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Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives."

— Thomas Berry (Cultural historian and ecotheologian)



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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> **OCTOBER** 2025 Issue 08

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**Outdoor Learning Day - What a Success!** What a fantastic day we had for Outdoor Learning Day! The children loved every minute - from forest school to scavenger hunts - and made the most of their time outside. A huge thank you to all our staff who braved the cold with smiles and enthusiasm. We were actually really lucky with the weather - the wind stayed calm and the children spent the whole morning enjoying outdoor learning across the school grounds. Thank you for your support, and we hope your children came home buzzing with stories of their day!

**Baby News! Congratulations to Mrs Robinson** We're ending Autumn 1 with some wonderful news - Mrs Robinson, our Ruby Class teacher, is expecting a baby! We are absolutely thrilled for her and her family. Mrs Robinson will remain with us until the Easter holidays, and we will begin the process of recruiting a high-quality maternity cover teacher very soon. We understand this might bring some questions or anxieties for Ruby Class families - rest assured we will keep you updated as plans develop. Congratulations, Mrs Robinson!

**Attendance - Let's Keep Improving!** Our overall school attendance this half term is 96.7% - not bad at all, but we know we can do better. In particular, we've seen a rise in the number of children arriving late in the morning. In total, we've lost over 1,000 minutes of learning this half term due to late arrivals - that's nearly 3 whole days of lost learning! Let's all do our best to arrive on time every day - school starts at 8:35am sharp, and punctuality really does matter for setting children up for success.

**Crawley Ridge Christmas Toy Sale** We're excited to announce our Christmas Toy Sale will take place on the dates below, in the main school hall:

- Tuesday 11th November
- Thursday 13th November
- Morning sessions only - cash payments only please.

We're still collecting donations of new or gently used toys to sell. If you'd like to donate, please bring items to the School Office or drop them off at the Nurture Hub. Your generosity helps make the festive season brighter for all - thank you!

**Reset Time with Mr O'Shea** As a small school, I often support children with behaviour by having a quick reset chat in my office. We talk, reflect, and come up with ideas to move forward. This is very normal at our school and not something to worry about. We won't always let you know each time - it's part of how we help children grow.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Wishing you all a restful and happy half term, Mr O'Shea

### A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Inspired by our school councillors, this week's recommended read is *Welcome to our Playground* by Moira Butterfield and Harriet Lynas. This book is a joyful celebration of outdoor play and friendship around the world. With vibrant illustrations and engaging text, it inspires children to explore, imagine, and connect through the universal language of play.



### DIARY DATES

- 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
- Tissues 4 Trainers (more info to follow) - 21<sup>st</sup> Nov
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 26<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 11:00 & 13:30
- PTA Hot Choc sale - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 3pm
- **Barnardo's under 5's coffee morning @ CRI - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 09:00 - 10:00**
- **Reindeer Run - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

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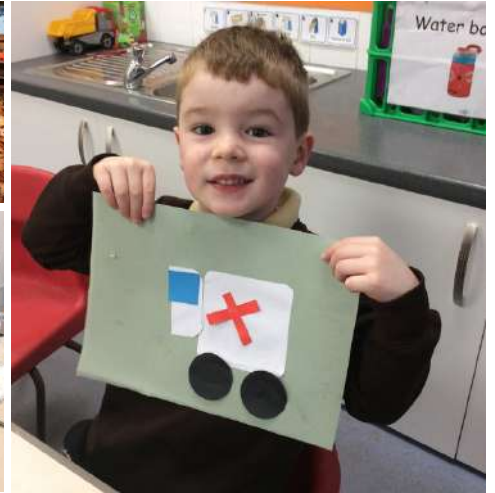




# This week in early years, we have...

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This week in nursery we've continued our topic on People Who Help Us, and what a fantastic week it's been! A special thank you to Eli's dad, who came in on Wednesday to tell us all about how he helps people in the army. The children were absolutely fascinated by his kit - especially his helmet, compass and sleeping bag! We're very lucky to have another special visitor lined up after half term, so keep an eye out for more exciting news. Outdoors, the children have loved playing police - searching for "missing thieves" and working together to solve the case! Our creative time has been busy too, with collaged recycling trucks and doctor's kits full of carefully chosen equipment. The children showed amazing communication and language skills, talking about the tools and how they help people, and sharing their own experiences of going to the doctor. On Thursday we had amazing fun down in Forest School, making toast on the campfire and, of course, learning how to keep safe near a fire. After half term, we'll be learning all about the seasons, exploring seasonal changes, and of course, celebrating Bonfire Night! Have a safe, restful half term, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 4th November!



REC

This week, we have been celebrating Diwali with our story of the week, **Dipal's Diwali**. The children have learned about why Diwali is celebrated, including the story of Rama and Sita. We've enjoyed lots of creative, Diwali-inspired activities such as making rangoli patterns using sponge painting, gem decorating, Numicon matching, and collage. The children also designed beautiful Mehndi hand patterns and created their very own salt dough diya lamps. Unfortunately, these are not dry enough to send home today but we will ensure they are sent home after half term. In Maths, the children have been practising writing the numbers 1-4, exploring one more for numbers 1-3, and looking closely at the numbers 1, 2, and 3 in detail. In Phonics, we have continued practising our previously learned sounds, played lots of games, and worked on segmenting and blending words together. Finally, we are looking for a parent volunteer from Ruby Class to help with our Library every Friday morning (approximately 8:45-11:00). If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Robinson. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school and all they have achieved during their first half term in Reception. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break!



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# This week in KS1 we have...

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We made it! The first half term, a very long half term is complete and it is fair to say the whole of Year 1, both adults and children are all ready for a rest. The first half term of any academic year is always tough, settling into new routines and getting to know new adults, but this is especially the case in Year 1. We are transitioning the children away from an EYFS curriculum which is very much immersion and child led, where the children have lots of freedom and opportunities to explore. The curriculum in Year 1 is completely different, with the learning expectation and levels of focus required ramping up from the start of the year. The children have all coped admirably with the new challenges they have faced, but now they need to rest and recharge. Learning this week has seen us creating new space characters in English, developing our ideas and writing a description. Maths has been all about embedding our subtraction skills, using the part part whole model again, ensuring that the children can see the working relationship the 3 numbers in the model have, and how they operate together. Science saw us drawing to a close our learning about the body and the 5 senses. We made sure we knew which sense was connected to which body parts and brainstormed our new learning to see what we could remember. In Art we finished off our learning about drawing by completing our own self-portraits. All the children had a photograph of themselves to work from, and it was fascinating to see how they then chose to represent themselves through their own self-image. Well done Year 1, you have done an awesome job this half term of settling into your new classes. And if you think you have been busy this half term, just wait until we get back.....next stop Christmas!!!! Enjoy the half term break.



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What an exciting week we have had! The children loved Outdoor Learning Day. They had a fantastic time searching for creepy crawlies, going on an autumn scavenger hunt, cooking in Forest School, den building and measuring trees. This week in English we have been writing information texts about castles. The children recalled lots of facts they had learnt throughout the half term. In maths the children have been learning about addition and subtraction. This week we have been adding a tens number to a 2 digit number and adding two 2 digit numbers. In science we carried out our own pattern seeking investigation to find out if the person with the biggest feet jumped the furthest. In music we have continued to learn to sing folk songs and practised singing and performing sea shanties. In D.T. this week we finally finished our castles. They look magnificent! The children were thrilled to test and evaluate their castles.



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# The Nurture Hub & PTA

This week in the Nurture Hub, we've been getting into the Halloween spirit! The children have had lots of fun creating spooky pumpkin crowns and taking part in a Halloween scavenger hunt around the playground.

In our Fine Motor Skills group, we've been busy building amazing Lego masterpieces, while our Social Skills groups have enjoyed playing board games and engaging in imaginative pretend play.

With the wet weather this week, our Morning Movement sessions have moved indoors – the children have loved using the hall space to get their wiggles out and keep active!

As we head into the break, please continue to bring in your toy donations at the beginning of next term. If we're not inside, feel free to leave them outside the Hub.

Have a wonderful half-term filled with lots of spooky magic! 🎃



## Challenge 2025

Help to raise a school target of £2025 to spend on outside learning and play equipment.

Don't forget to share the fundraising fun on the schools private Facebook page. The School council have come up with some great 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...

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, 13 Dec**

**CHRISTMAS Ice Magic**

Saturday, 13 December 2025, from 11am-7pm  
Venue: St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Ice Skating Rink\*, Santa's Magical Grotto, Marketstalls, Raffle Prizes and lots more

\*Synthetic ice rink

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...

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks your child has attended some free Playball sessions at nursery. I am delighted to announce that after half term we will be back offering early drop off sessions for the Nursery children at Crawley Ridge. We will be running the sessions 8:30 – 9am every Tuesday and Thursday. To book all you need to do is email me your child's name, date of birth, any relevant medical notes, days at the nursery, days you wish them to attend Playball and a contact number. **Spaces are given on a first come first serve basis**, so please email [playball.harry@gmail.com](mailto:playball.harry@gmail.com) for more information. Please note, the session will only go ahead if enough children book in to each day.

Kind Regards,  
Harry Simmonds  
07588681052

### What is Playball?

Playball is a multi-sports programme that teaches life skills to children through sport and movement. Our progressive curriculum is designed and researched by Occupational Therapists and Sports Scientists, and is constantly being updated inline with the latest trends and findings. At Playball the children participate in games and skills that cover 8 sports; Football, Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball.

### Playball at Crawley Ridge – Autumn Term

Tuesdays / Thursdays 6 week term

1 day - £39 (£6.50 per session)

Both days - £71.50

Start: 4<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> November

End: 9<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> December

Payment should be made by the start of term and details will be sent out at the time of booking. Payment can be made in instalments if easier for parents.



## THE FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB booking system is now open for next term

Sessions can be booked on ad-hoc days or in block sessions.

The sessions cost £9 for a 4:30pm pick up and £12.50 for a 5pm pick up.

The club is run by Miss Petre alongside Mrs Bailey and Mrs Dyre.

The club is held either in the hall or the Nurture Hub and the children are provided with a light snack and drink.

Please use the booking form provided on our website or email Miss Petre direct at [fiveoclockclub@cri.tamat.org.uk](mailto:fiveoclockclub@cri.tamat.org.uk)

We look forward to welcoming all the children.



**22ND DEC, 10 AM - 3 PM, CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL - £35 - YEAR 2 UPWARDS**

**CALM CREW CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY**

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**Challenge 2025**

Help reach our target of £2,025 (£20.25 each), in anyway your child wishes. Examples below

- Chores at home
- Litter picking
- Extra reading
- Washing the car
- Tiding their bedroom

Challenges finishes on 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Money raised can either be given to the school by cash or via our sum-up  
Ensure your child's name and class is clearly labelled

Don't forget to share photos of your child participating via  
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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.



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Our username is @Crawleyridge1

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