

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A note from Mrs Staniforth

What a busy week we have had at school!

On Monday, I had the pleasure of going swimming with Year 5. I was incredibly proud of the pupils, who represented the school exceptionally well. Their behaviour, attitude and conduct were excellent, and they should be very proud of themselves.

On Tuesday, our choir began rehearsals for Young Voices. It was wonderful to hear the sound of singing filling the school once again, and the children have made a fantastic start.

On Thursday, we welcomed Rachel, our OPAL mentor to our school. She spent the lunchtime observing the provision we have in place and then worked with the OPAL team throughout the afternoon to assess our provision.

Today, we held our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many people come along to support this fantastic charity. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the event such a success.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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25th September 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.16%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 6 with 97.50%



Key Diary Dates

***New dates added/changed dates**

September

- 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' evenings
- 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 9am-12pm
- 4th November - New Intake 2026 Open evening 4pm -6pm
- 5th November – Outdoor Classroom Day
- 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Our Values and Rights focus this week:



Headteacher Assembly focus this week

On Monday, in assembly, Mrs Morris spoke to the children about Articles 24 and 29; the right to clean water and education. The children learned about children in other countries who do not always have easy access to these fundamental rights, and discussed the challenges they face. Our pupils also explored how we can support others and make a positive difference in the lives of children around the world through our actions and fundraising efforts.

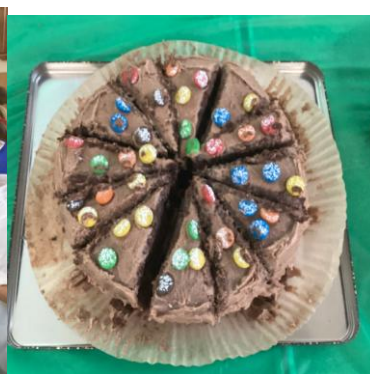


Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated and attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many members of our school community coming together to support such a worthwhile charity. A special thank you also goes to Year 6, Mr Garfield, Mrs Channing, Miss Gibson and Mrs Hutchinson for all their hard work in helping to set up and tidy away after the event; their support was greatly appreciated. We would also like to say a very special thank you to Mr Freitas, a parent of two pupils at our school, who works for Costa Coffee, a proud partner of Macmillan Coffee Morning. Mr Freitas very generously donated a fantastic amount to support the event, and we are incredibly grateful for his kindness and generosity. Thanks to your support, we have raised an amazing £525 in cash, not including online donations, so far for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for helping to make such a positive difference.

**No cash
no problem!**

Scan this QR code
with your phone
camera to make
a cashless donation
directly to your
host's Coffee
Morning.



OPAL Audit

On Thursday we welcomed Rachel, our OPAL mentor and assessor, to conduct our final OPAL audit.

During lunchtime, she observed the wide range of play opportunities available to our pupils and saw how the children engage with the different areas and resources we have developed as part of our OPAL journey. In the afternoon, she met with members of our OPAL team (Mrs Staniforth, Mrs Morris, Miss Sprayson, Mrs Tull and Mr Treen (OPAL Governor)), reviewed evidence of the work we have undertaken and explored the impact that OPAL has had on playtimes across the school. We were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the hard work, creativity and enthusiasm of our pupils and staff. The assessor was able to see first-hand how our outdoor play provision supports children in developing confidence, independence, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

We are pleased to let you know that we **achieved 95% and attained the highest achievement of the OPAL Platinum award**. The audit marked an important milestone in our OPAL journey, and we would like to thank everyone who has supported the project, including staff, pupils, parents and carers who have donated resources and ideas along the way.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) News

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and members of the local community for their continued support of our OPAL journey. Your generous donations have helped us to further develop our play provision and create even more exciting opportunities for our pupils. This week alone, we have added some fantastic new equipment, including a playhouse, logs, music wall, a slide with tyres for the base and a slackline. These additions have already generated lots of excitement and are providing children with new ways to play, explore, challenge themselves and work together. Alongside adding new resources, we have also spent time enhancing our play spaces, making them more welcoming, inviting and engaging for the children. We are committed to creating an environment that inspires creativity, imagination and active play, and it has been wonderful to see the pupils enjoying the improvements. We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our recent OPAL questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us to continue developing and improving our provision. We have been delighted with the positive responses and the thoughtful suggestions that were shared. We look forward to building on the success of OPAL and continuing to develop our outdoor play provision for all pupils. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us make playtimes even better at Crick Primary School.



Attendance

Any child's attendance that falls below 90%, authorised or unauthorised, or any child not at school for ten sessions or five days within a ten-week period, is classed by the Government as 'Persistent Absence'. Absence at this level impacts progress both academically and socially and will trigger our 'Three Stage Process'.

This process enables us to support families in minimising this impact and ensure that school attendance is valued.

Persistently absent pupils will be tracked and monitored carefully, using a RAG recording system - where there is no improvement in attendance, outside agencies will be involved as required

- Stage 1 - Where any child's attendance falls below 90% (18 days off), or any child is not at school for ten sessions or five days within a ten-week period, a Stage 1 letter will be sent home. **This includes holiday taken in term time.**
- Stage 2 - If, during the following half term, attendance has not increased or a child has again been absent for ten sessions or five days within a ten-week period, a Stage 2 letter will be sent home. This letter will set a target of 96% attendance for the subsequent half term.
- Stage 3 - If during the half term following the Stage 2 letter, attendance has not increased to the target set, or a child has again been absent for ten sessions or five days within a ten-week period, a Stage 3 letter will be sent home – which will include a date for the parents/carers to attend a meeting with school to discuss the attendance and will also trigger a referral to the School Attendance Support Officer.

If a child's attendance drops below 90%, parents and carers could be at risk of prosecution, especially if this is a pattern in previous years.

We want to reiterate that we understand that children become ill and will need days off school, and we don't expect them to attend school when they are poorly. We also understand that some pupils encounter problems when coming to school. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Headteachers are no longer allowed to authorise holidays taken in term time and have to report these absences the Local Authority. 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

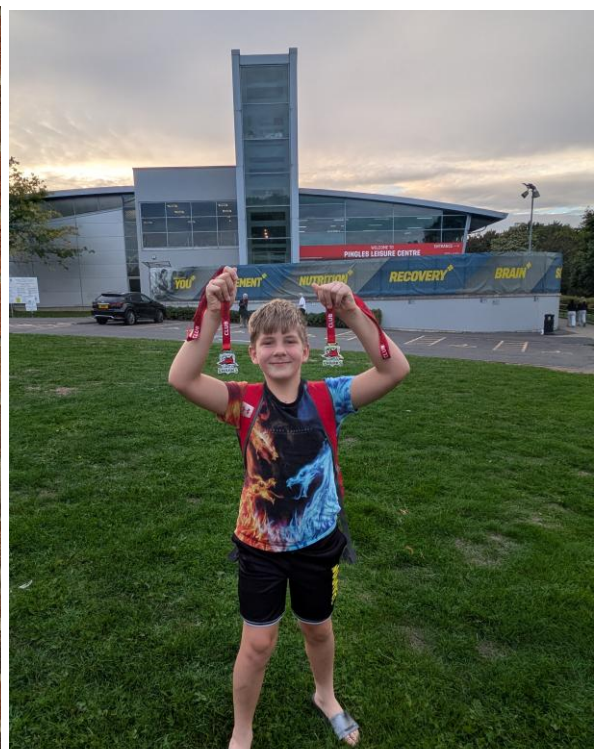
Welcome to our New Reception Class

Over the past 3 weeks, our new Reception class have settled very well into the Crick family. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know their classroom, staff and the school routines and values. They have been learning lots in their classroom including exploring the home corner, telling stories and enjoying our snacks together. We can't wait for the adventure to continue; there is lots more fun and learning to be had!



Certificates of Achievement

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.



2026 – The National Year of Reading

Did you know... Audiobooks and podcasts can be a great way to immerse children in the joy of books while they are on the go, which alleviates the pressure to carve out more time.



Eduspot Payment System

We have a new app for payments this is called Eduspot – School Money. Please download the app, as you will no longer be able to make payments using the old system.



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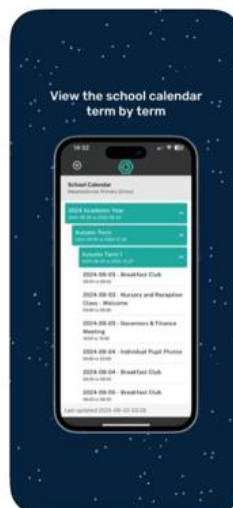
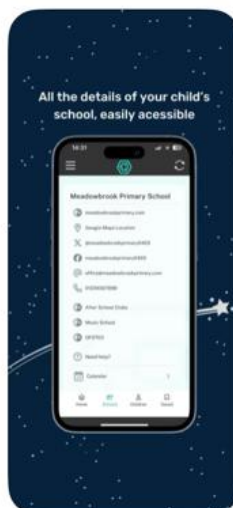
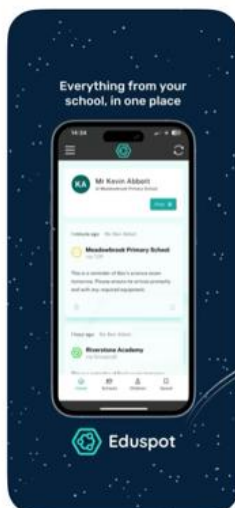
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September 2027 Intake

We are holding a number of Open Days for parents interested in their child starting at Crick Primary School in September 2027:



Monday 19th October

9:00am - 12:00pm



Monday 2nd November

9:00am - 12:00pm



Wednesday 4th November

4:00pm - 6:00pm



Please ring the office on **01788 822633** to book a time slot and date to attend.

During the open day you will have a tour of our school with some of our Year 6 pupils and then you will have the opportunity to ask the Headteacher and Reception teacher any questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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!



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 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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