



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 5 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5—we hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break and got to spend some time together as a family.

## Religious festivals

This week in assembly we discussed the festivals of Eid and Vaisakhi, which have recently taken place across the world. If you would like to find out more about these festivals, please use the links below:

Eid—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-eid>

Vaisakhi—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6qgy9q>

## STAR topics this term

The children have begun their new STAR topics this week; we hope that they will enjoy these new units of learning.

Year 1—What is it like where we live in the past?

Year 2—What are different parts of the world like?

Year 3—Who were the Ancient Greeks?

Year 4—Who was Tutankhamun and how do we know about him?

Year 5—Where should you visit in Europe? Is it the same as the UK?

Year 6—How has Swanscombe evolved over time?

## Year 1 trip

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the Year 1 trip to Kent Life. The children took part in a workshop whereby they looked at the vegetables and herbs growing in the garden and then learnt how to prepare them to be added to a soup—peeling and chopping with a knife. These were then cooked and the children were given a pot of soup to take home. We hope that they enjoyed eating them.

The children also had an opportunity to see the different animals in the farm and visit the old houses, looking at the objects from the past they have been learning about such as a mangle. Throughout the trip, the children were impeccably well behaved and were very engaged also. A big thank you to Mrs Turpie for arranging the trip for Year 1 and to the adults who accompanied the children on the day.

## PE timetable

The PE timetable will remain the same as last term. A reminder that children should wear appropriate PE kit and should not be wearing labelled and/or patterned clothing—it should be plain jogging bottoms/shorts, a coloured top (the same as their team) and they should wear their school jumper rather than a PE top.

## Field

The work has begun on the field this week; it is now not in use for the remainder of the year, however we can still access the meadow. We have been liaising with Ebbsfleet regarding sports day for KS2; KS1 will have a version of sports day on the playground.

## Important dates

25/4	Extra Y1 reading morning
28/4 - 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5	Y4+Y5 reading morning
8/5	Y3+Y6 reading morning
9/5	Y1+Y2 reading morning
w/c 13/5	Y6 SATS—ALL Y6 MUST BE IN SCHOOL
17/5	School Disco
24/5	Term 5 ends
3/6	Term 6 starts
11/6	Y4+Y5 reading morning
12/6	Y3 reading morning
13/6	Y1+Y2 reading morning
26/6	Yr 6 production p.m.
27/6	Yr 6 production eve
5/7	Sports Day KS2 am (at Ebbsfleet) KS1 - pm at school
22/7	INSET DAY
23/7	INSET DAY

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

New club lists have been sent out this week for you to rank your child's club preferences.

<https://craylands.parents.eveningsystem.co.uk/>

If your child is successful (you will be notified on Monday) please ensure that they attend; if they can not attend, the staff member should be informed of this.

## STAFF CAR PARK

Staff have been unable to park in the mornings. We would ask parents NOT to park in the Staff car park. Thank you.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break—Mr Hiscock

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
25/4/24	Extra year 1 reading morning
28/4 – 1/5	Year 4 residential
7/5/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
8/5/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
9/5/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
13/5 – 16/5	Year 6 SATS week
17/5	PTA School Disco
11/6/24	Year 4 and 5 reading morning
12/6/24	Year 3 and 6 reading morning
13/6/24	Year 1 and 2 reading morning
26/6/24	1.45 p.m. Year 6 production
27/6/24	6.30 p.m. Year 6 production
w/c 1/7	Multicultural week
5/7/24	<p>Sports day</p> <p>KS2 a.m. Ebbsfleet Secondary School (timings/arrangements t.b.c.)</p> <p>EYFS/KS1 p.m.—Craylands (specific times sent out closer to time)</p>
8/7/24 – 12/7/24	Year 6 residential
12/7/24	End of year reports sent out
15/7/24	Jump up afternoon
16/7/24	Jump up afternoon
19/7/24	<p>Last day</p> <p>Early finish</p> <p>EYFS—1.15p.m.</p> <p>Year 1 &amp; 2 - 1.20 p.m.</p> <p>Year 3 &amp; 4—1. 25 p.m.</p> <p>Year 5—1.30 p.m.</p> <p>Year 6 leavers assembly 1.45p.m.</p>
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# LET'S CLEAN UP THE SCHOOL RUN!

**ON YOUR MARKS. GET SET. GO!**



BetterPoints



**Ebbfleet**  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# Thank you for taking part in the Summer Term Challenge with the BetterPoints App!

Behaving in ways beneficial for our health and the planet should be effortless. This summer Ebbsfleet Development Corporation has partnered with BetterPoints and local schools in Ebbsfleet to encourage healthy and sustainable choices to be made on the school run.

Throughout the Summer Term, we are encouraging all students, parents, carers, teachers and staff to participate in our 'Lets Clean Up The School Run!' challenge, leaving vehicles at home and choosing healthier and more sustainable modes of transport. Walking to school is a healthy and enjoyable way to start the day. Not only is it beneficial for your health and wellbeing, it's also a benefit to your community and the planet.

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Participants simply need to download the BetterPoints App (available on Google Play and the Apple Store). Users must be aged 14 or over, so students under the age of 14 will need to have their parent or carer track activity via their phones.

Downloading and using the BetterPoints App is free for anyone wanting to take part. Once downloaded, users will need to ensure that tracking is on, and BetterPoints will do the rest!

## HOW LONG DOES THE CHALLENGE RUN FOR?

The challenge will take place throughout the Summer Term (not including May half term holiday) with activity monitored 22nd April to 19th July 2024.

## HOW IS ACTIVITY MONITORED?

Anyone who signs up and uses the app Monday - Friday at school drop off and pick up times, within a 0.2-mile radius of your school, will contribute to your school's leader board.

The three schools with the highest numbers of parents and staff who have signed up to take part and recorded an activity, compared to the number of pupils that attend the school, can win a prize.

It's all about the number of people who take part, so encourage as many of your friends, family members and fellow students as you can to join in! Even the smallest school could win a prize!



## Download BetterPoints & get tracking!

1. Visit Google Play or The Apple Store to download the free BetterPoints App.
2. Sign up using the referral code 'ebbsfleetschools24'.
3. Select your school and get ready for the challenge.
4. If you already have the BetterPoints app, head to the menu button, add the code and go to the 'challenges' area.
5. Find the 'Get Active in Ebbsfleet Schools Challenge' and select join.
6. Select your school and get ready for the challenge!

### **How do I record my activities?**

To record your activities, switch your tracking to on and start earning points towards your school leader board.

### **How does my school win a prize?**

It's all about the number of parents, guardians and staff who take part, so encourage as many people as you can to sign up and join in with active travel! You can track your school's progress on the leader board. Come the end of the challenge, if you and your fellow parents, guardians and staff are at the top of the leader board the following prizes will be awarded:

- **1st Prize – a visit to the school from award winning theatre company 'Histrionics'**
- **2nd Prize - £250 to be spent on gardening or sports equipment or resources to encourage active travel**
- **3rd Prize - £150 to be spent on gardening or sports equipment or resources to encourage active travel**

### **Can I win any prizes as an individual?**

Yes! By walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting to and from school as much as possible! Every weekday morning between 7am – 10am and afternoon 2pm – 6pm you can earn BetterPoints and BetterTickets for individual prize draws.

### **How is the winner calculated?**

The leader board is scored as a percentage of participants that take part based on the size of the school, to ensure that schools of all sizes have a fair chance of winning. It's all about the number of students, parents, guardians and staff who take part, so encourage as many people as you can to join in!

### **What is the BetterPoints App?**

BetterPoints is an award-winning behaviour change technology company that helps people improve their own health and that of the wider community. Their vision is to create local self-supporting challenges that deliver sustainability, carbon reduction, improved self-health and social care, as well as community cohesion.

### **What are BetterPoints?**

BetterPoints are a financially backed currency that you can redeem for high street vouchers or give to your favourite charity or community group (1,000 BetterPoints is equivalent to £1.). BetterTickets give you entry into prize draws. If you haven't done so already, make sure you join the Get Active in Ebbsfleet main challenge for the chance to win a lot more points of tickets for getting active!

### **What can I spend my points on?**

Points can be redeemed for a variety of high-street vouchers. You can check what is available by tapping Rewards on the bottom navigation bar of your app. You can also give your points to charities and community groups, including a number of local causes too.

### **What type of activity counts?**

Any recorded walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting activities during the morning and afternoon school run will count towards winning individual prizes.

### **Can pupils use the app?**

To use the BetterPoints app you must be 14 years of age and over. This restriction is in line with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which protects every child under the age of 13.

### **Can I take part if I am in a wheelchair or mobility scooter, and if so, how do I record my journeys?**

Yes! All kinds of wheelchairs and mobility scooters can be tracked as 'wheeling' in the app. Your app will automatically track your journey. Due to the motion sensors inbuilt in your device, and the algorithms in the app, it may assume you are cycling, rather than using a wheelchair or mobility scooter. In your timeline, after completing your journey you will be able to amend this to wheeling and your journey will be updated.

### **If the challenge has already started, can I still join in?**

Yes! You can register to take part at any time during the challenge.

### **How does Automatic Tracking work?**

The app monitors movement of the phone and will start registering a movement when the device has moved a significant distance. Once recording, waypoints are uploaded to the server as you move. Activities like walking around your home will not be picked up. Once an activity is registered as complete, BetterPoints or BetterTickets can be applied to it.

### **Where can I find more information?**

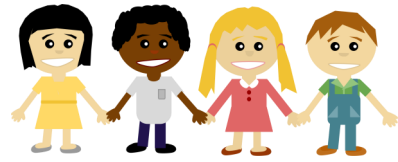
For more information about BetterPoints and how the app works, visit the Get Active in Ebbsfleet website by scanning the QR code below.



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# EYFS NEWS



Welcome back! We do believe all of the children have grown this holiday and are looking bright and healthy ready for the Summer Term.

Our topic is now called 'How many Legs?' and is a very popular one with the children as we spend the term exploring mini-beasts and researching facts about them.

We are currently excited about the baby caterpillars that have arrived in class and are busy munching their food and wriggling around for the children to observe up close.

Number focus is on teen numbers and ensuring that children are counting forwards and backwards correctly and securing their number bonds within 10 amongst other skills.

Little Wandle phonics continues daily; practising blending with increased fluency is our shared goal.

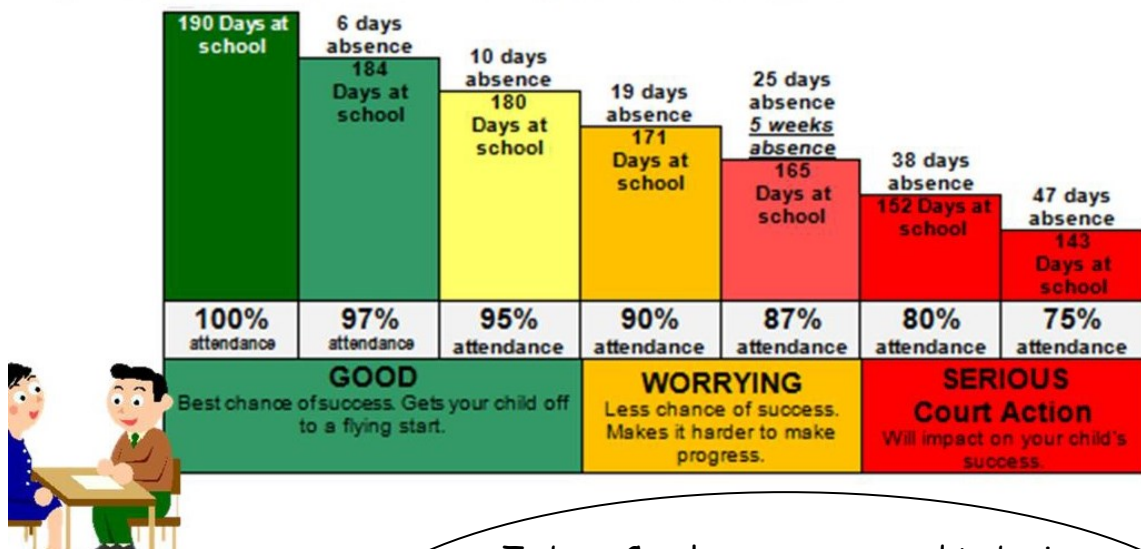
Thank you for sending in home learning, we will keep them in this week to give us more time to share them with the children.

We look forward to the new term ahead.



## **Achievements outside of school...**

# 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

Class	Attendance this week	No of children off this week
Elmer	100%	0
Funnybones	98.0%	2
Gruffalo	94.3%	3
Stickman	98.3%	3
Dahl	94.0%	3
Wilson	98.3%	2
Simon	92.5%	4
Walliams	93.4%	4
Fine	98.6%	1
Horowitz	93.5%	5
Morpurgo	98.6%	1
Rauf	94.3%	4

WELL DONE TO.....

Elmer Class for having perfect attendance this week!

# Times Tables Rockstars

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

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

Hungry Caterpillars Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Rainbow Fish Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Minutes played	Stickman	Gruffalo	Dahl
Wilson	Simon	Walliams	Horowitz	Fine	Rauf	Morpurgo





What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?

Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home. Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones		Practise phonics <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Buried_Treasure">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Fractions <a href="https://vimeo.com/801891577">https://vimeo.com/801891577</a>	Practise phonics <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Buried_Treasure">Buried Treasure (phonicsplay.co.uk)</a>
Dahl/Wilson	Mass and capacity <a href="https://vimeo.com/774865129">https://vimeo.com/774865129</a>	Time conjunctions <a href="https://youtu.be/ZFlyycSzsP4?si=udN6IXbxRh8VXxiH">https://youtu.be/ZFlyycSzsP4?si=udN6IXbxRh8VXxiH</a>
Walliams/Simon	Subtractions of fractions <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4SpringBlock3TS15">Y4 Spring Block 3 TS15 Subtract from mixed numbers on Vimeo</a>	Verb inflection <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/verbs">Verbs and the different tenses - BBC Bitesize</a>
Horowitz/Fine	Percentages <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5SpringBlock3TS13">Y5 Spring Block 3 TS13 Percentages as fractions on Vimeo</a>	Commas for clarity <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/how_to_use_commas">How to use commas - BBC Bitesize</a>
Morpurgo/Rauf	Revision <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q</a>	Revision <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7#zs82p9q</a>



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

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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 and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C	Dylan	Wilson	Leia
Rainbow Fish	Austin	Walliams	Nathan G
Elmer	Teddy	Simon	Angela
Funnybones	Ben C	Horowitz	Adam
Gruffalo	Joshua	Fine	Alfie
Stickman	Lorenzo	Morpurgo	Nathan
Dahl	Eva	Rauf	Kieren

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

Hungry C	Daniel	Wilson	Raph
Rainbow Fish	Ruby B	Walliams	Tilly
Elmer	Whole class	Simon	Amelia
Funnybones	Milana	Fine	Saule
Gruffalo	Liza-Mai	Horowitz	Reggie
Stickman	Teddy	Morpurgo	Matthew
Dahl	Tommy	Rauf	Sophie



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



Elmer Class