



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH



Friday 8th May 2026

Issue 30



Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

A special week of learning at Crawley Ridge Infant School



This week, the children at Crawley Ridge Infant School celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday and learnt about his life, his documentaries, and his work to protect animals and our planet.

What we did this week

- ✓ Shared a class presentation about who Sir David Attenborough is and why he is so important.
- ✓ Learnt about his life, including when he was born and some of the amazing work he has done.
- ✓ Watched age-appropriate clips from his nature documentaries.
- ✓ Explored endangered and vulnerable animals from around the world.
- ✓ Talked about why these animals are under threat and what people can do to help protect them.
- ✓ Completed art activities based on each class animal.
- ✓ Chose special pieces of artwork to display around the school.
- ✓ Took home a "Happy Birthday Attenborough" sticker to mark the occasion.



Class animal focus

Each class spent time researching and learning about an endangered or vulnerable animal. These included sea turtles, polar bears, pandas, orangutans, Amur leopards, African elephants, black rhinos, Sumatran tigers, blue whales, and kakapo parrots.



Why it mattered

The celebration helped children to appreciate Sir David Attenborough's incredible contribution to our world and encouraged them to care for wildlife, habitats, and the future of our planet.



Who he is



A naturalist, storyteller and conservation hero.

His documentaries



Creator of many amazing nature programmes.

Animals he has seen



From tiny insects to huge whales across the world.

Protecting our planet



Inspiring us all to look after our wonderful world.

♥ Thank you for supporting our learning and helping us care for our planet.

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you might need to scroll
down on the form to see
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Reception Trip to Wellington Country Park - Reception had a fantastic trip to Wellington Country Park this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring the park, enjoying the outdoor learning spaces, spotting wildlife, playing with their friends and taking part in lots of exciting activities throughout the day. The children were so well behaved and represented Crawley Ridge Infant School brilliantly. We were very proud of them all. A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped on the day, and to all of the staff who worked so hard to make the trip such a success.

Class Photos on Monday 11th May- Class photos will be taken on Monday 11th May. Year 2 individual leavers' photos will also be taken on the same day. For Nursery parents, if your child does not usually attend Nursery on Mondays but you would like them to be included in the class photo, please come to the school office with your child at 9:15am on Monday. Parents will need to stay with their child before and after the photo has been taken. Children who do not attend Nursery on Mondays will not be able to stay in Nursery for the day and must go home after the class photo. Diamond Class have Forest School on Monday. Please send children into school in their full school uniform, with their Forest School clothing in a named bag. We will change them in school. If your child has PE on Monday, this includes Year 2, please do the same. Children should come to school in full school uniform, with their PE kit in a named bag.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting- A reminder that our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting will take place next week on Wednesday 13th May at 8:45am, straight after morning drop off. Parents and carers should come through the white double doors and make their way into the school hall. Staff will explain what the phonics screening check is, how it works and how parents can support their child at home. We will also share hints, tips and a PowerPoint with useful information. We really encourage and recommend Year 1 parents and carers to attend where possible. The meeting will finish by 9:15am.

Have a Lovely Weekend- Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr O'Shea 😊

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Mrs Roberts

In honour of David Attenborough's 100th birthday this week, we are featuring two fabulous books about him. The first is the picture book Wild Life:

The Extraordinary Adventures of Sir David Attenborough. This is a delightful journey through the jungle and coral reefs, across the African plains and icy poles via the Galápagos Islands tracking the voyages Sir David has taken throughout his career to date! The second book is David Attenborough: Little People, Big Dreams from the popular series of children's biographies; this title tells the story of Sir David's life and how he came to be one of the most beloved broadcasters of our time.



DIARY DATES

- Class and Year 2 Leavers Photos - Monday 11th May
- Year 2 School Trip - Tuesday 12th May
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting with parents - Wednesday 13th May @ 08:45
- Year 1 School Trip - Tuesday 19th May
- **Crazy hair day (donations for the nurture hub) - Thursday 21st May**
- Drama workshop for all children - Friday 22nd May
- **Year 1 Bake Sale (PTA) - Friday 22nd May**
- **Break up for May half term - Friday 22nd May @ 3pm**
- **Children return for Summer 2 - Monday 1st June**
- Family Support Worker Coffee Morning - Thursday 11th June @ 08:45
- Reception Pirate Day - Friday 12th June
- PTA Headteacher for the day - Thursday 18th June
- Sports Day Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Friday 19th June @ 09:00 - 10:30
- Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic with parents - Friday 19th June @ 11:00 - 13:00

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COMPETITION TIME!

Could your child be one of the new voices of Crawley Ridge Infant School?



We are looking for **two children** to record the messages for our school phone system. This means when parents and visitors call the school, they will hear children's voices instead of a standard automated message.

There will be two different messages: one for when the school is open and one for when the school is closed.

HOW TO ENTER

Children can enter in one of three ways:

1 Parents can send a short video or voice recording through our Facebook page.

2 Parents can email a voice recording to the school office.
Email: school@cri.tamat.org.uk

3 Children can take part in open auditions on **Monday 11 May** at lunchtime.

IMPORTANT

- If your child would like to audition in school on Monday 11 May, parents must email the school by **Friday 8 May at 12 noon** with their child's name and permission to take part.
- Children will not be able to audition unless parent permission has been received in advance.

Email by **FRIDAY 8 MAY** at 12 noon

MESSAGE 1

Thank you for calling Crawley Ridge Infant School. Please select from the following options:

- To report your child's absence, press 1.
- To speak to the school office, press 2.

LINES TO LEARN

MESSAGE 2

Thank you for calling Crawley Ridge Infant School. The school is currently closed. Please leave a message, send an email or call back during school hours so that we may assist you.

Two children will be chosen, with each child recording a different part of the phone system.
Good luck, everyone!

Free Parent Webinar Emotional & Behavioural Support

For parents and carers of school-aged children



Time: 10:30am – 11:30am
Format: Virtual session
Dates:
Thursday 2nd July 2026
Thursday 6th August 2026

What the session will cover

- Understanding your child's emotions
- Practical strategies to support your child
- Building resilience and confidence
- Information on where to get additional support

These free sessions are delivered by the Surrey School Nursing Team and are designed to support parents with their child's emotional and behavioural health.

Parents who would like support with their child's emotional health are encouraged to book onto one of these sessions.
Book via: School Nursing 5 – 19 Years

Delivered by Surrey School Nursing Team
Surrey Child and Family Health
T: 0300 247 0025
E: scfh.contact@hrgcaregroup.com
W: surreychildandfamily.co.uk

Please contact the Surrey School Nursing Team if you require further information.

HOT STEPPERS DANCE

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09:30-15:30

AGES 5-12

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CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL

CRAZY HAIR DAY!

THURSDAY 21st MAY

Get ready for **Crazy Hair Day!**

We are **raising funds** to transform the outside area of the Nurture Hub.

Transform your locks into a masterpiece with bright colors, wild spikes, glitter, and gravity-defying styles for a suggested donation of **£2**

The children are invited to show their wildest creativity—the **crazier, the better!**



THANK YOU for your support!

NEED INSPIRATION?

- CUPCAKE BUNS:** Use cupcake liners on high buns.
- DONUT HAIR:** A hair donut turned into a sweet treat.
- RAINBOW/NEON SPRAYS:** Colored hairspray is an instant win.
- CREATURE FEATURE:** Pipe cleaners for spiders or dinosaur spikes.
- BIRDS NEST:** Use a small bird toy and twigs.

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This week in early years, we have...

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This week in nursery we have been diving under the sea! We enjoyed reading the stories ***Commotion in the Ocean*** and ***Sharing a Shell***. The children loved painting and crafting ocean animals, threading mermaid bracelets, exploring sea creatures in our small world play, and, of course, building impressive pirate ships to sail the seas outside. On Thursday afternoon, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday by learning about the amazing work he has done to help protect our planet. We also learnt about endangered sea turtles and worked together in groups to create beautiful turtle crafts. Next week, we will be continuing learning about looking after our planet, including recycling and reusing materials. We would be very grateful for any donations of junk modelling items such as boxes, tubes, lids, cardboard, cartons or other clean recyclable materials. Thank you for your support!



REC

This week, our focus story was ***How to Grow a Dinosaur*** and our provision became dinosaur-themed! The children enjoyed small world play, making dinosaur fossils with playdough, drawing dinosaurs, and labelling parts using their phonics knowledge. In phonics, we reinforced Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs, while in maths we continued practising subtraction using the words "first, then and now." The highlight of the week was our first school trip to Wellington Country Park. The children were beautifully behaved and had a fantastic day exploring the adventure playground, visiting the farm animals, riding the train through the forest, and searching for dinosaurs. We were incredibly proud of how well they represented the school. On Thursday, we celebrated David Attenborough Day by learning about endangered animals. Diamond Class focused on pandas, while Ruby Class learned about blue whales. The children created whole-class collages, practised drawing, and completed creative craft activities inspired by their animals. It has been a very busy and exciting week, and we are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work.



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This week in KS1 we have...

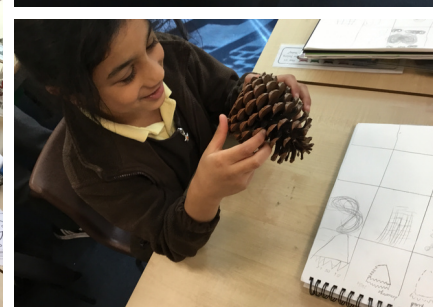
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We have had a wonderful week of learning in Year 1 and the children have been working incredibly hard! In maths, we have been learning about halves. The children have been finding half of shapes by sharing them into two equal parts, and they have also been finding half of quantities using practical resources. We have talked about how halves must be equal and practised spotting when something is not a half. In English, we have been exploring **Grandad's Island by Benji Davies**. The children have been writing about Syd and Grandad's adventure, describing the island and imagining what they might see and do there. We have focused on using exciting verbs and adjectives to bring their writing to life. In science, we carried out an investigation exploring flowers. The children carefully observed a selection of flowers and counted the number of petals on each one. They noticed that different flowers have different numbers of petals and recorded their findings—just like real scientists! We also enjoyed learning about and celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We talked about his incredible work helping us understand and protect the natural world, and why looking after our planet is so important. Exciting news; Year 1 went on a special trip to Grandad's Island on Friday afternoon, where we explored, built dens, painted pictures and cooked popcorn on a campfire! We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing weekend! The Year 1 Team



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In English this week, the children have been revising the different sentence types and practising using conjunctions and past tense verbs. Next week we will be using these in our recounts of the school trip. In maths the children have continued to learn about fractions. This week we looked at recognising and finding three quarters of a shape and quantity. In art we made observational drawings of natural objects. We used different drawing techniques to show texture. In science we researched the life cycles of minibeasts. In geography we learnt about aerial views and identified local landmarks. In computing the children were excited to plan their stop motion animation. This week Sapphire class also had a visit from the Fire Service to talk about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. The children listened carefully and asked lots of well thought out questions.



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Nurture Hub

This week in the Nurture Hub, the children have enjoyed a range of creative, sensory, and physical activities. We began the week by exploring our creativity outdoors through stencilling, which sparked lots of imagination and discussion.

We were very grateful for a kind donation of magic sand, which the children found fascinating and highly engaging. It provided an excellent sensory break and encouraged calm, focused play.

We continued our sensory learning by creating a 'rice kitchen', where the children thoroughly enjoyed making cakes and a variety of imaginative culinary dishes.

To finish the week, the children took part in creative construction with Lego before enjoying some physical activity using space hoppers and designing their own obstacle courses with the sports equipment. These activities supported teamwork, creativity, and physical development in a fun and inclusive way.



PTA

Dates for the Diary

New Date: Friday 22nd May, Bake sale. Year 1 to provide the bakes. Celebrate breaking up for half term with a Friday treat.

Thursday 25th June - joint CRIS & CRJS Quiz night. Held at the Junior school. Details to follow.

Friday 26th June - INSET Day Legoland tickets at a group rate. Please book via the portal www.pta-events.co.uk/cris

Saturday 4th July - joint CRIS & CRJS Colour run, game stalls and BBQ. Details to follow. If you know you can help please let us know!

We have lots going on this term so please keep an eye on the noticeboard and arbormail for more information.

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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](http://www.crawleyridge.co.uk).

 Crawley Ridge Infant School SCHOOL CLUBS TIMETABLE 				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm  Mad Science Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	 Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am  Spanish Year R & 1 12.30pm - 1pm  Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm  Camberley Club Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm  MATHS Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm	 Hotsteppers Dance Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm  Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm  Drama Club Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm	 Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am  Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm  14 Sports & Football Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	No clubs 

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Surrey Heath Family Centre

Wednesday 27th May
2-4pm

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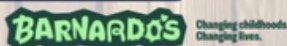
Come and bond, build, and make lasting memories together.

A great opportunity for dads and their children aged 6-12

The session will take place at the Men's Shed in Camberley

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MAKING READING A HABIT AT HOME
THURSDAY 21ST MAY

This family-focused session explores how simple, light-touch uses of technology can make daily reading feel easier, more enjoyable and more achievable for children of all ages. With busy routines and growing pressures on family time, many parents find it challenging to build a consistent reading habit. This session demonstrates how small digital tools can support tricky moments, spark motivation and help children connect reading with the things they already love.

THIS SESSION WILL EXPLORE

- ▶ Why small, positive reading moments make a big difference
- ▶ Simple digital supports that help with tricky words and confidence
- ▶ How audio, captions and short digital texts can help on busy days
- ▶ Ways to use your child's interests to boost motivation
- ▶ How to find personalised book suggestions based on what your child enjoys
- ▶ Fun, low-pressure family reading challenges

FAMILIES WILL GAIN

- ▶ Practical activities that can be used the same day
- ▶ Confidence to support reading without pressure or battles
- ▶ Simple, accessible ways to turn 10 minutes into a habit
- ▶ Ideas for motivating reluctant readers

PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN ALL WELCOME!



SPECIAL GUEST BEVERLY CLARKE MBE

Beverly Clarke MBE joins this session to share her expertise in digital inclusion, reading for pleasure and supporting families in using children's interests - including their love of technology - to boost motivation.



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Reception - Year 6

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