

CRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Curious. Be Resilient. Be Ambitious.



A note from Mrs Staniforth

There has been lots happening across the school this week, from Forest School and swimming lessons to our first School Council meeting of the year. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing these opportunities with such enthusiasm and positivity. This week, I also had the opportunity to spend some time in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. I was incredibly impressed by the fantastic handwriting on display in Years 1 and 2; the pride the children are taking in their presentation is clear to see. In Year 6, I was amazed by their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. The confidence and resilience they showed when tackling challenging maths tasks was excellent.

It is always a pleasure to visit classrooms and see the hard work, determination and achievements of our pupils. Well done to all the children for another fantastic week of learning. Next week, we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival and school photographs.

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Whole School Attendance

96.17%

Government expected attendance **97%**

Year Group Attendance Winners



Year 1 with 97.93%



Our Values and Rights Focus this week



MUTUAL RESPECT



Headteacher Assembly Focus this week

In Monday's Headteacher assembly, we learned about autism and explored what the world might feel like for an autistic person. We looked at how autism can affect the way people experience, understand and interact with the world around them. We also talked about the fact that autism affects both adults and children, and that many autistic people have unique strengths and talents. The children were interested to learn that around 1 in 15 pupils in our school has a diagnosis of autism. Through our discussions, we reflected on the importance of kindness, understanding and celebrating the differences that make each of us unique.

If your child would like to learn more about autism, please visit the following website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E>

School Photographs

Get practicing those lovely smiles, as school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 6th October**. If your child has PE, on this day, please send them to school in their uniform. Their PE kit will need to be brought to school, in a named bag, and they will be given time to change for PE after they have had their photo.



Key Diary Dates

***New dates added/changed dates**

October

- **5th 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 2027 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 2027 Open evening 4pm -6pm
- 5th November – Outdoor Classroom Day
- 16th November – Odd Socks Day
- **16th-20th November - Anti Bullying week**
- **13th November – Children in Need mufti day**
- **26th November – School Council film night fundraiser**

Year 6 Pupil Voice Lunch

Today, we held our first **Pupil Voice Lunch** of the year; this year, we are running these sessions slightly differently. Each half term, we will invite a different year group to join myself, Mr Garfield and, where possible, a school governor for lunch and discussion. Any pupil from the selected year group is welcome to attend and share their views.

Today, it was the turn of **Year 6**, who spoke thoughtfully about what they enjoy most about our school and what improvements they would like to see. We were delighted to hear so many positive comments, as well as some fantastic ideas for making our school even better. We are already looking at how we can put some of their suggestions into action in the near future. At Crick Primary School, we value our pupils' opinions and believe that their voices should play an important role in shaping school life. If you would like to find out more about the ideas and suggestions shared during the lunch, please visit the **Pupil Voice** page on our school website. [Pupil Voice | Crick Primary School](#)



Our first School Council Meeting of the Year

Today, we held our first School Council meeting of the new academic year. It was wonderful to welcome our new members and discuss our plans and priorities for the year ahead. The children were enthusiastic and eager to share their ideas about how they can help make our school an even better place for everyone.

For more information and to see what the School Council has been getting up to, please click on the following link [School Council | Crick Primary School](#)



Thank you and Goodbye Mrs Griffiths

Today, we said a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to Mrs Griffiths, as she finished her time with us at Crick Primary School. Mrs Griffiths is moving on in her career to work outside of education. We would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication and commitment during her time at Crick. She has made a valued contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.



2026 – The National Year of Reading

Choose a time to read - Find a moment in your day that works best for you. This could be over breakfast, on the bus or in the evening.



School Council FOODBANK FRIDAY HOUSE COMPETITION

Helping our community, one donation at a time!

Crick
foodbank

Supporting
local families
in Crick ♥



Which Team Can Collect
the Most Items?



Every item donated earns a point for your team!



COMPETITION DATES

On **Wednesday 7th**, **Friday 16th October** and **Friday 23rd October** the School Council will be holding a house competition to see which team can bring in the most items for the Crick Foodbank.

Together
we can make
a difference!
♥



MUFTI DAY

Wednesday 7th October

We will be kicking off the event with a mufti day, during the Harvest Festival Assembly, in return for some goodies for the foodbank.

If your child has PE on this day please bring PE kit in a named bag to change into.



FOODBANK FRIDAY

Friday 16th and Friday 23rd October

We will be asking the children to bring in donations for the foodbank, and in return for donated items mufti can be worn on this day.

Each Friday, the School Council will keep a count of how many items we have had donated by each team and feedback in the newsletter.

THE FOODBANK NEEDS:



- ✓ Tinned spaghetti
- ✓ Cream crackers
- ✓ Tinned snack meals
- ✓ Tinned vegetables
- ✓ Soap
- ✓ Laundry products



FIND OUT MORE

To find out what items the Foodbank are in need of please click here:

[Donate food Crick Foodbank](#)

Supporting our community
in Crick ♥

BRING IT ♥ DONATE IT ♥ WIN IT!
Which team will be our Foodbank Champions?

MTC Parents Information Session

We would like to invite Year 4 parents and carers to attend an information session about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which will take place on:

Date: Monday 5th October

Time: 3.40pm-4.00pm

Location: Year 4 Classroom

The MTC is a statutory assessment for all Year 4 pupils and is designed to determine whether children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12×12 . The check will take place in the summer term and is completed digitally in school.

During the information evening, we will:

- Explain what the MTC is and how it works
- Share how we are supporting your child in school
- Provide guidance on how you can help at home
- Demonstrate example questions and digital tools
- Answer any questions you may have



We strongly encourage all Year 4 parents and carers to attend, as your support at home can make a real difference in helping your child feel confident and prepared.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact us.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning News)

OPAL Play focus this week



Communication Play

Play that involves using words, sounds, or actions to express ideas, such as jokes, singing, acting, or chatting.

This week in OPAL, we have been focusing on **communication play**, which involves using words, sounds and actions to interact and play with others. It has been wonderful to see the pupils using their imagination, creativity and teamwork as they engage in a wide range of communication-based activities. From creating stories and role-play scenarios to inventing games and characters, the children have shown great enthusiasm and confidence. It has been great fun watching what the pupils have been getting up to and seeing their communication skills develop through play.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Open Morning



Certificates 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 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.





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Crick Primary School Development Priorities

1



For **attainment** in all year groups to be in line with, or above, national expectations for **Expected (EXP)** and **Greater Depth (GDS)** in reading, writing and mathematics.

2



To ensure teachers use **assessment effectively** to adapt teaching and provide appropriate support and challenge, enabling all pupils, particularly higher-attaining pupils, to make strong progress.

3



To ensure leaders **evaluate monitoring information precisely** and use this evidence to identify clear actions and embed consistent practice across the school.

4



To ensure that all pupils, **including those with SEND**, receive appropriate adaptations and targeted support, so they can access learning and make strong progress.



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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!



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!



Values Children

A huge well done to the following children, who have been fantastic role models and have demonstrated our school values this week. 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

1st

2nd

3rd

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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Values and Rights Respecting School

