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# Welcome to the Infant Informative



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> **OCTOBER** 2025

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**School Attendance - Let's Keep It Strong!** Our overall attendance is slipping slightly, especially on Mondays and Fridays, and we're seeing increased lateness at the start of the day. Please remember: school starts at 08:35 and we finish at 15:00 - please be on time for pick-up. Being late often means missing key phonics or writing sessions, which affects not only your child's learning but also the flow of teaching for the rest of the class. Consistent attendance and punctuality are crucial for academic progress.

**Independence Matters - Let Them Learn!** At Crawley Ridge, we value independence - and we need your help! If your child forgets their coat or water bottle, it's OK to say, "Oh well, we'll remember next time!" We have cups and water in school. Life isn't perfect - and learning to cope with small setbacks is a really important part of growing up. Please avoid bringing forgotten items back to school unless absolutely necessary.

**Nursery Safety - Please Supervise Closely** We're becoming increasingly concerned about unsafe behaviour before nursery opens. Children are running unsupervised on our internal road, grass areas, and outside the school office, which is dangerous. While we understand some families arrive early, please keep your child with you at all times. Suggestions:

- Hold hands and wait on the path
- Bring a book, small toy, or snack
- Wait in the car if you've driven
- Take a short walk together
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

**Amazon Wishlist - Huge Thanks!** We couldn't be happier with the support from our school community! Thank you to the Oueslati, Duffy, Pearson, and Staples families who clubbed together to purchase the Reception Obstacle Course - it's already in use and bringing huge smiles on the Reception playground! Additional thanks to:

- The Macklin family for our arts and crafts supplies
- The Millard and Johnson families for our new LCD tablets

We know not every family is in a position to contribute, and we are incredibly grateful to all who have supported the Wishlist in any way. Wishlist link: [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr O'Shea 😊

### A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is one for the older members of KS1. "So You Think You've Got It Bad?" by Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea is a witty and wonderfully illustrated dive into the tough lives of children in ancient times, with a special focus on what it was like to grow up in a castle. From chamber pots to cold stone walls, it brings the realities of medieval childhood to life in a way that's both funny and fascinating for readers.



## DIARY DATES

- Individual school photos - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct (Year 1 to wear school uniform and bring their PE kits into school)
- PTA Cake Sale (Year 2 children to bring donations into school on the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sale on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct)
- Harvest Festival - Please bring in non-perishable foods between 6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 11:00 & 13:30
- Year 2 Castle Day - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct
- PTA Reception Parents Cheese & Wine evening - from 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Reading & Phonics workshop for all parents - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 08:45
- Outdoor Learning Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 15:00
- End of Autumn term 1 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 15:00
- INSET Day (school closed to children) - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

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

## NUR

We've had another wonderful week in nursery, sharing conversations about our families and the homes we live in. The children loved exploring what makes us similar and different, creating fantastic paper doll versions of themselves using coloured wool for hair and carefully choosing eye colours, with mirrors to help us along the way. Building with Duplo was a big hit too – the children enjoyed designing houses and talking about what their own homes are like. Our house, family and people puzzles kept us busy as well, helping us practise perseverance and problem-solving even when things felt a little tricky. In our creative area, we've been focusing on one skill at a time. This week was all about glue sticks – learning how to use them carefully and remembering to replace the lid when finished – so there were plenty of fun sticking activities on offer! Next week, we'll be turning our attention to the wonders of autumn. We're excited to explore leaves, autumn colours, conkers, and even hedgehogs!



## REC

We started the week with a fun surprise on the playground—Humpty Dumpty had fallen off the wall! The children were really engaged and came up with lots of ideas to help him, building new walls and houses to keep him safe. We then talked about how we could protect an egg if it fell, and the children used junk modelling to make their own egg protectors. On Friday, we tested them out using real eggs, it was messy but brilliant! We've also been exploring **The Enormous Turnip**. The children loved pulling tyres on strings pretending they were turnips, ordering turnips by size, drawing farm maps, and making vegetable soup together. In phonics, we've been learning the sounds g, o, c, and k. We found the letter g in goo, drew oranges for o, made caterpillars for c, and used keys to unlock padlocks for k. Lots of hands-on fun! In maths, we've been comparing objects by size, amount, capacity, and weight, lots of practical activities and great vocabulary being used.



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# This week in KS1 we have...

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WOW what an incredibly busy week that was! As the weeks pass by we are slowly raising the learning bar, seeing what the children can do and each week they have risen to the challenge. Well done Year 1. In English this week we have been creating and describing our own aliens. We started off by drawing our aliens, focussing on the details and colours we wanted to include as features. We then went on to gather a range of different adjectives that we could use to describe our alien. Finally, we then used these adjectives, in conjunction with some stems sentences to enable us to write our alien description. Maths this week saw us move on to addition for the first time, using a part, part whole model to help the children identify the two groups they are adding together (the parts) and the whole number they find when making the total. In Geography we were learning all about maps and compass, thinking about how they help us and how they have changed over time. We talked about the old-fashioned way of finding your way in your car by using a road atlas and how now we can all just use a sat nav in our cars or on our phones. In Science this week we continued on our journey through the senses, stopping this week on the ear and the sense of hearing. Art had us exploring the techniques and skills used by Axel Scheffler to design and draw some of the most well-known book characters in the world, including the Gruffalo, Zog and Stickman to name just a few. And to round off the week we had the most wonderful Space Day. The children were able to design and make their own spaceships, they created some beautiful space art and they even got to decorate and eat their own space biscuits. They even investigated a UFO crash site that had appeared over night on the school field! Have a great weekend. The Year 1 Team



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This week we have been reading the story **Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure**. In English the children have loved listening to the story. In our grammar lessons we have been focussing on using coordinating conjunctions, adjectives and past tense verbs. In maths the children have continued to learn about place value. This week we have focussed on counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. The children enjoyed finding patterns in the sequences and solving problems involving number and place value. In science we have been learning about a healthy balanced diet. The children enjoyed sorting foods into the different food groups on the eatwell plate. In music we have continued to learn to sing folk songs and practised singing sea shanties. In history we have been finding out about the different roles of people who lived in castles. In D.T. this week we have continued to work on our castles. This week we explored colour mixing to create our stonework.



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# The Nurture Hub & PTA

This week in the Nurture Hub, we've been embracing the colder weather with a variety of autumn-themed art activities. The children particularly enjoyed creating leaf silhouette paintings and fingerprint autumn trees. They showed great enthusiasm when choosing their colours and discussing the changes we see in nature during this season.

In morning movement sessions, we've been using scooter boards, which provide excellent heavy floor work. This helps to strengthen the children's hands and wrists, supporting the development of important fine motor skills such as writing and dressing.

We're excited to begin our *spooky* Halloween activities next week and look forward to sharing all the fun with you!



- Join us for our AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 20:00 via zoom. Please see the Parentmail for the agenda and joining instructions.
- Bake sale Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October after school. Year 2 to donate bakes, donation boxes will be outside classrooms from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please no bakes that contain nuts. Cash and card accepted (card minimum £1 spend).
- Challenge 2025 coming soon!

# TEAM PTA

CRIS PTA community  
WhatsApp group



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# School Clubs

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 R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Hotsteppers Dance</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Boogie Pumps Drama</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	<b>Camberley Judo</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm		

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**AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB**

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

**Spark Their Curiosity REGISTER & BOOK TODAY!**

Mad Science SW is a community interest company (CIC) here to spark the imaginations and curiosity of all children. Fostering a love for science and providing them with the tools to fuel their own discoveries. We focus on providing fun & engaging educational programmes, which are curriculum correlated and tailored to maximise their impact. Hosted at your child's school, our clubs are a great solution to explore their passions through STEM.

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**The Club**

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive, educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace. They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

*They'll have so much fun, they forget they're learning*

**Booking**

Scan QR code to access registration. For Guidance scan the purple help code

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

If you have an IPAL account with us, simply log in and choose your new club dates to secure your space.

**CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANTS**

**THURSDAY**

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November  
4th, 11th December 2025

**Registration Deadline: 20th October 2025**

Please register before this time to secure your child's space

Spaces are limited - first come first served  
6 Week Course for £69.00

**BOOK ONLINE TODAY** -bit.ly/madscienceclub

**1 Hour** from end of the school day

**All Staff** Enhanced DBS Safeguarding Trained

**All Materials** & Consumables provided

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## Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service

### Is your child experiencing:

- Big emotions
- Sleep difficulties
- Sensory difficulties
- Speech & Language difficulties

**We can offer you support! Contact our team today!**



You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at [www.Barnardos.org.uk](http://www.Barnardos.org.uk) or scanning the below QR Code:



**Bianca Downey:** 07354200290

**Jo Hernandez:** 07394 865 632

**Fleur Howlett:** 07856 479486

### What we offer

Our service encourages parents/carers to explore the early developmental stages of young people, offer a deeper understanding into emotional regulation, explore strategies that can be used at home and shared with childcare provisions.

Our practitioners provide a 6-week online group or a 3-week face-to-face group within the community with the option to bring children along.



### Referral Process

Our service accepts referrals from the community. This includes but is not limited to:

- Professionals working with the family (School, social care etc)
- GP surgeries
- Parents or Carers themselves

Referrals can be completed by scanning the below QR code.

Any questions can be sent to: [SurreySupportU5@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:SurreySupportU5@barnardos.org.uk)

OR

Barnardo's Paediatrics Parenting Service,

Dorset House,

Kingston Road,

Leatherhead, Surrey,

KT22 7PL



## HALF TERM CAMPS

### OCTOBER 2025

## JUNIOR TENNIS

Visit our website to register your child's details and sign up at:

[www.bagshottennis.co.uk](http://www.bagshottennis.co.uk)

search 'JUNIOR CAMP' under our events section

### FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2025

10AM-11AM	- BLUE TOTS	- 4-6 YEARS	- £10PP
10AM-12PM	- RED/ORANGE	- 6-9 YEARS	- £20PP
10AM-12PM	- GREEN/YELLOW	- 10-17 YEARS	- £20PP

ALL LEVELS WELCOME - WE CAN PROVIDE RACKETS  
HALLOWEEN SWEET TREATS FOR ALL CAMP ATTENDEES

REGISTER/SIGN UP VIA THE WEBSITE  
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY

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# Things you should know...

<b>Drop-off &amp; Collection</b>	Gates open <b>08:25</b> . Classrooms open <b>08:35–08:45</b> . After <b>08:45</b> , children must enter via the office and are marked late.
<b>P.E. Days</b>	<b>Reception:</b> Tues / <b>Year 1:</b> Wed & Fri / <b>Year 2:</b> Mon & Thurs ⓧ No earrings on PE days (staff cannot remove or cover).
<b>What to Bring</b>	<b>Bookbags only</b> (rucksacks only if in clubs). <b>Water bottles:</b> simple plastic with pop-up lid (no metal/foldable). <b>Keyrings:</b> 1 small only. ⓧ No toys, cuddly items, smart watches, or camera devices.
<b>Forest School</b>	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2:</b> Tues, from w/b 15th Sept (groups of 15, alternating). <b>Reception:</b> Mon, from w/b 20th Apr (groups of 15, alternating). Wear joggers/wellies, uniform top.
<b>Packed Lunches</b>	Include <b>main item, fruit/veg, protein, and dairy</b> . Drinks: <b>water or milk only</b> . ⓧ No nuts, fizzy drinks, or sweets. Limit crisps/chocolate. 🍌 <a href="#">NHS Healthier Lunchboxes</a>
<b>Birthdays</b>	Children may wear own clothes on their birthday (or nearest school day). ⓧ No sweets or treats.
<b>Labelling Belongings</b>	Please clearly name <b>all items</b> (jumpers, coats, water bottles etc).
<b>Reading at Home</b>	Read with an adult <b>3+ times per week</b> (5–10 mins). Record sessions in reading record.
<b>Homework</b>	<b>KS1:</b> homework shared by class teachers. <b>Reception:</b> focus on reading at home.
<b>Collection Passwords</b>	Staff will use passwords until they know families. Call office if unsure. If someone else collects your child, they must know the password.
<b>Cool Milk Scheme</b>	Free for under 5s. Paid option for older children. 🍌 <a href="#">Cool Milk</a>
<b>ParentMail</b>	<b>Existing parents:</b> continue as normal. <b>New parents:</b> please follow setup instructions. ParentMail is our main communication tool.

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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.



Click above, to follow us on X (Twitter)  
Our username is @Crawleyridge1

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On Facebook, type Crawley Ridge Infant School into the search bar and find us under 'Groups'.

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