



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

Fri 7 Nov '25

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Craylands as we creep further into November and the days get shorter and a little colder.

### Japan workshop

On Monday this week, children from Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a Japanese workshop with representatives from Blueprint Arts. Years 4 and 5 took part in Sumi-E workshops. Sumi-E is a traditional Japanese ink-painting style, derived from Chinese origins, that uses **black ink (sumi), brush, and white space** to "create art that captures the **essence and spirit** of its subject rather than a realistic representation". Year 3 took part in a fan dance workshop. The work that the children created during the session will be used to decorate the space for a Japan Festival (in Castle Hill Community Centre).

### Choir and drama performance

I had the pleasure of watching a 'horrifying' (in the best possible way) performance from the choir last night—lots of ghoulishly wicked songs being sung by amazing and talented children. The work and effort that they all put into every single song and performance was amazing and they all looked fantastic. A huge thank you and well done to them all for working so hard on learning the songs and the dances—lots of late nights building up to it but it was certainly well worth all the blood, sweat and tears! A big thank you also to Mr Dymott for putting it all together and to the other staff who supported leading up to and on the night itself.

Thank you to all of you as parents/carers for coming along and supporting and for allowing the children to stay so late at school for rehearsals and the show itself. Thank you also to the Friends of Craylands for providing beverages at the performance last night.

### Anti-Bullying week workshops

Next week, we invite parents/carers of children in KS1 to attend an anti-bullying workshop at 9am on Wednesday 12th November, led by Mrs Cox. On Thursday 13th November, we invite the parents/carers from KS2 to attend at 9am. Please do let us know if you are attending so that we can bring your children along to join you in the workshop.

For more information on anti-bullying, please use these websites:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/anti-bullying-week>

### Show Racism the Red Card

This week, staff took part in training delivered by Show Racism The Red Card. On Monday, staff had the opportunity to discuss what racism is, prejudices in society and recognising unconscious bias. This is part of our ongoing work to ensure that everyone at Craylands feels happy and safe.

Stay safe if you go to any firework displays this weekend.

### Important dates

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

### Own clothes day

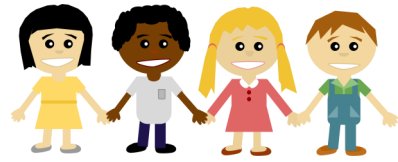
Children can wear their own clothes and donate to Children in Need next Friday 14/11 — a message will come out about how to donate.

# Dates for your diary

	<b><u>TERM 2 DATES</u></b>
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.
27/11	Parents/carers evening
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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 read the text 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear' this week to talk about sources of light and develop vocabulary. The children have enjoyed using torches to create shadows and experiment with opaque, translucent and transparent materials.

New phonemes ll ss ff j have been taught and the children are doing fantastically well at oral blending.

We continue to practise letter formation; it is important to work on physical development both fine and gross skills in order to support this area. Children's pencil grips and ability to control scissors and do up zips etc is greatly helped by engaging in physical activities such as carrying heavy bags, kneading and rolling dough, threading beads, swinging on monkey bars and much more

40 Fine Motor Skills Activities - The Imagination Tree

Also, we held our first reading afternoon this week; it was lovely to see so many able to attend.

There is one more this term on Thursday 20th November. We hope that you can make it.

Enjoy any fireworks displays this weekend and stay safe.



## Lenny's Den News

This week, we've been exploring the seasons and all the wonderful changes they bring!

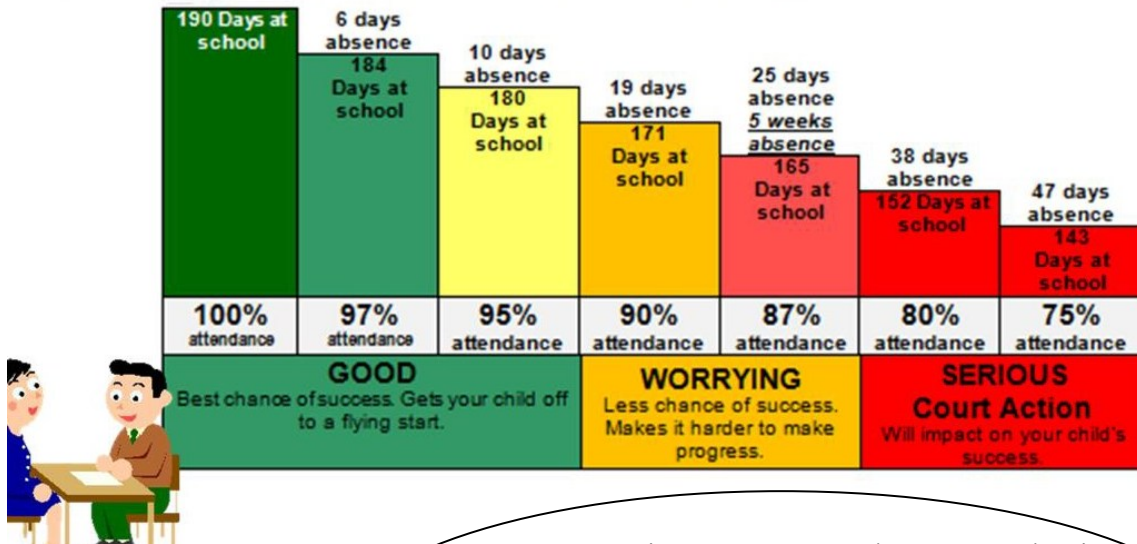
We had so much fun:

- Singing lots of seasonal songs together
- Making delicious Gruffalo crumble - with claws and warts!
- Creating a beautiful leaf wreath to celebrate autumn's colours
- Crafting our own hedgehogs from clay and sticks
- To mark Fireworks Night, we held a magical glowstick disco and had a fantastic time dancing and celebrating!

We also got creative making firework pictures, rockets, and even a big Gruffalo to finish off our week with a roar!

It's been a wonderful, busy week full of creativity, fun, and seasonal sparkle!

# 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	92.0%	6	
Funnybones	98.6%	3	3
Gruffalo	97.5%	2	
Stickman	97.3%	3	
Dahl	95.5%	2	
Wilson	98.9%	1	2
Simon	95.1%	4	2
Walliams	90.7%	6	
Fine	94.6%	3	
Horowitz	95.1%	6	
Morpurgo	94.6%	4	1
Rauf	96.3%	4	



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

**Wilson Class**

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Dahl vs Wilson 5047 13181 Wilson wins!</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon 27948 10048 Walliams wins!</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine 371 4579 Fine wins!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf 2991 3864 Rauf wins!</p>	<p>Year 3 vs Year 4</p> <p>Year 5 vs Year 6</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
Emily Hudson Emily	Josiah Hallie Dexter	Arthur Alice Harlow	Saida Ralph Sofia	David Frankie Muaaz	Elizabeth Unity

<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>
Jessica Hugo Darwin	Ottillie Morire Conor	Khalid Riaan Sienna	Dylan Chloe Gabriel	Charlie Alexandra James	Mia Rose Theo Arlind	Olivia Joshua Lauren	Alexander Angela Tapiwa

# 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	Ottilie
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Roselyn
Elmer	Teddy	Simon	Khalid
Funnybones	Edie	Horowitz	Nate
Lenny's Den	James	Fine	Bertie
Gruffalo	Leonardo	Morpurgo	George P
Stickman	Karan	Rauf	Bella
Dahl	Sofia		

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Conor
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Dylan
Elmer	Luna W	Simon	Freddie P
Funnybones	Frankie	Fine	Vakariss
Gruffalo	Luna-grey	Horowitz	James
Stickman	Layla	Morpurgo	Niamh
Dahl	Adam	Rauf	Grace



## Achievements outside of school...