



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and all the best for 2026—we look forward to working with you again this year.

O2 Young Voices

We hope you will have seen that we have sent out the tickets to those parents/carers who have purchased tickets for Young Voices later in the month. The Year 6 children continue to learn and practice the song words and actions to the songs that they will be singing alongside hundreds of other children at the O2 on Thursday 22nd January.

After School Clubs

Clubs start next week. Staff who are not running a club this term will either have already run a club in autumn term or will run a club in the summer term. They can no longer run clubs all year long due to work load. We continue to search for other providers of clubs but these will cost parents/carers for children to attend. Please register your child's interest in a club at: <https://craylands.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> by Sunday 11th. You will hear on Monday if your child has been successful.

Assembly support from parents/carers

Coming up across the term there are a number of assembly themes that it would be great to have parental support with. There are a couple of religious festivals that some of you may partake in. It would be great if there were any members of our community who would feel that they could come in and talk in an assembly to the children about these festivals; how you celebrate and what they mean to you as part of your religion. We also have international women's day so it would be great if there were any mums who could come in and talk briefly about their jobs to the children.

We have assemblies focusing on the following themes; if you are able to support in any way by attending the assembly and talking to the children it would be great.

Ramadan—23rd/24th February

Holi—16th/17th March

International women's day—23rd March

If able to help, please make contact through the school office—admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Craylands Lane

I have been in contact with the local council to try to find out how we can best look at the issues in Craylands Lane. KCC passed me onto Dartford Borough Council who have said they will arrange for Civil Enforcement Officers to attend the area to look at illegal parking. They have then passed me onto Kent highways but have given me no contact details. Very frustrating. KCC highways have refused a zebra crossing in the past. The county councillor feels that more use of the leisure centre car park is needed from those who park along the side of the road. I shall keep working on seeing if anyone is able to support in making a change.

Important dates

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
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	Horowitz/Morpurgo reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
6/2	Fine/Rauf reading morning 830-855 mobile 1
10/2	KS1 online safety workshop 9a.m.
12/2	KS2 online safety workshop 9 a.m.

INSET DAY

The final INSET day of the year is on Thursday 2nd April.

The Easter break could be a good time to book a holiday with this extra INSET day as you may get cheaper flights and avoid receiving a Penalty Notice.

Keep warm over the weekend—enjoy! 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 2.15–3.15p.m.
22/1	Year 6 singing at the O2–Young Voices
26/1	Elmer reading morning 8.30–8.55- Mobile 1
27/1	Funnybones reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
28/1	Gruffalo reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
29/1	Stickman reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
30/1	Dahl reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
2/2	Wilson reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
3/2	Walliams reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
4/2	Simon reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
5/2	Morpurgo/Horowitz reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
6/2	Fine/Rauf reading morning 8.30–8.55–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 2.15–3.15p.m.
16/3	Elmer reading morning 8.30–8.55- Mobile 1
17/3	St Patricks Day–children can wear club uniforms
17/3	Funnybones reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
18/3	Gruffalo reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
19/3	Stickman reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
20/3	Dahl reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
23/3	Wilson reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
24/3	Walliams reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
25/3	Simon reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
26/3	Horowitz /Morpurgo reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
	Parents/Carers evening
27/3	Fine / Rauf reading morning 8.30–8.55–mobile 1
2/4	End of term

EYFS NEWS



Our theme this term, through which we enhance the children's learning, is called 'Once Upon A Time'. We will be reading, retelling, acting and writing traditional stories and much more. This week we started with The Three Billy Goats Gruff; the children especially loved being the character of the Troll. Naturally, the frost and snow flurries excited the children this week and led to lots of scientific conversations about weather, temperatures and how ice behaves.

We are now teaching Phase 3 sounds which are all digraphs; a guide for these was sent home before Christmas but please do not hesitate to ask if you need another copy and of course you can always access the parent pages on the Little Wandle website

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Number Focus is extending understanding of numbers 6 -10; this includes subitising, ordering and composition of numbers.

Reading books resume this week and Home Learning continues.

Home learning task is - Draw your own troll ... describe him/her orally and try to add some simple labels using phonemes you know eg leg, teeth, hand, mad, bad, big,

Diary Date

EYFS Reading afternoon will take place on Tuesday 10th February at 2.45pm in the last week of term.



Lenny's Den News

Lenny's Den have started the New Year with a brand-new topic, "Once Upon a Time." Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about traditional tales. The children will be reading stories, exploring characters, completing artwork, and engaging in multi-sensory play linked to our chosen books.

This week, we have been working on numbers that are greater than and less than, and our artwork has included making our very own Gingerbread Man for the working wall.

To finish off a very busy first week back, the children made their own fresh gingerbread men, decorated them beautifully, and took them home to share with their families.

Times Tables Rockstars

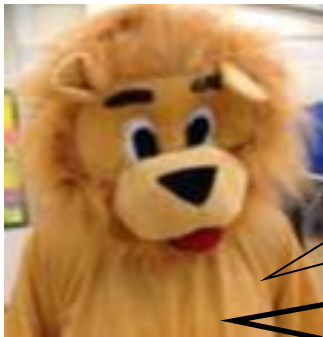
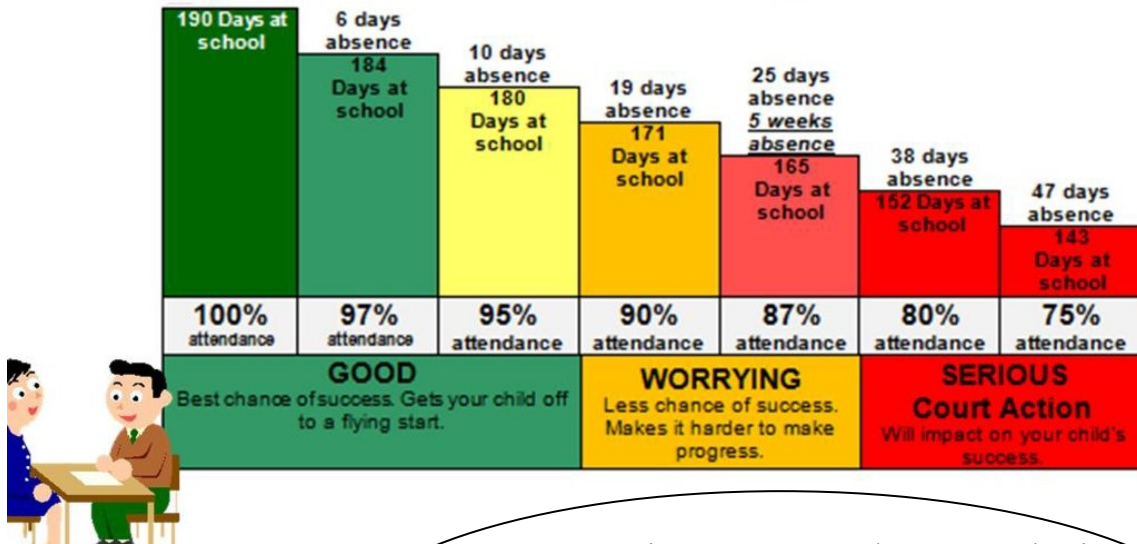


Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
	<p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Rauf vs Morpurgo</p>

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

<u>Dahl</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Simon</u>	<u>Walliams</u>	<u>Horowitz</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Morpurgo</u>	<u>Rauf</u>

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	97.0%	3	
Funnybones	97.3%	2	
Gruffalo	93.6%	4	
Stickman	99.3%	1	1
Dahl	94.1%	4	
Wilson	94.0%	5	
Simon	97.3%	2	
Walliams	95.0%	4	
Fine	98.2%	2	
Horowitz	94.5%	4	
Morpurgo	96.2%	5	
Rauf	95.6%	6	



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

Stickman 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 Freddie C Wilson Michael
Rainbow Fish Paisley Walliams Zaynab
Elmer Liam Simon Joshua
Funnybones Daisy Horowitz James
Lenny's Den James Fine Poppy
Gruffalo Michael Morpurgo Oba
Stickman Lola Rauf Archie
Dahl Madison

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

Hungry C	Emily G	Wilson	Alfie
Rainbow Fish	Albus	Walliams	Charlie
Elmer	Brodie	Simon	Jake
Funnybones	Arthur	Fine	Reggie
Gruffalo	Elizabeth	Horowitz	Raph
Stickman	Archie	Morpurgo	Aran
Dahl	Mylah	Rauf	Mary Rose



Achievements outside of school...