

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from Mrs Staniforth

I can't believe I am writing my last newsletter of the year; how quickly this year has flown by. In school, this week, there have been many enjoyable and exciting activities happening, including: Christmas dinner, the travelling pantomime, FoCS Christmas disco and our Christingle service, which you will see more about in the newsletter. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for your hard work and dedication this year. I would like to also say a huge well done to all the children for always following the school values and being curious, resilient and ambitious. A final thank you to parents and carers for your kind words of support and encouragement, over this past year. We also recognise that this time of year can be a challenge for some families and if you have any worries, which we may be able to support you with, please don't hesitate to contact me or the office.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and hope you have a lovely break with family and friends.

Our Values and Rights focus this week:



Holiday Requests During Term Time

If your child needs to be away from school for any reason, we ask parents/carers to complete a request for [absence form](#) to advise us in advance of the absence.

Leave of Absence Request Form

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school does not authorise term time holidays, or days out of school. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If you take your child out of school for an accumulative total of 5 days or more (10 sessions) (90%) over a period of ten weeks, the school will deem this as irregular attendance and will consider a referral to the Local authority for consideration of legal action. This could include:

- A Penalty Notice payable up to £160 fine without further reference to you for a penalty notice this warning is valid for 12 months.
- Prosecution under s444 (1) Education Act 1996, where if convicted you may be fined up to £1,000.
- Prosecution under s444 (1) (a) Education Act 1996 where if convicted you may be fined up to £2,500 and/or 3 months' imprisonment

The school or local authority can fine parents/carers for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age. An initial fixed penalty notice of £160 is issued to each parent/carer for each child. So a two parent/carer family with two children would be fined £320. For more information see '[Penalty notices for non-school attendance](#)'.

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Whole School Attendance

95.78%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 2 with 97.78%



Key Diary Dates

***New dates added/changed dates**

January

- 5th January – Training day - school closed to pupils
- 6th January – School open to pupils
- 7th January – Online safety workshops for pupils
- 7th January - Online safety workshops for parents/carers
- 12th January – Year 4 parent Everdon residential meeting
- 22nd January - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics at Daventry Leisure Centre 1:00-4:00pm
- 26th January – Young Voices concert
- 27th and 28th January – Life Education Company visit
- 30th January – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

February

- 4th- 6th February – Year 4 Everdon residential
- 5th February - Tag rugby finals
- 6th February - NSPCC Number Day – dress up
- 9th-15th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February – Online safety day
- 11th February – Key Stage 2 Open Morning 9.10am-10.00am
- 13th February – Year 2 Class Assembly 3pm
- 27th February – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

March

- **2nd March Chinese Dragon Workshop**
- **4th March – Year 6 SATs information evening 5pm**
- **5th March – World Book Day**
- **6th March – School Council Easter egg mufti day**
- **9th-13th March – Science week**
- **11th March – SEND Coffee afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm**

FoCS Christmas Disco

A huge thank you to FoCS for organising and hosting a wonderful Christmas disco for all the pupils. We all had a fabulous time, and it really helped us all get into the festive mood.



Sinbad Pantomime

We had a great time watching the pantomime Sinbad, this week. All the staff and pupils were involved; clapping, cheering, booing and singing. Mrs Hardbottle really enjoyed her part in the show! We would like to say a huge thank you to FoCS for paying for the pantomime and making this happen.



Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers

We would really like to thank all our volunteers and helpers for their dedicated contribution to Crick Primary School. We hope you enjoyed our 'Mince Pie Get Together'. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



Christmas Dinner

We had a wonderful Christmas lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to the Dolce staff, and all the school staff, for making this a wonderful Christmastime for the pupils. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mel, the cook, who arrived at 7am to begin preparing all the delicious dinners - thank you!



Gold Healthy Schools Award

I am absolutely delighted to share that Crick Primary School has achieved the silver and gold Healthy Schools Award! A big thank you needs to go to Mrs Faupel, Mrs Staniforth, Mrs Morris and Mrs Tull (Opal Play Team), for their hard work and dedication to the school. Please see below the letter from - **Michelle Bloyce – Healthy Schools Officer and Chris Serbyn - Public Health Practitioner (Healthy Adults and Communities)**

As you know, Crick Primary School initially aimed for silver, but after a deeper dive and review of the evidence, it became clear that you have already achieved gold-level standards. **This is the first time a school has been awarded both silver and gold together, which reflects the depth of your evaluation and the strength of your practice.** The school is not only driving change, but also measuring impact, responding to feedback, and planning for sustainability. This demonstrates a strong commitment to the Public Health Whole School Approach.

Lunchtimes have been transformed through the OPAL programme, creating a culture of active, imaginative, and inclusive play. Pupils now have access to a wide range of zones and resources, and staff report calmer, happier lunchtimes.

- Parent voice highlights that OPAL has been 'transformational' and 'uplifting', with children more engaged and friendships strengthened.
- Pupil voice confirms that children feel happier, have more choice, and enjoy building and creative play. They also report improved behaviour and better access to quiet spaces.
- Staff voice is overwhelmingly positive. Staff also note fewer behaviour issues and a positive impact on both pupil and staff wellbeing.
- The school has shown adaptability, responding to feedback by adding quiet zones, age-appropriate activities, and improving wet-weather provision.
- It's important to remember that this journey is not about perfection. While striving for excellence is commendable, the real value lies in the process. Even during winter months, the school has adapted and maintained momentum, which is a success worth celebrating.

This achievement is particularly significant because Crick initially aimed for silver, but has demonstrated gold-level impact and sustainability, making this the first time a school has achieved both silver and gold together. This reflects the depth of your evaluation, your commitment to measuring impact, and your culture of continuous improvement.

Congratulations on achieving the gold Healthy Schools Award! This is an outstanding accomplishment and a testament to your willingness to innovate, adapt, and keep children's wellbeing at the heart of your practice.



DATE

Dec 2025

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Cllr Laura Couse, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Cllr Kathryn Shaw, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education



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Christingle Making

We all had a great time making our Christingles ready for the service.



Christingle Service

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to join in our Christingle Service. We were so proud of all our Year 6 readers and singers, who helped make this a very special occasion. A big thank you to Mr Garfield, who organised the service, played the piano and helped us all learn the songs. We would also like to say thank you to the MP Stuart Andrews for also attending our service. If you would like to donate to The Children's Society please click on:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle/crick-cp-school-main-road-crick>



PE Days Spring Term

Some year groups have changed their PE days. Please see below for the Spring Term PE days for each class.

Reception	Monday
Year One	Tuesday and Friday
Year Two	Monday and Friday
Year Three	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year Four	Monday and Thursday
Year Five	Monday and Thursday
Year Six	Tuesday and Wednesday

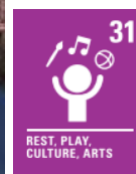
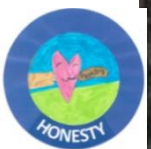
Pupils will need:

- Black shorts/skort (no logos or stripes)
- Plain white t-shirt (school logo optional)
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Royal blue jumper, school jumper/cardigan or PE hoodie (no logos or stripes except optional school logo)
- Black tracksuit/leggings - (winter-optional/no logos or stripes)
- Waterproof sports jacket/cagoule (no logos or stripes)

Please be aware, the majority of PE lessons will take place outside. PE kit and uniform expectations can be found on the school website [Crick Primary School - Uniform](#) and ordered from Tailor Made. **Uniform expectations will be strictly enforced** in line with our feeder secondary schools. If pupils are not in the correct uniform or PE kit a letter will be sent home. **Earrings must be removed** on the days that pupils have PE, and long hair tied back.

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to our Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars winners, this week and last week. Keep up the hard work!



Caught Doing the Right Thing

Congratulations to the following pupils, who won a prize in our lunchtime behaviour award competition 'Caught Doing the Right Thing' this week.



Safeguarding at Crick



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Need to report a safeguarding or wellbeing concern?

If you see, hear, or have a bad feeling about a situation, child or family it is important to tell us about it. You can report your concern to the school via the My Concern Community Reporting Tool. Simply scan the QR code below, or click on the following link and fill in the online form. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable us to manage the concern within our safeguarding procedures.

Your safeguarding Leads at Crick Primary are:



<https://form.thesafeguardingcompany.com/9b74e0e8-a28f-48c6-8944-c3c4b063480e>

Visit our Website and X (Twitter) Page

We are always updating the school website to ensure we provide parents/carers with useful and up to date information. Click on the links to find more about:

[Newsletters](#)

[Letters sent home](#)

[House Captains and House Points](#)

[Class webpages](#)

[School Council](#)

[Pupil voice](#)

[Fundraising](#)

[Uniform](#)

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