

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from Mrs Staniforth

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. For those families who are new to our school, a very special welcome. We place great importance on building positive and effective communication between home and school, and our weekly newsletter is one of the ways we keep parents informed and connected. Each week, we will share important dates, celebrate successes and provide updates on school life.

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

Last week, we welcomed Miss Brooks, Mrs Lole and Miss Sprayson to our teaching assistant team. We hope they have enjoyed their first two weeks at Crick.

We also welcomed our new Reception class to the school. I would like to say how smart you all looked in your new uniforms and how quickly you settled into 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 have seen so many smiling and happy faces.

Last week, we appointed our new House Captains and School Council leaders. We were incredibly impressed with all the pupils who put themselves forward for these roles and with the speeches they delivered. You all showed great resilience and ambition. Well done!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or speak to 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.

Our Values and Rights Focus This Week:



MUTUAL RESPECT



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Whole School Attendance

96.69%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year Reception with 99.6%



Key Diary Dates

***New dates added/changed dates**

September

- 24th September – OPAL audit
- 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:10-10:30am
- 25th September – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch Year 6
- 28th September – Autism assembly

October

- 6th October - Year 4 parents MTC check information meeting 3:40-4:00pm
- 6th October - Individual school photos. Starting at 8:30am for those with non-school age siblings.
- 7th October - Harvest Festival and School Council foodbank mufti
- 14th October – Reception and Key Stage 1 open morning 9:10am-10am
- 16th October - School Council foodbank mufti competition
- 19th October – New Intake 2026 open morning 9am-12pm
- 20th and 22nd October – Parents' evening
- 23rd October - School Council foodbank mufti competition
- 23rd October – Headteacher Pupil Voice lunch Year 5
- 23rd October – Year 6 class assembly 3pm
- 23rd October – Last day of term
- 26th- 30th October - half term

November

- 2nd November – School open to pupils
- 2nd November - New intake 2027 open morning

Diary Dates For This Term

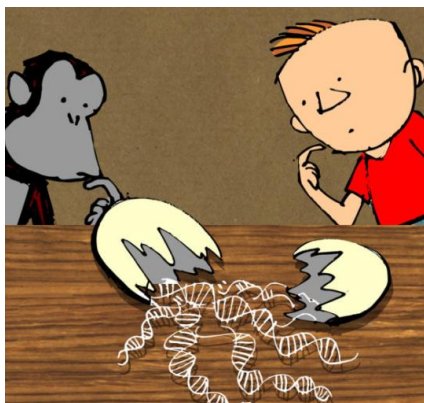
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Headteacher Assembly Focus This week

This week in our Headteacher assembly, we focused on Jeans for Genes. Did you know that there are between 6,000 and 10,000 genetic conditions worldwide? The pupils were amused to learn that humans share around 50% of their DNA with a banana! Thank you to all the pupils and staff who came dressed in jeans and mufti to support this wonderful cause. The charity helps children and families affected by genetic conditions, including several pupils within our school community. If you would like to find out more information about Jeans for Genes, please click on the link. [Jeans for Genes Week](#)



[Educational resources for KS1-4](#)



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Please Do Not Play on The Equipment

We have noticed an increase in the number 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.



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.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning News)

It has been lovely to see our pupils playing so well at lunchtimes and, most importantly, having the opportunity to simply be children and enjoy playing together. We have recently had some fantastic new donations, including a playhouse, which is now on the field, logs and decking. We have also continued to develop our outdoor spaces, improving the reading area, learning shed and quiet area on the field. These spaces are helping to provide pupils with a wider range of opportunities to play, explore, create, learn and relax during lunchtime. We have also been busy updating our OPAL Bingo! This gives our parents, carers and community lots of ideas and inspiration as to the donations we are in need of. Please have a look at the updated OPAL Bingo on our school website and see how you can help with donations. Next week is a very exciting week for us as we have our final OPAL audit.

The audit is an important opportunity to see just how far we have come and to evaluate whether we have genuinely improved the lunchtime experience for our pupils. Our progress will be mapped against the OPAL criteria, and our award status – Silver, Gold or Platinum – will be agreed by our mentor and an external assessor.

The audit will also help us identify our next steps and plan the next phase of our OPAL development, ensuring that we continue to improve and provide the very best play opportunities for our children.

We are incredibly proud of how far we have come and, most importantly, of seeing our pupils enjoying their lunchtimes, playing together and being children.

A polite reminder that our OPAL parent questionnaire is still open for parents to take part in. [OPAL Stay and Play session – Fill in form](#)

The OPAL Play Team- Mrs Staniforth, Mrs Morris and Miss Sprayson.



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 twelve this week!



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 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.

Open Mornings

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	Wednesday 14 th October 2026			Thursday 10 th December 2026			
Spring	Wednesday 17 th March 2027			Wednesday 10 th February 2027			

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



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:

Class Assembly	
Year 6	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Year 5	Friday 11 th December 2026
Year 3	Friday 27 th November 2026
Year 4	Thursday 11 th February 2027
Year 2	Friday 12 th March 2027
Year 1	Thursday 27 th May 2027
Reception	Friday 9 th July 2027

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



Our New House Captains

We were incredibly impressed with the quality of the speeches this year — they were some of the best we have ever heard! You all worked so hard to explain how you would lead your house, demonstrate our school values, what you would do to be a great leader and the qualities you have that would make you an excellent House Captain. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for standing up in front of your peers and having the confidence to put yourselves forward. The votes were extremely close, and every pupil had the opportunity to have their say and vote for the person they felt would represent their house best. Well done to every single one of you — you should be very proud of yourselves! Congratulations to our new House Captains who are:

Hedgehogs



Rabbits



Owls



Squirrels



Our New School Council Leaders

Last week, pupils who had put themselves forward for a School Council position presented their speeches to their classes. Following the speeches, every pupil had the opportunity to vote for the person they would like to represent their class at School Council meetings. Thank you to everyone who took part in the process. We were incredibly impressed by the confidence, enthusiasm, and commitment shown by all the candidates. Congratulations to the following pupils, who have been elected as their class School Council representatives for this year. I look forward to meeting with you next week at our first School Council meeting. Well done!



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	• Reading at least 3 times a week and parents/carers 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 (sent home last week)
Year 3-6	• Reading at least 3 times a week and parents/carers to record in the reading records. • Times Tables 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)

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Event: MacMillan Coffee Morning

Where? School hall

When? Friday 25th September **Time:** 9.10am-10.30am

How much? Donation only

Summer Reading Challenge

A very big well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays! We are incredibly proud of you all for keeping up with your reading and showing such great commitment to this wonderful activity. We know that **many more of you took part** but are not in this picture, so a huge well done to you too! A big thank you to all our parents and carers for encouraging and supporting the children with their reading over the summer. Your support makes such a difference and helps to nurture a real love of reading.

Well done, everyone – we are very proud of you!



2026 – The National Year of Reading. Did you know...

Watch this space for reading tips and book recommendations. How do I encourage a love of reading? Comic books, cereal packets, magazines or even audiobooks and podcasts can be brilliant ways to encourage even the most reluctant readers to get into a habit of reading and enjoy what they are discovering.



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. These pupils were recognised for demonstrating our school values and making positive choices during lunchtime. Remember, every entry remains in the draw for the entire school year, giving pupils even more opportunities to win. Winners are selected at random from all the entries collected, so every ticket earned counts. Keep showing excellent behaviour, being kind to others, and doing the right thing — you could be our next winner!



Certificate of Achievements

Every Friday, we love celebrating the amazing things our pupils have been achieving outside of school! We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who are showing resilience, ambition, determination and hard work to achieve their goals. Whether they have mastered something new, overcome a challenge or worked really hard to achieve something they are proud of, we want to celebrate it in our Friday Celebration Assembly. Well done to pupils who shared their successes this week.



Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to this week's Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars winners! It is wonderful to see so many children developing their maths fluency through regular practice. Remember, we select a different winning category each week, so everyone has an opportunity to succeed. Keep playing and you could be our next winner!



Values and Rights Respecting School



Values Children

A huge well done to the following children, who have been fantastic role models and have demonstrated our school values over the past two weeks. It is wonderful to see our values being demonstrated not just in the classroom, but also on the playground, during OPAL lunchtimes, and in the way our pupils look after, encourage and support one another.

Our values are at the heart of everything we do, and we love seeing our pupils putting them into action every day.

Well done to all of our 'Values Champions'! You should be incredibly proud of yourselves. Keep being amazing role models and showing everyone what it means to be part of our wonderful school community!



House Points Weekly Winners



4th

3rd

2nd

1st

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>

Visit our Website and Instagram 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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