



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of what has been a very long and busy term. We look forward to continuing working with you to do the very best for your children in 2026.

Christmas competition

We had to wait for Pinnacle to deliver the prizes before we announced the winners. As I write this, I have yet to receive the prizes and I hope that by the time the newsletter goes out, I have them and have been able to hand them out. The winners were:

KS2 winner Olivia C (Y6)

KS1 winner Ollie M (Y1)

Overall winner Finley (Y5)

A big thank you and well done to anyone who entered the competition and thank you to Pinnacle for running the competition again.

KS2 Christmas Sing Songs

Many thanks to all of you who came to support the children in KS2 and watch them in their festive sing songs at the end of the day each day this week. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and it is a great way for you to see your child in action, in a short but sweet session. All of the children did their very best with the songs and it was a lovely way to end off the term.

Friends of Craylands

A big thank you to the Friends of Craylands who have been very busy over the past few weeks with events such as the film nights and this week they have been selling hot drinks at the KS2 sing songs and they have held a school uniform sale and a Christmas tuck shop. Thank you to the parents/carers for giving up their time to run these events.

Christmas market

On Tuesday, mobiles 1 and 2 were transformed into a 'Winter Wonderland' where the children in KS2 were able to purchase festive gifts for Christmas and our youngest members of the school were able to visit the big man himself, Father Christmas, who took time out of his busy schedule to come and see the children. A huge thank you to the PPST (Mrs Drake, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Cox) and to the Friends of Craylands who supported throughout the morning and supported Father Christmas in ensuring the youngest children received a gift. Thank you to Mrs Marx for taking photos of the children with Father Christmas and also to Councillor David Mote, who managed to help us get Father Christmas to visit us.

Thank you

Thank you to all members of the Craylands community—to SLT, to the teachers, the support staff, office staff, site staff, governors, you as parents/carers and of course the children for the hard work, support and dedication to ensuring we remain 'Happy together, Safe together, Learning together'.

Important dates

19/12	Last day of term—normal finishing time
5/1	Children return to school
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15—3.15p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1



We wish everyone in The Craylands community a very Happy Christmas!

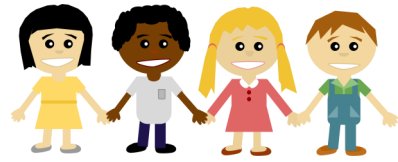
Have an enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

	<u>TERM 3 DATES</u>
5/1	Start of Term 3
21/1	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2—Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
2/2	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
3/2	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
4/2	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
5/2	Year 5 & 6 reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
10/2	KS1 online safety workshop
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop
13/2	End of term

	<u>TERM 4 DATES</u>
23/2	START OF TERM
4/3	WELL BEING SESSION during the school day 2.15–315p.m.
16/3	Elmer reading morning 830 -855- Mobile 1
17/3	St Patricks Day—children can wear club uniforms
17/3	Funnybones reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
18/3	Gruffalo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
19/3	Stickman reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
20/3	Dahl reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
23/3	Wilson reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
24/3	Walliams reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
25/3	Simon reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
26/3	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
	Parents/Carers evening
27/3	Fine / Rauf reading morning 830—855—mobile 1
2/4	End of term

EYFS NEWS



What a busy week full of Christmas fun with the highlight of course being a surprise visit from Santa on Tuesday which excited everyone!

The children have all been amazing, continuing to engage in phonics lessons and directed activities but most importantly remembering to be kind, patient and respectful at all times. They all absolutely deserve to be on the 'Good List'.

A reminder that no reading books are sent home during the holiday only a book for pleasure, home learning books and an overview for phonics in Term 3.

We would like to say a sincere thank you for all of the lovely gifts and messages that you have sent in, they are very much appreciated.

Lastly, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas time however you may be spending it and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.



Lenny's Den News

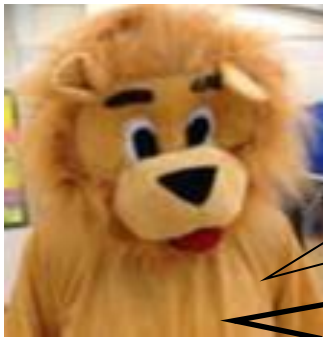
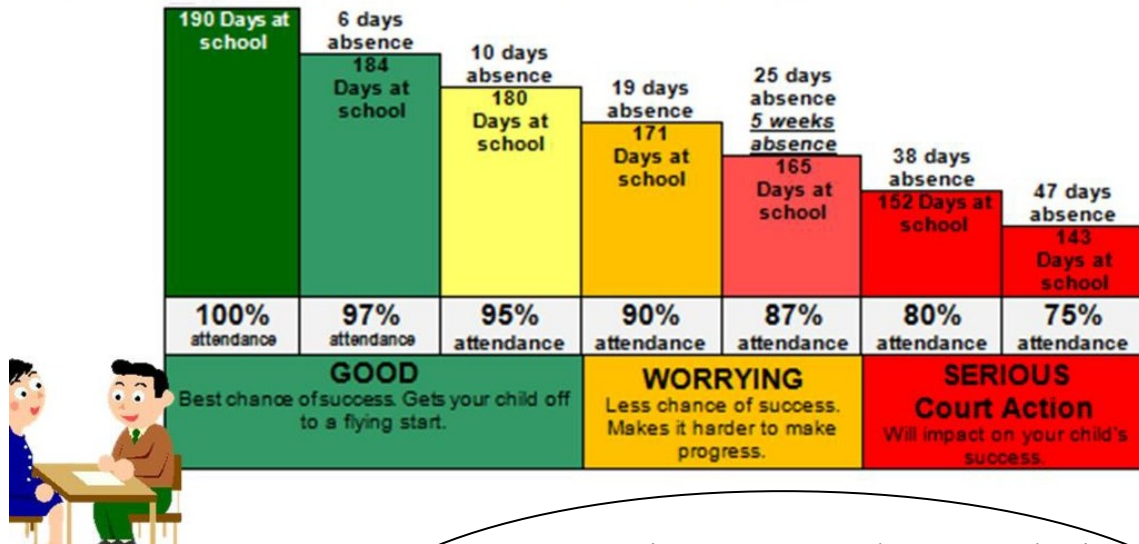
What a busy and fun-filled eight weeks it has been in Lenny's Den! The children have taken part in so much fantastic learning and have worked incredibly hard on their reading, phonics, numeracy, and both fine and gross motor skills.

We have also enjoyed lots of creative activities, with plenty of crafts that allowed the children to express their creativity and imagination.

As we approach Christmas, it is a wonderful time to recharge our batteries, enjoy special moments with family, and perhaps indulge in a few too many chocolates!

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas.

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	Number of times class has won HERO this term
Elmer	87.3%	9	
Funnybones	91.6%	6	3
Gruffalo	90.0%	8	
Stickman	88.6%	7	
Dahl	89.3%	8	
Wilson	91.7%	6	4
Simon	91.3%	5	2
Walliams	91.4%	7	
Fine	94.3%	6	
Horowitz	94.4%	7	1
Morpurgo	94.3%	4	2
Rauf	94.3%	6	



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

Horowitz Class

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 Marnie Wilson Ali
Rainbow Fish Aaruv Walliams Dylan
Elmer Nivid Simon Lenny
Funnybones Ollie Horowitz Lilyrose/Ellie
Lenny's Den James Fine Arlind
Gruffalo Myra Morpurgo Ronnie C
Stickman William Rauf Emilija
Dahl Sofia K

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

Hungry C	Carter	Wilson	Morire
Rainbow Fish	Alice	Walliams	Jelena
Elmer	Eddie	Simon	Bentley
Funnybones	Adrian	Fine	Teddie
Gruffalo	Charlie	Horowitz	Avaya
Stickman	Busi	Morpurgo	Simi
Dahl	Kieran	Rauf	Tulisa



Achievements outside of school...