

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from Mrs Staniforth

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after their summer break and seeing how well they have settled back into the school routine.

Last week, we welcomed Mrs Hutchinson to the teaching assistant team and Miss Yeomans to the teaching team; we hope they enjoyed their first two weeks at Crick. Also, this week, we welcomed our new Reception class to the school; I would just like to say, you all looked so smart in your new uniforms and you all settled in very quickly to your new class. We have all been very impressed with your behaviour and how you are already demonstrating the Crick school values.

We have had a lovely week in school and seen so many smiling and happy faces.

This week we appointed our new House Captains, School Council Leaders and librarians; we were very impressed with the pupils who put themselves forward for the role, and the speeches they delivered. You all showed great resilience and ambition- well done! We have noticed an increase of the amount of children playing on the equipment in the playground, during drop-off and collection. We would like to remind parents and carers that children are not allowed to play on the equipment before and after school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email or catch me on the playground before or after school.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday.

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles

Please be reminded that we are a healthy eating school. Pupils are allowed one healthy snack at playtime. Please make sure that lunch boxes also contain a variety of healthy foods in them. **Nuts, prawns, shellfish or any products containing these ingredients, are not allowed in school**, as we have some pupils and staff who have severe allergies to these products. Pupils are also encouraged to bring in a water bottle, in addition to their lunchtime drink, which they can keep in the classroom to drink throughout the day.



Newsletter No 1

Friday 12th September 2025

Whole School Attendance

98.16%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 3 with 99.2%



Key Diary Dates

***New dates added/changed dates**

September

- 26th September – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch
- 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

- 6th October - Year 4 parents MTC check information meeting 3.40-4.00pm
- 7th October – Individual school photos. Starting at 8.30 for those with non-school age siblings
- 8th October - Harvest Festival and School Council foodbank mufti
- 8th October – Whole school Flu vaccinations
- 15th October – Reception and Key Stage One open morning 9.10am-10am
- 17th October - School Council Foodbank mufti competition
- 20th October – New Intake 2026 Open morning 9am-12pm
- 21st and 23rd October – Parents' Evening
- 24th October - School Council Foodbank mufti competition
- 24th October – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch
- 24th October – Year 6 Class Assembly 3pm

November

- 3rd November – Training Day school closed to pupils
- 6th November – Outdoor Classroom day
- 10th November – Odd Socks Day
- 10th-14th November - Anti Bullying week
- 14th November – Children in Need mufti day

Our School Charter

- We are kind, polite, helpful and aware of others' feelings.
- We are respectful to each other and treat people the way we would like to be treated.
- We listen carefully to others, without interrupting them.
- We try our best, work hard, and learn from our mistakes.
- We are honest and always tell the truth
- We look after our own and other people's belongings.
- We move calmly around school.
- We play gently with each other and use kind hands and feet.



Headteacher Postcards

I like nothing more than when a child comes to my office to show me their wonderful work, or to come and talk about their achievements. As a reward, they will receive a Headteacher postcard sent through the post. Keep an eye on the post, as some teachers nominate pupils for a surprise Headteacher postcard! I have already sent out five this week!



Class Open Mornings

In the autumn and spring Term, your child's class teacher will hold an open morning from 9:10-10:00am, where you can pop along and see what happens in school. We appreciate that parents and carers have to work, so if you are unable to come along, we welcome other family members.

	Reception and Key Stage One (Year 1-2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)
Autumn	15 th October 2025	11 th December 2025
Spring	25 th March 2026	11 th February 2026

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Our School Values

At Crick Primary we follow seven core values. Pupils can earn a values badge, if they show the school values. Remember to look out for them on the newsletter and website, to see who has won badges each week.



Merits

Along with earning values badges, pupils can earn merits for academic achievements. Teachers and teaching assistants hand out merits to pupils, then collate them on merit cards. When a pupil completes a merit card it is presented to them at the next whole school celebration assembly. Cards are collected as follows:

Bronze- 25 merits

Silver- 50 merits

Gold-75 merits

Platinum-100 merits

Diamond- 125 merits



Class Assemblies for the Year

Each half term, one class will put on a 20-minute class assembly at 3pm, to show parents and family what they have been up to for that half term. Please see dates below:

- Reception – 1st July 2026
- Year 1 – 27th March 2026
- Year 2 – 13th February 2026
- Year 3 – 19th June 2026
- Year 4 – 8th May 2026
- Year 5 – 5th December 2025
- Year 6 – 24th October 2025

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

House Captains and House Points

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children, who took part in the House Captain speech assembly on Monday. You all tried so hard with your speeches, which were very well written and wonderfully presented. We are proud of you, all no matter the outcome.



Hedgehog candidates



Owl candidates



Squirrel candidates



Rabbit candidates



House Captains are open to both a boy and a girl to be a House Captain for their House. The pupils, in each House, then voted for who they wanted, as their House Captains. Congratulations to our new House Captains who are:

Hedgehogs



Rabbits



Owls

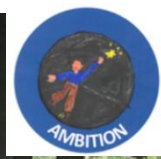


Squirrels



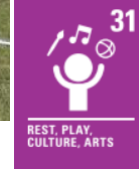
Our New School Council Leaders

This week pupils, who have put themselves forward, have been reading their School Council speeches to their class. Every pupil in the class was then able to vote for who they would like to represent their class at School Council meetings. Thank you to everyone who took part. Well done to the following pupils, who have been voted as the School Council Leaders for their class this year. I look forward to meeting with you next week, during our first meeting - well done!



Harley's Triathlon

We would like to say a very big well done and congratulations to Harley for taking part in the Southam Junior Triathlon a couple of weeks ago. He swam 150m, cycled 1.6km and ran 1000m. He is very proud of himself, as we are too. He has raised over £460 for the Hibbs Lupus Trust, a charity that is close to his heart. If you would like to donate to this special cause, please click the following link https://www.justgiving.com/page/h-tull-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars



Recently, we have noticed a decline in pupils accessing Times Tables Rock Stars at home. We would like to remind parents that it is an expectation of our school that children play for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week. It is recommended that that your child practises little and often, as short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week. You can access Times Tables Rock Stars through their website on a laptop, computer, or mobile or tablet through the app, which is available both on Apple and Android stores. Please contact your child's class teacher, if you need your child's log in details or are having problems accessing the site.

The table below shows the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group.

Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 (Forward and backwards to 100). Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 3, 4, and 8 multiplication tables. (And continue with 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.)
Year 4	Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 X 12 with increasing confidence.
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 X 12. Confident recall in any order across the tables
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 X 12. Confident recall in any order across the tables.



Homework Expectations

At Crick Primary School we recognise the value of the many activities that our children are involved in after school and at weekends, through family activities or their membership of clubs and organisations. We ensure sufficient time is given to complete tasks to avoid any conflict. The table below shows the minimum expectations for each child in the school.

Year 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading at least 3 times a week and parents to record in the reading records. • Numbots at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes per session. • Daily practise of spelling • Optional topic home learning grid (send home last week)
Year 3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading at least 3 times a week and parents to record in the reading records. • Timestables Rock Stars at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes per session. • Daily practise of spelling • Optional topic home learning grid (send home last week)

Applying for a Year 7 Place at Secondary School

If your child lives in West Northamptonshire, from 10 September 2025, you can make an application for a secondary school place for September 2026. If your child has their 11th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you will need to apply for a place. **The closing date for applications will be 31 October 2025.** For more information please click on the following link: [Apply for a secondary school place](#) | [West Northamptonshire Council](#)



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>

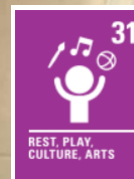
Blue Butterfly Safeguarding

You may have heard your child talk about the 'Blue Butterfly badge' or seen one of our members of staff wearing one and wondered what it was. At Crick Primary, we teach the pupils to be aware of their thoughts and feelings; if something is worrying them, or doesn't feel right, they might get a butterfly feeling in their stomach. Pupils in our school know that anyone wearing a Blue Butterfly badge is a safe person to talk to about their worries and concerns. Every year, PCSO Les Conopo comes into school to talk to the pupils about their worries and reminds them about the Blue Butterfly Scheme. If you would like more information on this, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Summer Reading Challenge

A very big well done to all the children who took part in the summer reading challenge in the holidays. We are very proud of you all for keeping up with your reading.



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.



Values Children

Well done to the following children, who demonstrated our school values last week and this week:



Star of the Week

Well done to the following children, who were awarded Star of the week, this week and last week!



Reception	
Year One	Anwen - for her amazing writing. Isabella- for working hard and listening beautifully.
Year Two	Hazel – for her amazing work in maths. Lyla- for her excellent contribution in the DT lessons.
Year Three	All of Year 3 – for a great start to the year. Charlie PI- for showing excellent resilience and ambition in maths.
Year Four	Jacob- for creating amazing art work. Orlaith- for being an all-round superstar. For always being ready to learn and trying her best.
Year Five	Charlie- for his excellent attitude towards his learning. Iyla- Mae- for her fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Year Six	Asher- for returning to school with a fantastic mind-set, being kind to people and working on his presentation. Flo- for her positive attitude towards her learning this week.

House Points Weekly Winners



1st

3rd

4th

2nd

House Points Running Total



243

183

164

222

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:

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Please remember to visit our school website regularly for useful information <https://www.crick.northants.sch.uk>

Follow us on Twitter: @crickpri

Our Values and Rights focus this week:



Values and Rights Respecting School



FOCS Pre-Loved Uniform

Pre-Loved Uniform Donations Wanted

The start of term is here and you may find yourself with a pile of old uniform that doesn't fit anymore.

Friends of Crick School are always looking for good condition, clean and unwanted school uniform for our preloved uniform sales.

We now accept clothing donations at any time during term time. Please just hand them into the school office when it suits you.

We are planning to hold a Preloved Uniform Sale in the Autumn Term (date tbc)

If you require any clothing outside of a preloved sale then get in touch with your Class Rep. They will put you in contact with Debbie or Lynsey who will be happy to help with your enquiry.

