

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from Mrs Staniforth

With only five more school days left before the Christmas break, we are really feeling in the Christmas spirit. Reception and Key Stage 1 delivered a wonderful Nativity performance on Tuesday and performed so well. On Tuesday, we also welcomed back some past pupils from Houlton, who delivered an amazing pantomime. Next week, we are looking forward to the FoCS Christmas disco, the touring pantomime production, Christmas dinner and our Christingle service.

On Wednesday, we held our Rocksteady Concert; we were really proud of all the children and everything they have achieved this term. Key Stage 2 held their open morning on Thursday; it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers come and see what we get up to in school.

We do recognise that this time of year can be a challenge for some families and if you have any worries, that we may be able to support you with, please do not hesitate to contact me or the office.

Our Values and Rights focus this week:



Christmas Mufti Day

This year, we have decided not to do the 12 days of Christmas, but we will be holding 2 Christmas mufti days on **Friday 12th and Friday 19th December**. Pupils will be able to come to school in mufti and festive Christmas attire. No monetary donation will be required, as we are just getting into the festive spirit.



Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 16th December, we have our wonderful Christmas dinner. **Don't forget to send your child to school with a cracker**, which can be pulled at lunchtime. Any additional crackers would be greatly appreciated, for those pupils who do not have one. There are no other hot dinner provisions on this day, so please bring a packed lunch if you haven't ordered Christmas lunch.



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Friday 12th December 2025

Whole School Attendance

95.89%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 5 with 96.15%



Key Diary Dates

**New dates added/changed dates*

December

- 16th December – Whole school Christmas dinner
- 16th December – FoCS Christmas Disco
- 17th December – Whole school pantomime
- 18th December – Christingle making
- 19th December – Christmas mufti
- 19th December – Christingle Service 10.00am
- 19th December – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

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

Reception and Key Stage One Production

Thank you to our wonderful Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils, who put on a fabulous Nativity; you were all brilliant and amazing! A huge thank you to all the staff for also making this possible.



Thank You FoCS

A huge thank you goes to FoCS and their team of bakers, who sold delicious cakes, tea and coffee after the Nativity productions this week.



Hunts Book Fair

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the book fair last week. There were so many lovely books to choose from! These are the books we bought for school with our commission:



Books always make a wonderful Christmas present; look at these recommended books lists if you don't know what to buy:

[Ages 3 - 5](#) [Ages 5 - 7](#) [Ages 7 - 9](#) [Ages 9 - 11](#)

Headlice

This week, we have been notified of several cases of head lice, specifically in Year 5. Please make sure you check your child's hair. For more information, please click on the following link [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. So far, we have raised £59 Please donate via our just giving page [Crick Primary School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)



Rock Steady Concert

A huge well done to all of the pupils who played in the Rocksteady concert this week. We are very impressed with how much you have learnt in such a short space of time. You were all so brave to sing and play in front of such a large audience - well done!



Key Stage 2 Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who were able to attend our Key Stage 2 open morning, on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed seeing what we get up to and learnt some new skills too! Thank you also to all the teachers and support staff, for allowing the visitors into your classrooms!



PE Days After Christmas

Just to let you know, some classes have had a change to their PE days after Christmas as follows:

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

Year 5 Class Assembly

I would like to say a huge well done to Year 5, who delivered a fantastic class assembly today; you were all amazing! I can't believe how much you have learnt and accomplished in such a short space of time. You did so well performing in front of the whole school and your parents and carers. We loved seeing what you have all been up to - well done to you all!



Holton School Pantomime

We had a lovely time on Tuesday, as we welcomed some Year 10 pupils from Houlton School. They put on a wonderful pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. We were very impressed with the acting and dancing; we look forward to welcoming them back next year.



Hot Shots Players Tournament

We would like to say a huge well done to all our pupils who took part in the Hotshots basketball tournament last weekend. We heard how amazing you all were, and we are so proud of how well you did in representing the school and showing all the school values. Well done!



Certificate of Achievement Assembly

Today, we celebrated everything our pupils have achieved outside of school. Well done to all the pupils who have been working hard on their resilience and ambition - we are proud of all of you! If your child has achieved something special, like a belt in a martial art, music awards, swimming certificate, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs or Brownies badges, or worked really hard to achieve something, we would love to share this during our special assembly next half-term.



Stuart Andrew MP Christmas Card Competition

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the primary schools, staff and pupils who took part in my Christmas Card Competition this year. The response from across the constituency has been wonderful, and I have been truly impressed by the creativity, effort and festive spirit shown in every single entry.

I am delighted to announce that the winner of this year's competition is Harley from Crick Primary School. Many congratulations to Harley on a fantastic design.

I would also like to congratulate our three runners-up for their brilliant entries:

Eloise from Chipping Warden School

Freyja from Braunston Primary School

Gabriella from DSLV

Choosing a winner was extremely difficult due to the very high standard of artwork submitted, and every child who took part should be incredibly proud of their work. If you would like to see the winning design and the runners-up, they are available on my website and Facebook page.

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to all the pupils who took part, as well as to the staff and families who supported them. I look forward to running the competition again next year.

With best wishes,

Stuart- The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP

Member of Parliament for the Daventry Constituency



Christingle Service



We are holding our Christingle service on **Friday 19th December**, and hope that parents, carers and other family members will be available to join us.

To ensure everyone's safety and so that we can fit all the children into the church, we will be asking parents **not to enter the church before the children**. We aim to get the children to the church by 9.45am. We ask that parents/carers wait outside the church gates, until all the children are safely inside the church.

At the end of the service, we will be asking all parents/carers to leave the church before we then walk the children back to school.

The children will be **making their Christingles on Thursday 18th December**, so please remember to send your child to school with an orange on this day. If your child is absent on this day, please don't worry, as a Christingle will be made for them.

Christingle Orange

On Thursday 18th December, we will be making our Christingles, ready for the service on Friday 19th. **We ask every child to come to school with an orange** and we will provide the rest of the goodies for the Christingles. Additional oranges would be greatly received, for pupils who do not have one.



Christmas Diary Dates

As there is a lot happening in the run up to Christmas, here are the key Christmas dates:

- **Tuesday 16th December – Dolce Christmas Lunch**
Don't forget to order your child's Christmas dinner, which will take place on Tuesday 16th December. The whole school, along with the staff, eat in the hall and enjoy their Christmas dinner together, listening to Christmas party music. **Children will be allowed to bring a cracker in, to pull at lunchtime.**
- **Tuesday 16th December - FoCS Christmas disco and activities**
This year, FoCS will be hosting a children's Christmas disco, after school, in the hall. Pupils should have already come home with details, collection and payment forms. Please let us know if you have not received the form.
- **Wednesday 17th December – Whole School Christmas Pantomime**
Oh no it isn't! Sorry, could not resist that one. On Wednesday 17th December, we have booked a travelling pantomime to come into school to perform for the whole school. It will be a fantastic interactive performance for us all, which we will know the pupils and staff will enjoy.
- **Thursday 18th December – Christingle making – please don't forget to send oranges!**
On Thursday, we will all be making our Christingles to take to the service, on Friday. Please don't forget to send children to school with an orange on this day.
- **Friday 19th December – Christmas mufti in place of the 12 days of Christmas.**

Friday 19th December Christingle Service 10am – We will be holding our Christingle service, on Friday 19th December at St Margaret's church at 10am. All parents/carers and families are welcome to attend the service with us. More information is at the top of this newsletter.



Opal Questionnaire Results

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, carers, pupils and staff for taking the time to fill in the Opal lunchtime questionnaire. We have had some lovely responses and results can be viewed on our Opal page on the school website. [Opal Lunchtimes](#) | [Crick Primary School](#)

Testimonials from professionals, parents, carers and staff

From parents and carers

- OPAL has been so beneficial for the whole school
- Opal lunchtimes have transformed Crick School. If you walk past the field at lunch time it is genuinely uplifting to see children playing. One day I saw my child playing with a tyre, whilst the other child was being pushed along on a cart. It's so heart-warming to see the school embracing outdoor play.
- Children need to play and the Opal lunchtimes give them so many opportunities to be kids and develop friendships through play.
- My child has loved the changes to lunchtime since Opal has been introduced. I think it's a great opportunity for the children to have on their lunchtimes. It inspires them to explore play in much more depth than the average playtime.
- My child is happy, safe and able to explore new equipment and play with his friends in an inclusive and comfortable way.
- Opal has been a brilliant addition to the children's lunchtime. It's great to see them properly playing and enjoying their break time.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Reception Class



Reception class are missing all their spare joggers. If you have a pair of them at home please return them to school. They are all labelled with CRICK. We are also missing all our spare socks. If your child has borrowed a pair, please make sure they are returned to school. If you have any spare children's socks at home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the reception class team.

Thank you.

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.



House Points Weekly Winners



2nd



4th



1st



3rd



House Points Running Total



1950



1735



1587



2052

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