPEN MORNING 915 OR 1030
12/11	KS1 anti bullying workshop
13/11	KS2 anti bullying workshop
14/11	Children in Need—own clothes day
17/11	NEW EYFS INTAKE OPEN MORNING 915 OR 1030
19/11	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—315p.m.
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8/12	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
9/12	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/12	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/12	KS1 Xmas sing song a.m. EYFS Xmas performance p.m.
11/12	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
11/12	EYFS Xmas performance a.m. KS1 Xmas sing song p.m.
12/12	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
15/12	Y3 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
16/12	Y4 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
17/12	Y5 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
18/12	Y6 XMAS SING SONG 245p.m.
19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time

Dates to be confirmed: Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day, Christmas film nights, Christmas fair

EYFS NEWS



We have been super impressed by how the children have returned to class this week. It has been lovely to see them catch up with each other, share their news and fall straight back into school routines.





Our new topic is called 'Sparkle and Shine'. We will be using a range of stories to leap frog us into learning about light and dark, celebrations and festivals and of course we will be immersing ourselves in Christmas!

As part of the curriculum children must learn to respect each other and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. This week the children have learnt that Diwali is a special Hindu celebration. The children have listened to and enjoyed role-playing the story of Rama and Sita.

Lastly, the children have completed phonics assessments this week and again we are very impressed at how well they are all doing. Many children are ready to start decodable word books next week and some will continue with wordless books. New phonemes coming up have been sent home tonight for you to practise; you are supporting your child's reading journey greatly by practising regularly at home. Many thanks.

DIARY DATES - READING AFTERNOONS FOR BOTH CLASSES

Tuesday 4th November and Thursday 20th November between 2.45-3.15pm.



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school


Understanding ADHD in Children

20/11/2025 - 10:30 - 12:30pm

***Workshop timings change from term to term**

Do you have questions about ADHD? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding symptoms of ADHD. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.






If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Attention, Concentration, Hyperactivity and Impulsivity in Children | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY, YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Are You Concerned About Your Child's Anxiety?

Join us for an informative workshop designed for parents/carers

Who Should Attend?

Anyone seeking to better understand and manage your child's anxiety

Why Attend?


Gain insights from Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners
Connect with other parents facing similar challenges
Equip yourself with practical tools to help your child thrive

What You'll Learn:

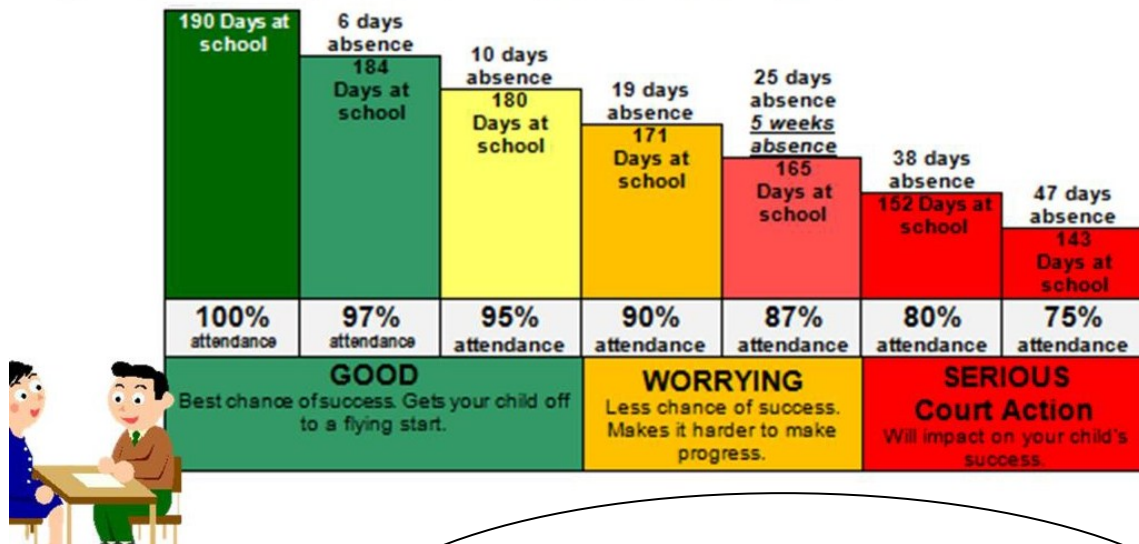
- What is anxiety?
- When is anxiety helpful?
- When is anxiety unhelpful?
- Practical Coping Strategies and Tools to support your child

Date: 17 November 2025
Time: 2pm - 3pm
Location: Craylands Primary School

*Younger siblings & buggies are welcome



Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
100% is what I really want to see!
Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

HERO bear is looking for the classes in KS1 and KS2 with the best attendance—he will give recognition to the top class each term.

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week	No of times class has won HERO this term
Elmer	90.4%	6	
Funnybones	99.1%	2	3
Gruffalo	96.5%	3	
Stickman	98.3%	2	
Dahl	95.2%	3	
Wilson	95.9%	2	1
Simon	98.2%	2	2
Walliams	86.1%	7	
Fine	94.5%	5	
Horowitz	94.8%	4	
Morpurgo	92.9%	5	1
Rauf	91.3%	5	



This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ..
Funnybones Class

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
	<p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Stickman</u> Top 3 players on Numbots	<u>Gruffalo</u> Top 3 players on Numbots
Freddie Paisley	Chandelle Chloe D Hallie	Arthur Freya Maliha	Lilly Ralph Daniel	Karan Martyna Nosagie	Elizabeth Sara Ethan-Andrew

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Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C		Wilson	Morire
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Eddie
Elmer	Rosie G Eddie	Simon	Lenny
Funnybones	Abigail	Horowitz	Charlie
Lenny's Den	Aurora	Fine	Elsie
Gruffalo	Nancy	Morpurgo	Lola
Stickman	Sienna	Rauf	Harry B
Dahl	Archie H		

The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

Hungry C		Wilson	Ben Z
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Gabriel
Elmer	Brodie	Simon	Lewis
Funnybones	Grayson	Fine	Joseph
Gruffalo	George	Horowitz	Avaya
Stickman	Muawwiz	Morpurgo	Isabelle
Dahl	Reggie	Rauf	Ronnie W



Achievements outside of school...