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A message from Mr O'Shea

To our amazing children and supportive parents,

You will already know that at the end of this school year I will be moving on from Crawley Ridge to start a new role as an Executive Headteacher across a number of schools. I wanted to write to you myself, not with the formal details, but with a message from the heart.

First things first. You still have me as your headteacher for another six months. It is very much business as usual. You will still see me every day, greeting all of you on the playground, complaining about the weather and occasionally speaking to myself.

Being headteacher at Crawley Ridge for the last five years has been an absolute privilege. I have watched children arrive on their first day looking a little nervous and leave as confident, capable learners ready for their next step. I have shared in so many moments of pride, laughter, kindness and growth, and I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of your journeys.

To the children, please know that nothing changes right now. School stays the same. Your teachers stay the same. Your routines, clubs, trips and fun moments all stay the same too. And yes, I am still your go-to-guy if you want a nice fancy sticker!

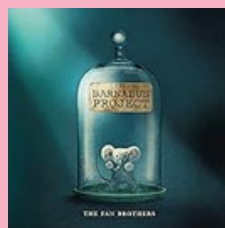
To parents and carers, thank you for the trust you place in me every day. Crawley Ridge is a strong, caring school with a brilliant team, and I am confident about its future.

There will be plenty of time over the coming months to talk, reflect, celebrate the school, and say a proper goodbye when the time is right. For now, we carry on exactly as we always do, learning, growing, laughing and making Crawley Ridge the special place it is.

With my very best wishes,
Mr O'Shea

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Mrs Roberts

The Barnabus Project by the Fan Brothers is a beautifully illustrated story about hope and acceptance. It is also full of weird and wonderful creatures - have you ever seen a mouse crossed with an elephant?? If this sounds like the perfect pet, then this is the perfect book!



DIARY DATES

- Barnardo's Under 5 Coffee Morning - Tuesday 27th Jan @ 9am
- PTA Hot Choc & Cookie sale - 30th Jan
- National Storytelling Week - W/B 2nd Feb
- Nursery Book Fair - 2nd - 6th Feb
- Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th Feb
- Break the Rules Day - Friday 13th Feb
- **End of Spring 1 Term - Friday 13th Feb @ 3pm**
- **INSET Day (School closed) - Monday 23rd Feb**
- **Spring 2 Term Starts - Tuesday 24th Feb @ 08:35**
- Yr 2 Dioramas (Parents in) - Wednesday 25th Feb @ 14:30
- Nursery Stay & Plays - W/B 9th March
- World Book Day - Thursday 5th March
- Parents' Evening - Tuesday 10th March @ 16:30 - 19:30 & Thursday 12th March @ 15:30 - 18:00

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This week we kicked off our Traditional Tales unit with **The Gingerbread Man** and the children have loved it! We explored our gingerbread playdough bakery, adding ingredients and following a simple visual recipe. There's been lots of counting with the Gingerbread Man's buttons, helping to build early maths skills. We ordered the story and enjoyed joining in with the repeated language - all week we've been hearing, "Run, run as fast as you can!" The children also created junk-model gingerbread houses, learning how to join materials using tape. On Thursday, we worked in teams to build the Gingerbread Man a teddy house, showing fantastic teamwork and listening to each other's ideas. ✨ Next week: The Three Little Pigs! 🐷 P.S. We are now ✨LIVE✨ on Tapestry! If you are having any trouble logging in to or seeing anything on the app, please talk to us!



REC

This week, our learning has been inspired by our story of the week, **Robin's Winter Song**. The children have enjoyed exploring winter and discovering all sorts of facts about robins. We have been busy birdwatching, making our own bird feeders, and creating robin artwork through collage, painting, sketching and even making rocking robins! The children also made their own bookmarks and loved taking part in a number hunt outdoors. In phonics, some children have been learning the new sounds 'sh' and 'th'. We also had fun putting shaving foam on the sheep for some sensory learning and practising fine motor skills by threading the number three. In maths, we continued our work on one more and one less, using a washing line activity where the children added more items or took some away. During our writing sessions, the children were proud to spell the word robin and some even challenged themselves to write full sentences. A highlight of our week was the PSHE workshop on Thursday morning, where the children enthusiastically joined in and demonstrated excellent listening skills.



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The week began with an Ice and Snow Experience morning in Year 1 with the children exploring ice, frozen artefacts, creating polar landscape pictures and making split pin penguin puppets. This was linked to our writing in English about the Emperor penguins living in Antarctica. We have found out facts about where the penguins live and how the male and female penguins take care of their egg and the baby when it hatches. Finally, we have collected these facts together to make our own penguin facts sheet. In Maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers. We began by comparing written numbers and numerals to visual representations of numbers using the more than, less than, equal to symbols. From here we moved on to ordering random numbers from smallest to biggest and biggest to smallest. We have been working on numbers up to 20 and it is the teen numbers that are still catching some of us out-definitely a work in progress. During Science we were thinking about whether a material was man-made or natural, whilst in Geography we were learning how the weather can affect the choices we make with regards to the places we live and the clothes that we wear. In Art we were exploring primary and secondary colours, before we move on to hot and cold palettes after which we progress on to experimenting with pointillism. Finally, this week we in Year 1 have been doing a bit of "Show and Tell" which has caused much discussion within the classes. Show and Tell is an amazing way of encouraging children who are normally reluctant speakers to speak in front of their peers about something that is familiar to them. However, this does not work when children bring in random toys that have no meaning and as such, they have nothing to say about them. After some discussion we have decided to set some ground rules: Nothing precious should be brought into school. Medals, certificates or awards from external clubs are welcomed. Toys or artefacts linked to our learning are great. Only items that will fit in a book bag- we don't have the space to store enormous cuddly toys. Show and Tell will take place on Friday. This is the only day of the week to bring things in. This is only for Year 1 and not applicable to any other year groups. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Have a good weekend. The Year 1 Team



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This week we have continued to read the story **'Meerkat Mail'** by Emily Gravett. In English this week we have been writing their own postcards from Sunny using coordinating conjunctions, apostrophes for contractions and commas for listing. In maths the children have continued to learn about money. This week we have been focussing on comparing amounts of money, calculating with money and making a pound. In Art we have been learning about collage techniques and started to make our own collages of rainforest animals. In science we have been using secondary sources to research information about habitats. In R.E. we learnt about how Jewish families celebrate Shabbat. In geography we have been learning to name and locate the world's oceans.





Nurture Hub

This week at the Nurture Hub, we've been keeping cosy indoors while the rain poured outside!

The children enjoyed playing a variety of board games, which helped them practice taking turns and working together.

During our fine motor skills sessions, we used modelling dough to create fun faces on their mats—great for building creativity and dexterity. In our creative activities, the children made beautiful winter owl crafts, adding a seasonal touch to their artwork.

When the rain cleared, we headed outdoors for some scooter fun to strengthen gross motor skills. We also explored our new sand, where we introduced vibrant red kinetic sand for an extra sensory experience.



PTA

Save the date

30th January Hot Chocolate and Cookie sale after school (if you can help please contact us)
13th February Break (some of) the rules Day

We need an organising committee for our Summer Fair. If you are interested please let us know pta@cri.tamat.org.uk or via the WhatsApp groups, we can't run it without you.

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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
	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	
Mad Science Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	14 Sports Football NEW! Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	Maths NEW! Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm			

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February Holiday Activities

Make a Viking Longship

18th Feb 2026
11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm
Cost: £4.50

Come along to the museum to find out more about longships and then make your own out of card - complete with a dragon's head on the front!
Age: 5-12. (5 year olds with an adult)

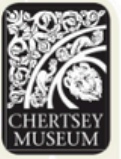
Roman Mosaics

19th Feb 2025
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Cost: £4.50

Find out about Roman mosaic tiles and then make your own creation using stone mosaic pieces and grout.
Age: 5-12 (5 year olds with an adult)

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CHERTSEY MUSEUM ANNIVERSARY

For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

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