



# Welcome to The Infant Informative



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## Thank you

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**\*\*National Storytelling Week\*\*** We are excited to celebrate National Storytelling Week starting Monday, 27th January! We have asked for volunteer parents and carers to come and read to our children, which they absolutely love. It's a wonderful way to involve our community in sharing stories.

### How You Can Help?

- Volunteer to Read: Come to the school hall and read to small groups of children. We have some volunteers for Year 1, Nursery and Reception, but we don't have any for Year 2.
- Book Choice: Bring your favourite children's story (suitable for ages 4-7) or borrow one from the school.

### Special Storytelling Afternoons:

- All children, whether they have a volunteer coming into school or not can bring the following items: a pillow, blanket, or soft toy to make it cosy. Please avoid items with high sentimental value.

### Schedule:

- Year 1: Monday, 27th January, 14:30 - 15:00
- Year 2: Tuesday, 28th January, 14:30 - 15:00
- Year R/Nursery: Wednesday, 29th January, 14:30 - 15:00

If you can volunteer, please inform the office or your child's class teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**\*\*Thank You\*\*** The children loved their Life Spaces PSHE sessions last week. A massive thank you to all those parents who donated towards this event. They can be really expensive, but your kind generosity allows for these sessions to take place.

Have a fantastic weekend. Mr O'Shea :)

### A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Poems Aloud* by Joseph Coelho. Poems can be such a fun form of expression and creativity. This book encourages children to read 20 thoughtful and funny poems out loud.



## DIARY DATES

- National Story Telling Week - W/B 27th Jan
- Safer Internet Day - 11th Feb
- Year 2 Diorama Showcase to parents - 26th Feb @ 14:30
- World Book Day 2025 - 6th March
- PTA Headteacher for the day - 7th March
- British Science Week - W/B 10th March & 20th March 15:30 - 18:00
- Nursery Stay & Play Week - W/B 24th March @ 14:30 (across all 5 days)
- TAMAT Music Concert for selected Year 1 Children - 25th March @ 17:15 - 19:00
- Geography Day - 1st April
- Reception Easter Bonnet Parade, parents invited - 4th April @ 13:00

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

NUR

What a week it's been! We've been immersed in the magical world of **Jack and the Beanstalk**, and the excitement has been through the roof! The children have loved bringing the story to life by retelling it using puppets, masks, and even acting out their favourite parts. Our little artists have been hard at work creating their very own towering beanstalks from cardboard tubes and decorating spectacular magic beans. We've also seen some incredible castles being built - perfect homes for the giant, of course! On top of all the creativity, we've continued our number fun with some hands-on counting activities, focusing on number recognition from 1 to 5, and even counting out beans to match our numbers. Next week, we might need to be wary of the big, bad wolf...



REC

We have been celebrating all things Chinese New Year this week, with our story being **'The Great Race'**. The children have loved learning about the New Year celebrations and the different animals. They have tried some Chinese number writing, made lanterns and they even had a noodle bar to try some noodles on Friday.

On Friday the children were lucky enough to have a visit from Loukas' parents, who shared their Chinese New Year celebrations with us.

We have learnt about where China is, the capital city and what its flag is like. Some of the children made The Great Wall of China out of different building materials.

In our phonics, we have learnt two new sounds - ng and nk. The children enjoyed making rings, collaging pink sinks and making links with paper to decorate our classroom.

In maths this week, we have been looking at and comparing mass, finding a balance then exploring and comparing capacity.



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# This week in KS1 we have...

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This week began with Year 1 having their latest experience morning, this time connected to our new book **"The Emperor's Egg"** by Martin Jenkins. The children got to handle ice and snow, learn facts about penguins and watch the Northern Lights sparkle over Crawley Ridge. In PE the children took on the role of the parent penguins, seeing how difficult it is to move across the frozen landscape of Antarctica whilst trying to keep their egg warm and safe. Maths has seen us working on using a number line to help compare numbers, revisiting less than, greater than and equal to. We have been doing this with random numbers within 20 to begin, as it is vital that the children can order numbers that don't necessarily run in consecutive order. In Science this week the children were exploring the properties of materials. This can be a tricky concept, moving away from what the material is and instead focussing on why it has been chosen for a specific task. We discovered words like hard, warm, smooth and flexible and we even talked about things being transparent. In Computing we have been following our design process for our rockets, using different art apps to develop our designs. Year 1 hope to be able to make the rockets before the end of this half term and we will need every child to have a plastic bottle, so if you could send a bottle into school that would be amazing! Weather continues to be our focus in Geography and this week we looked at weather forecasting and how symbols are used to represent different weather types on a map. And with weather in mind and a terrible forecast for the weekend ahead we hope you can stay warm and dry. Have a great weekend.



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In English this week we have been learning to use subordinate conjunctions and have revisited commas for listing. We have also used secondary sources to find information about rainforests. The children were especially excited to learn about the great variety of wildlife that live in the world's rainforests. Next week we will be creating information posters using our research. In maths we have continued to learn about money. This week we have been practising finding change and solving problems involving money. We will now be moving on to learning about multiplication. In art we have continued to work on our rainforest collages. In science we have been learning about how animals are suited to the habitats they live in. The children used secondary sources to find out what features or adaptations particular habitats have, that help them to live. In computing we have been learning to use a word processor. This week we practised changing the size, colour and font of our text. In RE this half term, we are learning about Judaism and the Jewish day of rest. In geography we have been learning to name and locate the oceans.



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# Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week in the Nurture Hub sessions, we continued exploring positional concepts, with a focus on "beside" and "next to." The children practiced good listening skills as they followed specific instructions to recreate a playground scene. We also took turns being the "teacher," giving instructions to the rest of the group, which was a great opportunity for building confidence and communication skills.

In addition, we made some fantastic lollipop snowmen, where the children had fun cutting and dressing them up.

This activity was a wonderful way to enhance their fine motor skills and creativity.

During our sensory circuits, we incorporated balloons to promote hand-eye coordination, balance, and movement.

The children really enjoyed the activity, which provided lots of fun while encouraging physical development.

Overall, it was a productive week filled with learning and enjoyable activities!



## GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Magnus	For always trying his best and pushing himself to succeed.
Ruby	Carwyn	For engaging so well with all lessons, using excellent listening skills.
Topaz	George	For his brilliant attitude to learning.
Amethyst	Leilah	For a fantastic effort with her writing on Last Stop On Market Street.
Emerald	Alex	For settling in so well to Emerald class.
Sapphire	Adam	For demonstrating a great understanding of this learning while supporting others.

**OVERALL WINNING CLASS:**

**TOPAZ**



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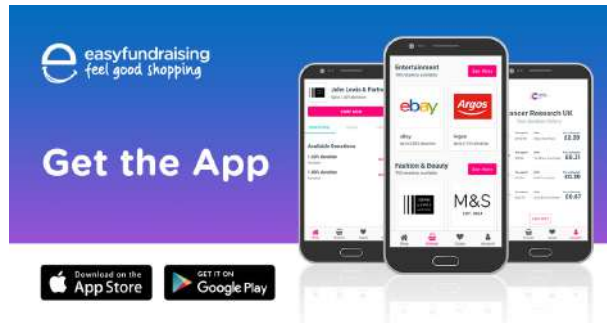


# PTA

Would anyone be able to help run the Schools Lottery? This would just be a few emails and reminders sent out a couple of times a month. If you would like to know more about the role please contact us (WhatsApp groups, pta@cri.tamat.org.uk )

Please help us raise extra funds by using easyfundraising when you shop. If you download the app it will send you donation reminders when you use a participating website.

If you already have the app, please check you are still donating to the Crawley Ridge Infant School Association as there was an issue with our registration. This has now been resolved 😊



## Spring Clubs @ CRI

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>Young Magicians</b> Year R, 1 & 2 8.00am – 8.45am	
	<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am		<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am	
<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Hotsteppers</b> <b>Dance</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Ultimate</b> <b>Coaching</b> Year R 3pm - 4pm	<b>Ultimate</b> <b>Coaching</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.15pm
<b>Jam Coding</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	<b>Camberley</b> <b>Judo</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Boogie Pumps</b> <b>Drama</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	<b>Genie Lab</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm

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## A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a **funded** healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health and wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

### Sessions include

- Live cooking workshop
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Easy food swaps
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep

### One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

### Group sessions

Week days after school via Zoom

### Family Fit sessions

Wednesdays 4.30 - 5pm via Zoom

*"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." Mum*

For more information, visit [bybsurrey.org](http://bybsurrey.org) or email us at [BeYourBest@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:BeYourBest@surreycc.gov.uk)



# HOME START

## Surrey



### RECRUITING NOW

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Home-Start Surrey covers all 11 boroughs in 8 local branches: East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom, Ewell & Banstead, Guildford, Runnymede & Woking, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath & Waverley  
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Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please call: 01252 737453

Or email: [volunteers@homestartsurrey.org](mailto:volunteers@homestartsurrey.org)



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You have raised an incredible £198



## Walking with SEN

Looking to get some fresh air with other mums who get it?

Join us every Thursday morning 11-12 at Ascot race course for a light walk & a good chat!  
Winkfield Road, SL5 7LJ

Are you a mum with a child that has special educational needs?

Are you a neurodivergent mum trying to navigate parenting a neurodivergent child?

Are you a neurotypical mum trying to navigate parenting a neurodivergent child?

Are you awaiting an assessment for your child or have a child that already has a diagnosis?

Unsure but not sure where to start?

Parenting a child with SEN can feel lonely sometimes, especially when others don't quite understand. Walking alongside people who are in the same boat can make such a difference. Fresh air & a shared walk can create a safe, relatable space to talk, there is no judgement, just support for all parts of the journey, understanding & the reminder that you're not alone in this.

Children are welcome to join.

Contact Emily for more details- 07731612433

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## WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and X (Twitter) account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



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