



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

Thurs 16 Oct '25

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have flown by...a big well done to all the children for working so hard at the start of the year.

Harvest

On 13th October, we held our harvest assembly and were visited by Mary's Child, who spoke to the children about their food bank and how they help members of the community; they thanked the children for their generosity with the food items that had been donated.

Secondary Schools

If your child is in Year 6, you have until 31st October to register for secondary schools.

KS2 (Y3-Y6) snacks: Just a reminder that KS2 pupils are only allowed a fruit snack at break time.

Craylearning value

After half term, we will be inviting children in with their parents/carers to celebrate the Craylearning value of 'Listening to others'. If your child has been selected, they will be able to come to an assembly with parents/carers to receive a special certificate and see Lenny the Lion. A letter will have been sent out if they have been selected.

Black History Month

We have continued to mark Black History Month in our assemblies this week. We have been listening to music from black artists including Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, The Fugees and Craig David.

We have also been watching short video clips on BBC Iplayer about Black British Heroes. You can find the link for more of these videos below.

[Our Black History Heroes - Series 1: 21. Harriet Tubman - BBC iPlayer](#)

Whilst the message is raised moreso during Black History month, our pupil survey last year showed that 95% of those children asked agreed that the school 'encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally' and we will continue to share that message.

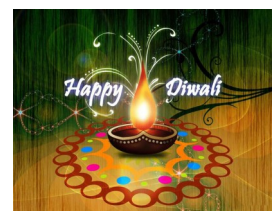
INSET days: A reminder that tomorrow (Friday 17th October) and the Monday after half term (27th October) are INSET days and the children are not in school.

EYFS lunch

Thank you to all of the parents/carers of EYFS who came to share lunch with the children on Wednesday this week. The children loved having the opportunity to share this experience with you whether it was eating a school dinner or their packed lunch. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you to Mrs Cox and to Pinnacle for arranging this event.

Important dates

16/10	Last day of term
17/10	INSET DAY—no children in school
27/10	INSET DAY—no children in school
28/10	Children return for term 2
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



Happy Diwali to anyone celebrating next week

Wishing you an enjoyable half term break—Mr Hiscock

Dates for your diary

<u>TERM 1 DATES</u>	
17/10	Last day of term—INSET DAY NO CHILDREN
<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.
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 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




A very big well done to all of the children on completing their first term at Craylands School. Their first day seems like so long ago; it should not go unrecognized at how well the children have transitioned into school life.

How lovely it was to finish the term off with a parental engagement activity; the children very much enjoyed having lunch with you on Wednesday.


Home learning books are coming out as usual so that the children can share their half term news. It may be that you see some fireworks for Diwali, go pumpkin picking or enjoy chilling at home, we would love you to share.

Most importantly, take time to rest and recharge ready for a busy Autumn Term 2

Dates for your Diary : - Y1 Phonics Workshop for Parents Thursday 6th November 2025
- EYFS Reading Afternoons: Tuesday 4th November at 2.45pm and Thursday 20th November at 2.45pm



North East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

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.



www.nelft.nhs.uk



Online reading books...

<https://youtu.be/H6Iw3gmX39Y> - Hair Love

<https://youtu.be/cng5mdBv3WM>—We're going to find a monster

<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>—Ruby's worry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7mOn6fdiVo>—Our Skin

Throughout October, we will be recognising Black History Month at Craylands.

Please find some links below to videos you may wish to use to continue the important discussions related to Black History, race and racism.

EYFS/KS1

[Celebrating Black History Month on CBeebies - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[Song celebrating black history](#)

[Coming to England by Floella Benjamin](#)

[Mae Jemison video](#)

KS2

Windrush generation—[What is the Windrush Generation? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black British Stories - BBC Teach](#)

[Rosa Parks - BBC Teach](#)

[Harriet Tubman - BBC Teach](#)

[KS2: Pablo Fanque - The greatest Victorian showman - BBC Teach](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Horrible Histories - Top 5: Black History Month with Oti Mabuse](#)

[Black Britons who changed the world](#)

[Black women you should know about](#)

[Black men who made history in Britain](#)

[Inspirational Black Women](#)

Race and Racism

Understanding race—Sesame Street—

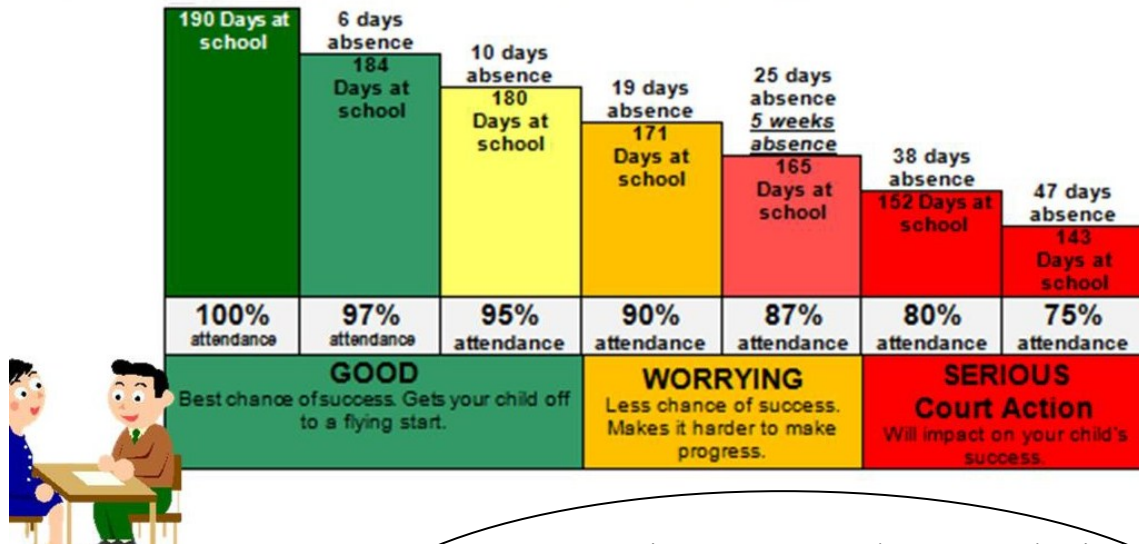
https://youtu.be/Dk_HYAiS26I?si=g48I2UwaUsa_jtIB

A kids book about racism—<https://youtu.be/9IhhCq44ar8>

What is racism for children— https://youtu.be/_uz5BcMzqZs?si=9MIEpbMatgox7OKw

Blue Peter—how you can help to stop racism—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-advice-for-helping-to-stop-racism>

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	93.3%	4	
Funnybones	89.5%	5	2
Gruffalo	98.2%	2	
Stickman	96.1%	2	
Dahl	92.4%	4	
Wilson	97.3%	2	1
Simon	99.5%	1	2
Walliams	96.4%	2	
Fine	99.1%	1	
Horowitz	89.2%	6	
Morpurgo	95.0%	4	1
Rauf	91.8%	7	



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

Times Tables Rockstars



Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
<p>Children 135,131</p> <p>Teachers 49,066</p> <p>Well done to the children!</p>	<p>No battle during half term week or the first week back</p>

<p><u>Funnybones</u> Top 3 players on Numbots Ollie Arthur Cherry</p>	<p><u>Elmer</u> Top 3 players on Numbots Ralph Saida Rosie</p>	<p><u>Stickman</u> Top 3 players on Numbots David Lewis Kirsty</p>	<p><u>Gruffalo</u> Top 3 players on Numbots Ronnie Elizabeth Avery-Lee</p>
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<p><u>Children</u></p> <p>Alexander (Y6) Khalid (Y4) Chloe (Y4)</p>	<p><u>Teachers</u></p> <p>Mr Ellen Miss Wright Mrs Ward</p>
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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	Bonnie
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Logan Poppy
Elmer	Kaizer	Simon	Joshua
Funnybones	Cherry	Horowitz	Lily-Rose
Lenny's Den	Leo	Fine	Elianna
Gruffalo	Ada	Morpurgo	Evie
Stickman	Nova-Leigh	Rauf	Lily-Rose
Dahl	Jack		

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

Hungry C		Wilson	Enzo
Rainbow Fish		Walliams	Aaron
Elmer	Sofia-Rose	Simon	Lottie
Funnybones	Alice	Fine	Janaki and Teddie
Gruffalo	Nancy	Horowitz	Tiwa
Stickman	Martyna	Morpurgo	Mae
Dahl	Sienna	Rauf	Archie



Achievements outside of school...

Well done Fern (Y4) who achieved her level 4 in swimming lessons.



MCK would like to say a huge thank you to Craylands School for their harvest contributions to the MCK foodbanks. These items will go towards supporting families and individuals in the local area.

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

