

# CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## A note from Mrs Staniforth

A warm welcome back to everyone. We hope you all managed to have a wonderful Christmas and hope your New Year has got off to a good start. We have had a busy, and exciting, week back with many different activities happening. Our Year 5 pupils have been to Forest School and tried out some exciting new activities and Year 2 have had a walk around the village to look at historical features. Our Reception Class have had their first forest school session up at the woods and we were all proud how well they represented the school. We are all looking forward to the spring term and all the exciting activities we have planned for this year. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to catch me on the playground, or email me [head@crick.northants.sch.uk](mailto:head@crick.northants.sch.uk).

## Our Values and Rights focus this week:



## Open Mornings Spring Term

Every half term, your child's class teacher will hold an open morning from 9.10-10.10am, where you can pop along and see what we get up to. We appreciate that parents have to work, so if you are unable to come along, we welcome other family members.

- Reception – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Year 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Year 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Year 3 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Year 4 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Year 5 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Year 6 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Please note these dates could change.

## Class Assemblies

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

- Reception – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026
- Year 1 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Year 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Year 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Year 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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## Newsletter No 14

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Whole School Attendance

**95.59%**

Government expected attendance **97%**

### Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 3 with 98.8%



### Key Diary Dates

\*New dates added/changed dates

#### January

- 22nd January - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics at Daventry Leisure Centre 1:00-4:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices concert
- 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January – Life Education Company visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> January – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

#### February

- 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Everdon residential
- 6<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day – dress up
- 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – Online Safety Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Key Stage 2 open morning 9.10am-10.00am
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 class assembly 3pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

#### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Chinese Dragon Workshop
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 SATs information evening 5pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – School Council Easter egg mufti day
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March – Science week
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – SEND Coffee afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – School Council chocolate mufti day
- 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March – School Council Tombolo after school
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Rocksteady concert
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March – Book fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter activity week
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 and 4 production 2pm and 6pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Reception & Key Stage 2 open morning 9:10-10am
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 Class Assembly 3pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch

## Class Webpages

Don't forget to check your child's class web page. Please click on the following links for your child's class page:

Reception: [Crick Primary School - Reception](#)

Year One: [Crick Primary School - Year One](#)

Year Two: [Crick Primary School - Year Two](#)

Year Three: [Crick Primary School - Year Three](#)

Year Four: [Crick Primary School - Year Four](#)

Year Five: [Crick Primary School - Year Five](#)

Year Six: [Crick Primary School - Year Six](#)

## Headlice

We have been notified of several cases of head lice, this week. Please make sure you check your child's hair. For more information, please click on the following link [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



## Our Safeguarding Team at Crick

Staff, governors, parents and children all have a significant role to play to ensure our children stay safe. Please have a look at the useful documents on our website, by clicking on the following link: [Crick Primary School - Safeguarding Information](#). If you feel that a child is in danger, or you have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact one of the designated safeguarding leads (DSL) in school. You can either contact us by calling the school, coming to see us in person, or emailing us directly: Mrs Staniforth [head@crick.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@crick.northants-ecl.gov.uk) and Mrs Morris [lmorris@crick.northants.sch.uk](mailto:lmorris@crick.northants.sch.uk)



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

## 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 $12 \times 12$ with increasing confidence.
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to $12 \times 12$ . Confident recall in any order across the tables
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to $12 \times 12$ . Confident recall in any order across the tables.

## Coram Life Education Company Visit



The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th January. Please follow this link for more information: [Life Education Visit](#) Maybe Harold will pay us a visit?

## Mrs King's Baby News

We are very happy to announce that Mrs King had a baby girl at the end of December. Mum and baby are doing very well, and we look forward to having cuddles very soon.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

# If you're into it, read into it

Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it.

It's time for the nation to Go All In.

Did you know 2026 is the National Year of Reading? The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign to address the [steep decline in reading amongst children, young people](#) and adults. It is a Department for Education initiative, in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust. **Fewer children are reading for pleasure.** When reading drops, confidence, imagination and learning take a hit as well. Reading helps children focus, express themselves, develop their curiosity, and it gives families an opportunity to connect. Click on this link to find out how you can get involved as a family: [Families | National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#) Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more ways to promote reading.

## Clubs This Half Term

We have a range of clubs happening this half term. Have a look at what we are running:

- Guineapig care club (lunchtime)
- Mental health club (lunchtime)
- Library club (lunchtime)
- Hotshots basketball (Monday after school)
- Numbots and TT Rock Stars (lunchtime)
- Board games club (Monday after school)
- Young Voices (Monday after school)
- Life Skills (Lunchtimes)
- Sign Language (Wednesday after school)
- Gymnastics (Thursday before school)
- Dodgeball (Thursday after school)



## Board Games Club

We had a great time at board games club, this week. It was lovely to see the children having fun and playing so well with each other.



## 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:



SCAN ME



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

## 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.



## 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!



<b>Reception</b>	Bobby – For always being so eager to learn and always having his hand up to answer. Ben – For trying so hard to be able to write his own name. He can now do first name and surname.
<b>Year One</b>	Roman – for working hard on everything and settling straight to his work. Amelie- for beautiful neat writing and punctuated sentences.
<b>Year Two</b>	Ottolie – For being an all-round star. Amazing with all her work this week and always.
<b>Year Three</b>	Evie C- For her kindness, respect and politeness.
<b>Year Four</b>	Harvey – for having a more positive attitude towards his learning showing a good focus on his work. Hector- for his fantastic writing where he included description and figurative language.
<b>Year Five</b>	Aishling – For showing great curiosity in RE and doing some independent research at home.
<b>Year Six</b>	Eden- For demonstrating an excellent understanding in writing and maths this week.

## House Points Weekly Winners



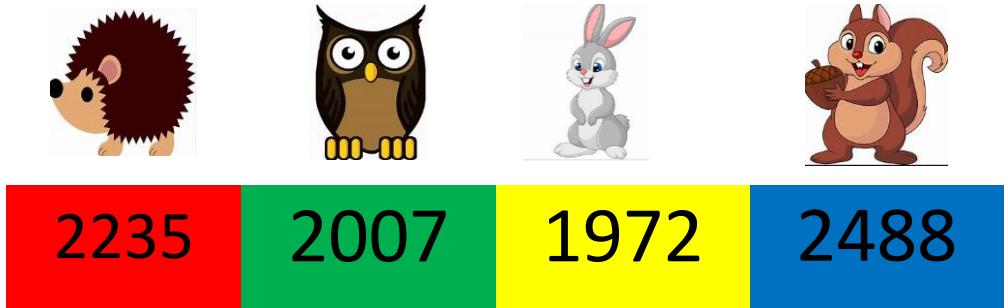
4<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

1st

2<sup>nd</sup>

## House Points Running Total



## 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](#)  
[Pupil Premium](#)  
[Free School Meals](#)  
[Term dates](#)  
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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](#)

## Values and Rights Respecting School

