



# Welcome to the Infant Informative



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> **OCTOBER** 2025 Issue 06

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**Teaching & Learning Review - Monday** On Monday, we are welcoming Jon Hills (CEO of TAMAT) and Liz Bowes (an experienced Ofsted inspector) to carry out a Teaching and Learning Review at Crawley Ridge Infant School. This visit is an opportunity to confirm the strengths we already know we have as a school, and to identify areas where we can continue to develop and improve.

They will be reviewing: Children's behaviour and routines, Learning environments, Teaching and classroom learning and Children's books and outcomes. You may also see them outside on the playground before and after school, so please be extra mindful of our expectations:

- Nursery children should always hold a parent's hand
- Children should line up calmly and not run on the stones or playground equipment before or after school

We want to show that we take health, safety and behaviour seriously – thank you for supporting us in this.

**Drinking Water in School** I've had conversations with several parents this week about hydration. Please be reassured that we actively encourage children to drink water throughout the day. There are structured times when children sit down and are prompted to drink, and we offer praise and stickers to build good habits. However, we cannot force children to drink. If you remain concerned about your child's water intake, we'd advise seeking medical guidance for further support.

**Amazon Wishlist - Thank You Again!** We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community. A huge thank you to the Dennison family (again!) for your generous donations from our Amazon Wishlist, including folders, bags and more LCD tablets. These resources are already making a real difference in classrooms. [View the Wishlist here: Amazon Wishlist](#)

**Our Private Facebook Group - Come and Join Us!** We now have a closed Facebook group just for parents of Crawley Ridge Infant School. If you haven't joined yet, please click the link below and answer the membership questions to gain access:

**Join the Group** This is your space while your children are with us - it's completely private and we've worked hard to keep it safe and secure. Feel free to:

- 👍 Like and comment on school photos
- 📷 Share your own posts (with parent permission if other children are included)
- 🗨️ Let others know about playdates, weekend ideas or local events

Just a quick reminder – all posts and comments must be approved by the school, so there will be a delay before they appear. But please do get involved and have fun with it – it's a lovely way to stay connected!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Mr O'Shea 😊

## A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Inspired by Year 1's work on the senses, this week's recommended read is "I Can Hear, See, Taste, Smell and Feel!" is a fun and engaging introduction to the five senses, perfect for young learners exploring the world around them. With colorful illustrations and simple explanations, it makes early biology both accessible and exciting for kids.



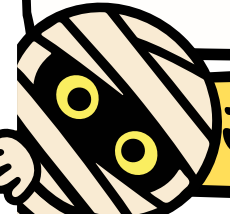
**DIARY DATES**

- 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
- 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
- **Start of Autumn 2 term - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Odd socks day for kindness week - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 10:00 & 13:30
- Nursery parents' stay & play - 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November @ 14:20 (more info to follow)
- Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parents' evening - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 16:30 - 19:30 & 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 15:30 - 18:00

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

## NUR

What a fun-filled week we've had in nursery! We began by reading **The Very Helpful Hedgehog** and talking about what it means to be a good friend – helping and caring for one another. We have explored lots of sensory activities, using fantastic describing words like *crunchy*, *hard*, *round* and *heavy* to talk about our autumn treasures. Wednesday was our special Hedgehog Day, which the children absolutely loved! We made playdough hedgehogs, painted spiky hedgehogs and even built cosy dens for them to live in. The children worked their finger muscles too, giving their hedgehogs back their spines by pushing golf tees into cardboard boxes – great fine motor fun! We've also enjoyed reading **Five Little Pumpkins** and creating our own pumpkin art inspired by Yayoi Kusama, the "polka dot princess" – the results were bright, bold and beautiful! We were also very lucky to have some Playball taster sessions this week – the children had a fantastic time running, throwing and catching while building their coordination and confidence. Next week we will start 'People Who Help Us' - exciting times ahead.



## REC

This week in Reception, we've been embracing the beauty of autumn! We started with an exciting autumn walk, where the children explored the outdoors, spotting seasonal changes and collecting treasures like conkers and colourful leaves. We explored the playgrounds and went down into the forest. The children enjoyed taking pictures of signs of autumn. Back in class, we used our collections for creative activities including leaf rubbings, leaf printing, and making repeating patterns with natural materials. We also sorted our autumn finds and went on a fun letter hunt outside to support our phonics learning. In Phonics, we introduced the sounds ck, e, u, and r. The children enjoyed sorting conkers, creating a collage of an elephant, and crafting umbrellas and rainbows to reinforce their learning. In Maths, we continued exploring repeating patterns and began working with the numbers 1, 2, and 3, learning how to count, recognise, and correctly form these numbers in our handwriting sessions.



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# This week in KS1 we have...

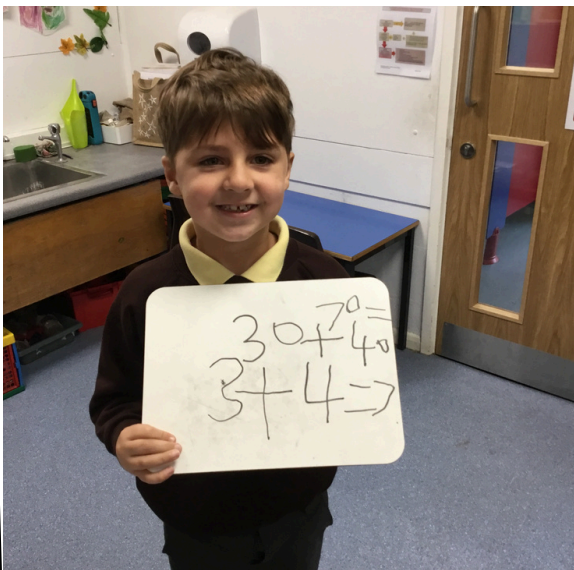
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This week has been another busy one for the children in Year 1. A rammed timetable with new concepts, creativity and fun is certainly keeping the children engaged in their learning. English this week has seen us writing up our crash scene reports based on our alien landing last week. We have focused on where the space craft may have come from, how it got here and how it made us feel when we saw the crash site for the first time! Maths has had us developing our understanding of number bonds. Normally you just focus on number bonds to 10 and 20 but in fact you can generate number bonds for any number, you simply break it down into 2 parts. For example, with 7 you could have 0+7, 1+6, 5+2, 4+3 and then their reverses 7+0, 6+1, 2+5, 3+4. In Geography we got to use our imagination to follow an incredible journey, creating a map of all the physical and human features we passed along the way. Science this week was all about our sense of touch. We explored different textures with our hands and then put on a blindfold to see how much more sensitive our senses become when one is taken away. Also this week all the children have experienced their first go at the Year 1 phonics screening check, reading the 40 alien and real words. They all did their best and gave it a good go- well done children. Have a restful weekend. The Year 1 Team



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This week we have been retelling the story **Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure**. The children did a great job of including adjectives in their writing. In maths the children have been learning about addition and subtraction. This week we have been recalling number bonds to 10 and using these to help us find bonds to 100 and creating number fact families. In science we have been learning about the importance of hygiene. The children were excited to find out how easily germs can spread. 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 medieval banquets. In D.T. this week we have continued to work on our castles. This week we continued our stonework and added some of our working mechanisms.



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# The Nurture Hub & PTA

This week in the Nurture Hub, our focus has been on developing fine motor skills through a variety of engaging activities. The children particularly enjoyed our Lego building sessions and getting creative with a range of arts and crafts. We've also made a fun start on our spooky-themed creations in the lead-up to Halloween, which the children have been very excited about!

Outdoors, we continued our sensory play with sand and the ever-popular bubbles, encouraging exploration and imaginative play. During our social group time, the children worked together to make friendship bracelets—promoting teamwork, communication, and the joy of giving.

It's been a wonderful week full of creativity, learning, and connection.

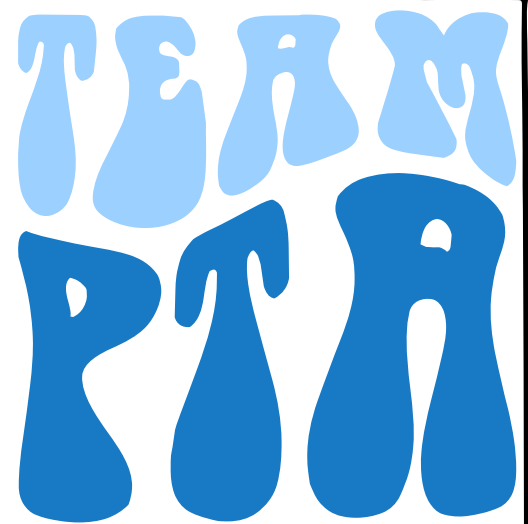
### A quick reminder:

Next week, we will begin welcoming donations for our **Christmas Toy Sale**. If you would like to contribute, toys can be dropped off with **Miss Petre** inside the setting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!



Thank you to everyone who was able to join our AGM this week. Katherine Lewis has stepped down from the role of Chair so this is now vacant. If you would be interested in doing this role, it can be shared with someone else, please do get in contact with us via the WhatsApp groups or email [pta@cri.tamat.org.uk](mailto:pta@cri.tamat.org.uk) Katherine Nelson and Alice Bowles will be co-chairing in the interim.



Launching next week Challenge 2025 - help kick-off the fundraising year by taking part in Challenge 2025. Further details to be sent via Parentmail next week.

CRIS PTA community  
WhatsApp group

Don't forget to join the PTA Community WhatsApp group to find out more about the fundraising and what it's spent on, also to share any fundraising ideas.



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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		

You might be interested in...

## AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

### 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.

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

office@madscienceSW.co.uk • 01792 348205 • www.madscienceSW.co.uk

**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

## Join Us for Our CHRISTMAS TOY SALE

### Support Families & Our School Community

Dear Parents and Carers. As the festive season draws near, we're excited to share a special initiative aimed at supporting our school community during what can be a joyful—but financially challenging—time of year.

#### Donate

We're inviting families to donate new or gently used toys. These can be dropped off at the Nurture Hub from the 1st of October.

This event is not only a great way to give and receive during the festive season—it's also a fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale will go directly towards purchasing equipment for the children at our school, ensuring the benefits of this event are shared widely across our community.

#### Shop

Come along to our Toy Sale throughout November (dates tbc). Toys will be sold at affordable prices, with discounted options available to ensure all families have the opportunity to find something special for their children.

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# You might be interested in...

## October Holiday Activities



**Egg Carton Animal Portraits**  
 Tuesday 28th Oct  
 11am-12pm or 2-3pm  
 Ages 5-12, £4.00  
 Come along to the museum and create an animal portrait from an egg carton!

**Spooky Skeletons and Witches' Potion**  
 Thursday 30th Oct  
 11am-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm  
 Ages 5-12, £4.50  
 Create a paper skeleton decoration and then mix up a witches' potion!

All 5 year olds must be accompanied.  
 Booking is essential for all activities

Book online at  
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or  
 by phone: 01932 365 764

[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)  
 Call 01932 565744 to book your place




## HALF-TERM WORKSHOPS!!

MONDAY 27TH & TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER  
 9:30 - 3:30  
(DO BOTH OR ONE DAY)

📍 CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL, CAMBERLEY, GU15 2AJ

**BOOK NOW!!**

★ AGES 4-12

- ★ LOTS OF DANCE STYLES!
- ★ DRAMA!
- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS!
- ★ GAMES & MOVIES!
- ★ QUALIFIED, INSURED, DBS, FIRST AID TEACHERS

£29 per day

Contact Catherine to book:  
[hotsteppers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hotsteppers@hotmail.co.uk) [hotsteppersdance.co.uk](http://hotsteppersdance.co.uk)

You will be contacted closer to date for payment. No refunds given for any reason. Families to provide food for the day. Childcare vouchers not accepted. Families to provide suitable clothing for both physical activity and outdoor play please keep in mind we will be crafting. Non-Hot Steppers Children very welcome! If your child has SEND needs pls contact before booking to ensure we can meet their needs.




### You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month  
7pm - 8.30pm  
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

#### What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

#### Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

#### What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

#### Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to [sallywagter@gmail.com](mailto:sallywagter@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service  
[www.autismfamilysupportservice.com](http://www.autismfamilysupportservice.com)



## 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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