



Welcome to The Pumpkin Informative



Halloween Competition Winners

EYFS

Maggie -
Diamond
Class



KS1

Imogen -
Top 9z
Class

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WELCOME TO THE INFANT INFORMATIVE



Friday 7th November 2025

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★ **Welcome Back!** ★ We hope you had a lovely half term full of family time, relaxation and fun. The children have settled back beautifully – it's been a great start to the second half of the autumn term.

🌈 **Welcome Mrs Pearce!** 🌈 This week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Pearce to our staff team. She will be working in Reception – we know our children and families will make her feel right at home!

🦌 **Reindeer Run Launch & Remembrance Assembly** 🌿 This week, the Phyllis Tuckwell charity visited to launch our Reindeer Run – more details coming soon. This morning, Mr O'Shea led a Remembrance Assembly and the children listened so respectfully. Ask your child what they learned – they should be able to tell you! On Tuesday 11th November, children who are part of Cubs, Brownies or similar clubs are invited to wear their uniforms to school for Remembrance Day.

🧦 **Odd Socks Day – Monday** 🧦 On Monday, we're kicking off Kindness Week with Odd Socks Day! Children can wear odd socks to celebrate the fact that we're all different – and that's a good thing.

✂ **Attendance Matters** ✂ Please remember: your child should be in school every day unless they are unwell. Our attendance is good but there's room to improve. If you're ever unsure whether to send your child in, please call us for advice. A reminder: 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) in a 10-week school term period can result in a fine.

🧸 **Toy Sale Reminder!** 🧸 Our Toy Sale is next week: Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 13th November in the Main Hall – straight after drop-off. We've had some amazing donations so far – thank you! Last day for donations is Monday 10th November. Please bring cash if you can, though card may be available.

🕒 **Five O'Clock Club – Autumn Term Spaces** 🕒 It's been wonderful welcoming children back to the Five O'Clock Club this term! We've had a great first week of fun, creativity and new friendships. We still have a few spaces available – if you'd like to join, contact us at ✉ fiveoclockclub@crt.tamat.org.uk or book via our website.

Have a lovely weekend, whatever you are doing.

Best wishes,

Mr O'Shea 😊

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *The Hike* by Alison Farrell. I have chosen this one simply because it has become a firm favourite in our household over recent weeks. With its engaging details and gentle humour, it inspires readers to explore the outdoors and notice the small marvels around them.



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DIARY DATES

- Odd socks day for kindness week - Monday 10th November
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 11th Nov @ 10:00 & 13:30
- Nursery parents' stay & play - 17th - 21st November @ 14:20 (more info to follow)
- Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parents' evening - 18th Nov 16:30 - 19:30 & 20th Nov 15:30 - 18:00
- Tissues 4 Trainers (more info to follow) - 21st Nov
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 26th Nov @ 11:00 & 13:30
- **Usborne Book Fair - 28th Nov @ 3pm**
- PTA Hot Choc sale - 28th Nov @ 3pm
- Barnardo's under 5's coffee morning @ CRI - Tuesday 2nd Dec 09:00 - 10:00
- Reindeer Run - Friday 5th Dec



This week in early years, we have...

NUR

This week in nursery we've been exploring Fireworks and Bonfire Night, and it's been bursting with creativity! The children have loved making glittery fireworks, painting their own bonfires and creating playdough fireworks full of colour and sparkle. We also worked on our fine motor skills by threading beads onto sparkly pipe cleaner fireworks and had lots of fun making junk modelling rockets that zoomed off into space! Outside, we have had amazing imaginative role play, sitting round the bonfire after getting wrapped up warm, pretending to toast our marshmallows. Such fun!

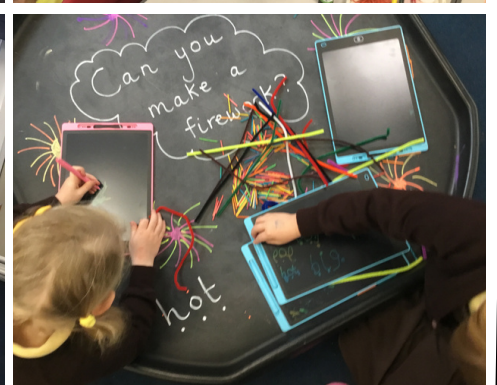
A very special thank you to Tommy S's mum, who came in to talk to us about her job helping people in the police – the children were absolutely fascinated and chatted about it all day!

Next week, we'll be moving on to our new topic: Night-time, focusing on the story **The Very Lonely Firefly**, which links beautifully to Kindness Week next week. 🌙✨



REC

We've had a sparkling week in Reception learning all about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe during the celebrations. Our story of the week, **Sparks in the Sky**, inspired lots of exciting activities! The children created beautiful collaged bonfires, made firework pictures, and wrote about their drawings. Our Bonfire Night role play area has been a big hit, with lots of imaginative play and storytelling. In phonics, we've learnt four new sounds: h, b, f (ff), and l (ll). We've had fun putting hair on the horse, playing with bats and balls, going fishing, and leaping along ladders! We also learnt two new tricky words: as and his. In maths, we explored positional language—using words like on, under, behind, between, and next to—through games and practical activities. We've also started two exciting new lessons this week! In Guided Reading, small groups read with a teacher each day while others enjoy funky fingers rotations to build fine motor skills. In Drawing Club, we listen to our story, learn eight new vocabulary words, and draw pictures inspired by the tale. This helps develop imagination, creativity, and language skills—getting us ready for writing in Year 1!



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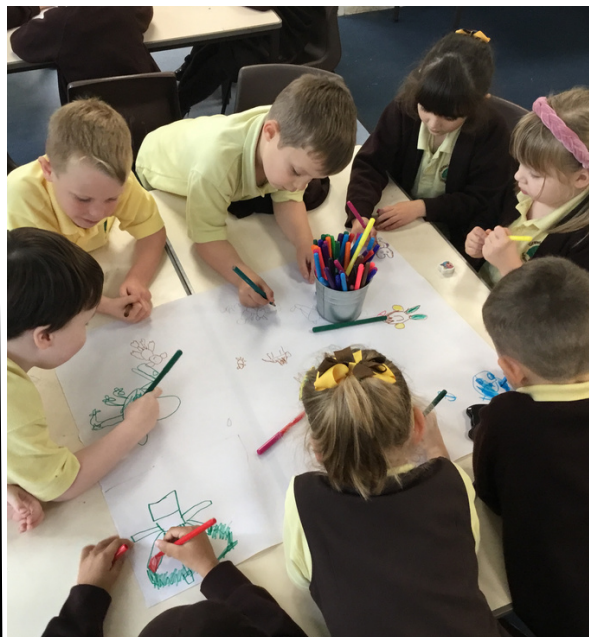




This week in KS1 we have...

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Welcome back. The children have returned in high spirits this week, ready for learning and bursting with tales of half term adventures- it seems that many of you had a very exciting and fun time away from school! This week has been a week of small changes for the children. First thing in the morning the children are now engaging in fine motor and handwriting activities, linked to Year 1 common exception words or topic words they need to be able to spell. In phonics we have now begun to teach in 4 smaller groups so that we can be more targeted in our teaching and learning, addressing the needs of the children as we identify them. Our overarching topic for this half term is Toys. In English we have started our learning by thinking about our favourite toys and then trying to describe them. Maths has seen us revisiting subtraction- not just to make sure we haven't forgotten what to do over the half term but to also experiment with different ways of recording to see if we have really mastered the concept. Our new topic in Science is all about the seasons and the weather. To start this week, we brainstormed what we know already and then drew pictures to represent the 4 seasons. PE this week has seen us working on developing our balls skills, as well as becoming more relaxed by doing some yoga. And last but not least (and I'll say this quietly!!!) we have started the process of identifying and singing the songs we want to perform at the church in December- I didn't even mention Christmas once, did I???? Have a good weekend. The Year 1 Team



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In English this week we went on a seasonal walk and described what we saw, heard and felt using adjectives. We also started learning about adverbs and expanded noun phrases. In maths the children have been learning about addition and subtraction. This week we have been subtracting a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number and subtracting a 1 digit number from a tens number. In science we have started a new unit on materials. We went on a materials hunt around the school. In History this week we learnt about the Gunpowder Plot. In Art we learnt about the artist Clarice Cliff. The children were interested to learn about her life and look at some of her designs.



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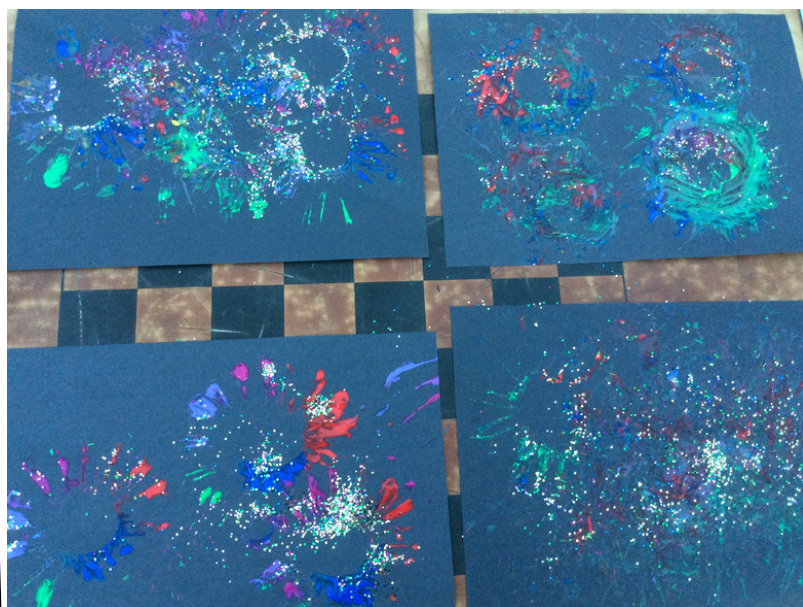
The Nurture Hub & PTA

This week in the Nurture Hub we've been busy making **cardboard print fireworks**, and the children have loved recreating their favourite displays with a sprinkle of glitter!

Our **movement sessions** are now back indoors, and we've been using the hall equipment to get our **morning wiggles** out through fun and active play.

In our **fine motor skills groups**, the children enjoyed a **jellyfish cutting craft**, helping them practise their scissor skills while being creative.

During our **emotional wellbeing sessions**, we completed our "Happy Activity", where the children drew or wrote about what makes them happy. It was lovely to hear their ideas — from favourite foods and animals to special places they enjoy visiting.



Challenge 2025 - officially finished today. However, if your child has a couple more challenge's they want to complete we will happily take any more donations over the weekend and Monday. If paying in cash please put into a named envelope and post into the PTA postbox opposite the entrance to Topaz. Or you can pay via the Sum-up code, remember to add your child's class to the payment details. Each class will get 10% of their total raised to spend as they wish.



Challenge 2025

Challenge 2025 Sum-up code



CRIS PTA community
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Christmas Ice Magic - this year's joint Christmas fair will be held at St Augustine's, tickets are now on sale for the ice rink (synthetic) and Santa's grotto. They will be on sale to the general public next week so get your tickets now while time slots are still available. Free entry to enjoy the stalls and games. Booking at www.pta-events.co.uk/st-augustines/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106662

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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.



Genie & Lab



JAM COOKING



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	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	Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Musical Theatre Year R, 1 & 2 4pm - 5pm	

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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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 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: 4th / 6th November

End: 9th / 11th 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.



Musical Theatre Club

At CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANTS every THURSDAY from 4pm - 5pm for Years R - 2

Wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same? We are the Performing Arts School with a difference! At Boogie Pumps we pride ourselves on providing a refreshing way for children to perform, get fit & maybe most importantly... have bags of fun!

Autumn Term 2025
13th Nov – 11th Dec
£39.00 – 5 weeks
***FREE TRIAL session available**

BOOK NOW www.boogiepumps.co.uk/Meet
sarah@boogiepumps.co.uk 07837303369

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

We look forward to welcoming all the children.



You're invited to our

Usborne Book Fair

Friday 28th November 2025
in the School Hall

Our Usborne Partner is:
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