



# Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 13th September 2024

Issue 02

What a fantastic first full week back! The children have settled in brilliantly, and we've had a busy start with forest school sessions underway, after-school clubs in full swing, and assemblies including sign language learning. We are also getting into the rhythm of using our new nurture club, providing extra support for children's emotional and social development.

Unfortunately, I have received emails from local residents regarding parking issues. Some parents have been blocking driveways and parking dangerously. Please respect our neighbours and avoid this behaviour. Let's keep our school community considerate and safe for everyone.

A quick reminder that children should not bring toys into school. While we understand the temptation, toys – no matter how small or inexpensive – can be a distraction. Please ensure these stay at home.

I am thrilled to announce our first Golden Acorn winners of the year will be announced next week. These children have shown exceptional behaviour and effort in their learning this week – well done!

Lastly, please ensure that your child's water bottle contains water only. Juice and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school to promote healthy habits.

Thank you for your support, and I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mr O'Shea :)

## A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is inspired by Year 1 and the launch of their Space topic. It is *The Spacesuit* by Alison Donald and Ariel Landy. This picture book was inspired by Eleanor 'Ellie' Foraker, a talented seamstress who created the spacesuit worn during the memorable Apollo 11 1969 Moon Landing. It not only tells her story but also includes lots of facts and statistics about space which will appeal to curious minds. Enjoy!

After a long summer holiday where children have been used to spending lots of time with their parents, family and friends, getting back into routine can often cause a few wobbles. This is completely normal and all part of the schooling experience. However, if you would like some additional tips on how to manage the transition from home to school, Parenting Smart has some brilliant (very short) tips and guidance. [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Help your child manage separations and goodbyes](#)



## DIARY DATES

- School tour for 2025 - 17th Sept @ 11:00 & 13:30
- Year 1 Curriculum Meeting - 24th Sept @ 08:45
- Year 2 Curriculum Meeting - 26th Sept @ 08:45
- PTA cake sale - 27th Sept @ 15:00
- Reception Curriculum Meeting - 1st Oct @ 08:45
- School tour for 2025 - 3rd Oct @ 11:00 & 13:30
- TAMAT Internet Safety Evening - 10th Oct @ time TBC
- Year 1 Space Day - 11th Oct
- Individual class photos - 15th Oct
- Year 2 Castle Day - 16th Oct
- School tour for 2025 - 17th Oct @ 11:00
- Whole School Outdoor Learning Day - 24th Oct
- End of Autumn 1 Term - 24th Oct @ 15:00

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# This week in early years, we have...

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This week we have welcomed more new friends into our class and enjoyed getting to know each other. We have loved seeing how the children play and learn about their interests; we have been building ride-on monster trucks, creating car tracks, playing dinosaurs and making ice creams for each other! Next week, we will start our topic for this half term, **'Magnificent Me'**, learning about what makes us unique and special, and talking about our families.



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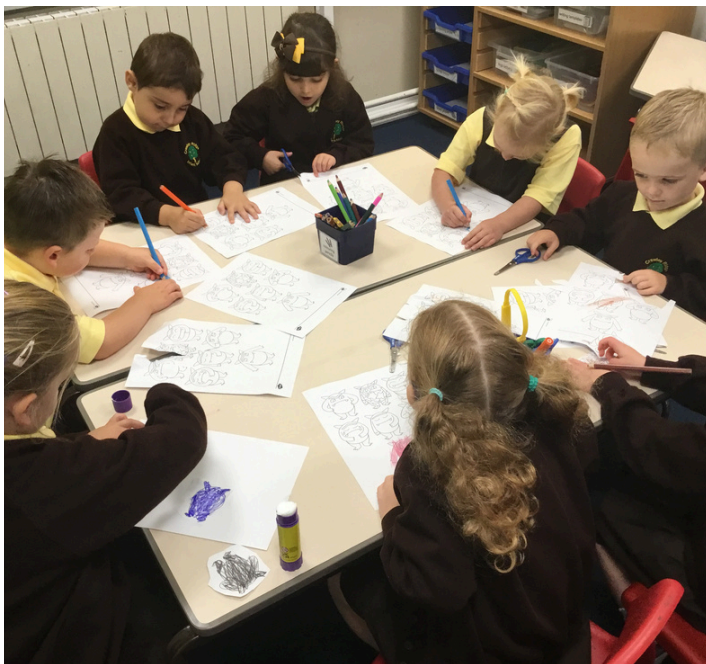
Our story of the week has been **'The Colour Monster'** where we have explored different emotions and feelings. The children have been encouraged to self-register in the mornings onto their emotion.

This week, all the children have enjoyed a school lunch and coped well carrying their own food to the table and socialising during lunch.

We have been using our listening ears this week, copying sounds and movements, learning about rhyming words and trying to decipher different sounds from our environments.

The children are beginning to build relationships and learn their peer's names. Each child now has their own group (cactus, poppy, sunflower, lavender and bluebell) and a spot in which they sit on the carpet.

The children have enjoyed a variety of activities this week from blowing paint through straws to make a colour monster to completing puzzles and sorting objects.



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The first whole week of the academic year has flown by. We have been incredibly busy with our learning and the children have managed to keep pace with the new expectation being placed on them in Year 1 - Well done children! In our learning we have begun our topic linked to space, using the beautiful book *"The Way Back Home"* by Oliver Jeffers as our inspiration. We have been learning the story, making sure we can sequence the main events in the correct order, as well as describing our favourite scenes from the book, focussing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths we have been working on number recognition, matching numerals to their number words, moving on to counting forwards and backwards within 20, before finally moving on to bigger numbers. During our time in the afternoons, we have explored art, geography, PE, PSHE, RE and science, finding out about the different parts of our body, describing and mapping our journeys to school, as well as seeing how many different types of lines we can draw in our art. Enjoy your weekend and get ready for another fun-filled learning week next week. The Year 1 Team



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What an amazing week we have had! In English, the children enjoyed following instructions to make their very own shields. Then wrote a set of instructions for someone else to follow. In maths the children have been learning to partition numbers in different ways and how to use a number line. The children were brilliant at finding tens and ones on a number line. In music we have continued to sing folk songs and loved playing tuned and untuned instruments. In D.T. we explored hinges and created a gatehouse for a castle complete with a door and drawbridge. Again, if anyone has any long tubes or cylinders, such as kitchen towel rolls, donations would be gratefully received. In science we have been looking into what is alive, what was once alive and what was never alive. In history we have been learning about the external features of a castle.



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# Nurture Hub & PTA



## PTA

Asda's cashpot for schools is running now until 30th November. This is a really simple way you can help raise funds for the school so please sign up via their rewards app and start shopping.

### 20th September

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held on the 20th September, come and meet the current committee members and find out what we already have planned and where you can make a difference.

### 27th September

Class Bake sale. Year 2 to provide the bakes for this date, please no bakes that contain nuts.

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# Attendance at school

## Summary of Attendance Policy Changes Starting September 2024

From September 2024, Crawley Ridge Infant/Junior School will follow updated national attendance guidelines to improve attendance and reduce absenteeism. These changes include stricter rules around leave requests, unauthorised absences, and support for improving attendance.

### Key Changes:

- 1. Leave of Absence:** Schools can only grant leave for specific reasons such as medical issues, religious observance, or performances. Holidays during term time are not allowed unless it's for a religious festival, and even then, only the day of the festival is permitted. All leave requests must be submitted in advance.
- 2. Penalty Notices:** Fines will now be issued more consistently for unauthorised absences. Parents will be fined £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days after 10 sessions (5 full days) of unauthorised absences in a 10-week period. Fines apply to each child and parent individually.
- 3. Support:** If attendance becomes an issue, the school will offer support and issue a "Notice to Improve" before considering penalties.

To read the full government guidelines, please visit: [Government Guidance for Parents](#).



# Our clubs

## School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

We are delighted to be able to share with you our proposed timetable for school clubs for next term.

We are pleased to confirm that all clubs from the Summer Term – Playball, Boogie Pumps, Bilingua Sing, Young Magicians, Jam Coding, Hotsteppers, Genie Lab and Ultimate Coaching will be returning in September. We are also pleased to let you know that we will be offering a new Judo club on Tuesdays after school from the Autumn Term.

We are continually looking at our after school club provision and feel this timetable offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to your children and hope that many of you will take up places.

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our school website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Playball</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Young Magicians</b> Year 1 & 2 8am – 8.45am	<b>Ultimate Coaching</b> Year R Mini Kickers 3pm - 4.15pm	<b>Ultimate Coaching</b> Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
<b>Jam Coding</b> Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	<b>Judo</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	<b>Bilingua Sing</b> Year 1 & 2 12.30pm – 1.00pm	<b>Boogie Pumps Drama</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	<b>Genie Lab</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm
		<b>Hotsteppers Dance</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm		
		<b>Playball</b> Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



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 Thursday 9:30am—5:30pm  
 Friday 9:30am—5:30pm  
 Saturday 9:30am—5:00pm



**Sandhurst Town Council**

**Free Fireworks Display**

**Sandhurst Memorial Park**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Event starts 5:00pm**

**Fireworks Display 7:30pm**

**Fun Fair Rides**

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**Hot Food Stands**

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Disabled car parking available until 7.00pm  
 No sparklers or personal fireworks are permitted at this event.  
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 Donations to the Mayor's Charities CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and Brain Tumour Research gratefully received.

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