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🌸 A Wonderful End to the Spring Term! 🌸

Can you believe it? Another term under our belts, and what a fantastic Spring Term it has been at Crawley Ridge Infant School. We've packed so much into the past few weeks—from inspiring learning experiences to joyful community events.

📚 Learning, Visits & Celebrations 📚

This term has seen Outdoor Learning Days, a Whole-School Geography Day, and successful Parents' Evenings. We welcomed both the Police and Fire Services into school, and the children were thrilled to meet real-life community heroes. Our pupils also took part in lively Samba workshops, and we enjoyed a visit from St. Paul's Church. Across the school, children celebrated National Storytelling Week, participated in Safer Internet Day, and took part in a Whole-School SCARF PSHE Workshop to support their wellbeing. In Reception, the children were amazed by a visit from the Fire Service, complete with a fire engine, and ended the term proudly showcasing their creativity in the Spring Bonnet Parade. Year 2 created some incredible dioramas, and the whole school got into the spirit of World Book Day with imaginative and well-thought-out costumes linked to brilliant books and stories. We celebrated exploration and discovery during British Science Week. We closed the term with a peaceful and thoughtful Easter Assembly, led by Gillian from St. Paul's Church.

🌍 Geography Day Success 🌍

This week, we held our Whole-School Geography Day, and it was a huge success. A visiting company worked with children from Nursery to Year 2, delivering interactive and engaging activities throughout the day. The sun was shining, the children were fully involved, and it was wonderful to see so many dressed in earthy colours. A big thank you to Miss Skilton, our fantastic Geography Lead, and to all of our staff for their hard work in making the day so memorable.

🛴 A Reminder About Scooters & Bikes 🛴

We've noticed a number of children scootering or cycling too quickly on the school grounds. For everyone's safety, please make sure your child dismounts before entering the school site and walks their bike or scooter to the designated park, located between the main car park entrance and the delivery gate exit. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our site safe.

🌟 Thank You to Our Staff 🌟

A heartfelt thank you to all of our staff—old and new—for their dedication, energy, and care throughout the term. Your work makes our school the special place it is.

☀️ Enjoy the Break! ☀️

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready to go, on Wednesday 23rd April.

Mr O'Shea 🙌

DIARY DATES

- INSET Day, school closed to pupils - Tuesday 22nd April
- Children return to school to start the Summer 1 term on Wednesday 23rd April @ 08:35
- PTA Break the rules day - 2nd May
- Bank Holiday - 5th May
- Reception School Trip (Wellington Country Park) - 6th May
- Class and Leavers Photos - 12th May
- Reception extra forest school session - 12th May
- Year 1 Parents' Phonics Briefing - 13th May @ 08:45 - 09:15
- **Reception National Child Measurement Programme - 15th May**
- **Year 2 School Trip (Legoland) - 19th May**
- **Reception National Child Measurement Programme for those that weren't in - 21st May**
- **Break up for May half-term - Friday 23rd May @3pm**

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

In Year 2, our children have been learning about the importance of the Easter story to Christians. Therefore, this week's recommended read is *The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross* by Carl Laferton. This book creatively retells the story of creation and Jesus' sacrifice at Easter. Its engaging narrative and vivid artwork make complex theological concepts accessible and memorable for young readers.



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This week in early years, we have...

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This week, we've been fully immersed in the Easter spirit! The children have had a blast decorating paper eggs, crafting adorable chicks and even making delicious chocolate nests. We also tried our hands at basket weaving, building those strong hands and fingers, and had an exciting Easter egg hunt outside! Story time has been extra fun as we've enjoyed reading **We're Going on an Egg Hunt**, retelling the story with actions and repeated phrases.

As we head into the Easter break, we wish all our families a happy and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 23rd of April.



REC

Our story this week has been **'The Odd Egg'** where we have emersed ourselves in everything Easter and Spring. The children have learnt about the story behind Easter and why we have things like eggs and hot cross buns! We have discussed what happens this time of year and made creations to keep a chick safe in. In phonics we have learnt our final sound 'ow'. We have talked about how the letters ow together can make two different sounds (snow or cow), read real and alien words and explored animals in the snow. In maths we have recalled number bonds to 10 and made these in different ways such as with cubes. We have also practised writing the number sentences for the facts. On Tuesday we enjoyed Geography day, learning about maps, where we live, the world and created our own towns out of construction resources. The children took part in a workshop, reading maps and finding treasure around the KS1 playground dressed as pirates! The children looked amazing in their Easter/Spring Bonnets on Friday! We hope you enjoyed their singing and have a relaxing break.



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This week in KS1 we have...

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We've had a fantastic week in Year 1, and as we approach the Easter holidays, we wanted to share some of the exciting learning the children have been involved in this week! In maths, we've been learning about *capacity*—how much something can hold. The children have been measuring and comparing containers, using hands-on activities like pouring water and sand to understand concepts like full, empty, and half-full. This week in history, Year 1 has been discovering the achievements of famous British inventors, including James Watt, Mary Anning, Alexander Graham Bell, and Tim Berners-Lee. The children have been learning about how their inventions, like the steam engine, fossils, the telephone, and the World Wide Web, have shaped the world we live in today. In English, we've been exploring ***The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*** by *Jon Scieszka*. The children have enjoyed writing their own versions of the story and using their imagination to create new endings. They've been practising their sentence structure and punctuation, and it's been great to see their creativity flourish! This week, we celebrated *Geography Day* by learning map reading and orienteering. The children went on a treasure hunt around the playground, using maps and clues to find hidden objects. It was a fun and practical way to bring geography to life, and the children worked together to solve puzzles and follow directions! As we approach the Easter break, we would like to wish all our Year 1 families a very Happy Easter! We hope you enjoy a restful and fun holiday together.



Which do you think has the greatest capacity?
How could you work out which has the greatest capacity?



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What an exciting week we have had! On Tuesday it was Geography Day. The children enjoyed a host of geography themed lessons such as making a 3D map of South America, investigating flags and cloud spotting. The children also had the opportunity to participate in an orienteering workshop. This week in maths we have been learning about temperature. We have focussed on reading and recording temperatures and completed our own weather charts. In English we have been writing our instructions for how to catch a dragon based on the plans we drew up last week. The children worked hard to include all of the features needed in a good set of instructions so that they would be easy for Mr O'Shea to follow. Hopefully the dragon will be captured safely. In DT we have evaluated our masks against the success criteria that the children created at the start of the half term. In RE the children finished their comic books and answered the question 'Why is Jesus seen as a saviour to Christians?' The children also worked in teams to create an Easter garden.



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Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week at the Nurture Hub, we've had a wonderful time engaging with sensory play, including splashing in the water table and playing in the sand. There have been plenty of creative moments as the children enjoyed building with Lego outside, exploring small world toys, and painting Easter cards in the sunshine.

It's been inspiring to see the children's imaginations shine as they create and play. We've also loved hearing about the exciting half-term activities the children have planned. Wishing everyone a fantastic Easter!



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Liyana	For getting along with everyone and always being so positive in her learning.
Ruby	Jack	For being so engaged with his writing this week.
Topaz	Finley	For bringing his passion and joy for life to the TAMAT singing concert.
Amethyst	Ellis	For trying so hard and focusing on all of his learning.
Emerald	Maria	For working hard in English
Sapphire	Jessica	For going that extra mile to enhance her learning.

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

AMETHYST



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PTA

A blank **Easter Egg colouring** competition has been sent home for the Children to do over the holidays. Please post entries into the postbox opposite Topaz class when we return from Easter.

Join us for our next **PTA meeting**. This will be in the School Hall straight from pickup on Friday 25th April 15:00-16:00 (latest).

Break the rules day, Friday 2nd May. Further details to be sent out when we return from Easter.



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

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You might be interested in...

Well-being Hub

As you may be aware, we have access to “The Well-being Hub”. This is a great central resource to use and may help to support you as you navigate the parenting journey.

[Login - Teentips Wellbeing Hub](#)

This months theme is “Neurodiversity” and I wanted to send an overview of the months webinars and Podcasts they’re offering.





This week's content
Week commencing 7th April
PODCAST: ADHD tendencies and how to prevent associated mental ill-health and addiction later in life with Henrietta Wynne Finch, Psychotherapist, Somatic Movement Practitioner and Craniosacral Therapist

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This week's content
Week commencing 14th April
PODCAST: How to support your child in the lead up to and following an Educational Psychologist assessment: advice for parents and carers with Dr Olivia Kessel, Founder of SEND Parenting

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This week's content
Week commencing 21st April
PODCAST: Nutrition for neurodiverse children and young people with Lucinda Miller, bestselling Author, and Founder and Clinical Lead of NatureDoc

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This week's content
Week commencing 28th April
BLOG: When self-regulation looks like bad behaviour by Hannah Rapp, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapeutic Counsellor

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