



Crawford Village  
Primary School & Nursery

# THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## Class Attendances

15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024			22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
100%	97.5%	99.4%	89.2%	96.1%	99.4%

School  
Target  
**96%**

## A note from Class 1...

We have had a lovely start to our most favourite term in Class 1. We came back after half term, reading some fantastic Halloween stories and writing some spooky potions. Then we celebrated Bonfire Night by created colour mixing artwork and firework dancing. We then moved on to celebration Diwali and listened to some beautiful music as we danced and even enjoyed some delicious Hindu cuisine. The children have also showed their respects by supporting us in a two minute silence for Remembrance.

We have also had children bringing in books to share for Non-Fiction November. It has been lovely to see what lovely books the children have a home and it has given us some ideas as to what the children's interests are and how we can adapt our learning to suit.

These next few weeks we will be busy set designing and learning and rehearsing this years Nativity, and we are sooooo excited! It is going to be ADORABLE!!! So please do not be alarmed if you hear the odd 'Moooo' or 'Eeee Hawww' it will just be Class 1 rehearsing the BEST Nativity yet!



## Coming up @ Crawford...

## Diary Dates

<b>Mon</b>	Lunchtime - School Choir
<b>Tues</b>	Lunchtime - Self-love Club After School - Eco Club
<b>Wed</b>	Lunchtime - Spanish After School - Craft Club
<b>Thurs</b>	Lunchtime - Brass After School - Table Tennis
<b>Fri</b>	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club / Chicken Club
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*Next week:*

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
Wacky Hair Day  
(Children's Tombola)

*Later in the half-term:*

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**  
Pantomime

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
Dads and Grandads  
Christmas Shop

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
Mums and Nans Christmas  
Shop

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
Christmas Fair

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
C2 Nativity 9.15am & 6.00pm  
C2 final swimming session for  
this term  
C3 Carol Concert 2.00pm

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
C1 Nativity 9.15am

Dear Parents

Where's this week gone – I think I blinked and I missed it! The days are certainly flying by and the buzz throughout the school is – you've guessed it – Nativity! It's lovely to hear the singing practice echoing through the corridor (although I still can't quite believe we're already at that time of year)! We'll be letting you know very soon about the performances so keep your eyes peeled for that.

The children have been taking part in lots of exciting events recently and I can't tell you how super-proud we are of the way they attend tournaments, presentations and competitions and represent our school so well – they always make us immensely proud with their positive attitudes whether they win, lose or draw.

It's been a cold one this week so we've given the children the option to stay indoors over lunchtime and we will try and do this when we experience these really cold snaps of weather. Obviously, we have some hardened warriors who still love to play outside come snow or hail ... literally!

Thank you for all your continued support with the dress down days and fund-raising activities – it's certainly a busy time of year and we really appreciate everything you do to help us.

Have a lovely weekend – hope it gets warmer!

Mrs Eaton

**Mrs Eaton's Column**

## Christmas Nativity Dates

### Class 1

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

### Class 2

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am and  
6.00pm

### Class 3 (Carol Concert)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

# Christmas at Crawford

### Pantomime Visit

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Christmas Parties

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Fair

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Shops

#### Dads and Grandads

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

#### Mums and Nans

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December



# Award Winners



## Star of the Week

C1 Theo  
C2 Beatrix  
C3 Rosie & Scarlett

C1 Nova  
C2 Max  
C3 Bethany



## Pride Award

C2 Hattie  
C3 Robyn

C2 Mason  
C3 Alaina



## Super Writers

C2 Lilian  
C3 Ella  
Y3/4 Charlie R

C2 Eddie  
C3 Charlie E

# Housepoints

## EAGLES



1st

## RAVENS



2nd

## PHOENIX



3rd=

## OWLS



3rd=

## Find us on social media...



Crawford Village Primary School



@crawford\_school

Don't forget to log on to your child's Seesaw account. You will find work that they do in school, photographs and videos that are not uploaded to social media and you can upload photos from home. Please ask if you are having any problems logging on and we will help if we can.

Do not forget to check out our school website! You will find details of upcoming events, term dates, important key documents and policies plus lots of information and photographs showcasing what we have been doing in school.



Join us for our...

# Christmas Market

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

12noon - 4pm

at St Thomas the Martyr church,  
White Lion pub and Village Club

Local Craft Stalls

Santa's Grotto

Christmas Gifts

Café

Live Music

Raffle & Tombola

Children's Games

Face Painting

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On at 3pm



# THANK YOU

**Crawford Village Primary School**

for raising a fantastic

## £97.00

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUB NETWORK

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

# BABY AND TODDLER EVENT

Wednesday  
27th November  
9.30am - 1.00pm

Skelmersdale Family Hub  
& The Zone WN8 6NL  
Opposite Nye Bevan.

## Drop in to our Baby and Toddler event!

- Chat to different local services
- Activities on offer:
  - Baby Massage
  - Story Time
  - Fun Foods for Fussy Eaters
  - Balance Bikes (weather permitting)
  - Photo's with Hugh & Prue Bears
  - Bring your own teddy for a Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Light Refreshments
- Knit & Natter
- Information stands re local baby & toddler services
- Remember your bag for life as local charities will be donating baby and preschool items – larger items will also be available e.g. cots and prams.
- Advice from Health, Midwifery & Paediatrician Professionals
- Health Visitors
- And more...

Supported by:

For further information contact:  
[communityconnectors@westlancs.gov.uk](mailto:communityconnectors@westlancs.gov.uk) or  
[westlancashirefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:westlancashirefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk)



For this week's story, we are visiting...

Antarctica

ODDIZZI

### What?

Antarctica Day is celebrated every year on December 1st to remember the Antarctic Treaty, an agreement signed in 1959.

The Treaty protects Antarctica as a place for peaceful science and cooperation, bans military activity, and helps preserve its unique environment and wildlife.

The current protection of Antarctica will be discussed in 2041. How old will you be then?

Around that time, countries will start discussing the current protection of Antarctica. Many people hope that Antarctica will continue to be protected forever.

ODDIZZI

### What?

Explorer Robert Swan OBE partnered with Oddizzi in 2023 to set up a unique charity called the 2041 School.

The 2041 School invites you to become Champions of Antarctica. Their mission is to inspire you to fall in love with this extraordinary continent so you can join us in protecting it for generations to come.

ODDIZZI

# Rainford Community Cinema


*presents*

## THE POLAR EXPRESS


Kick off the festive season with a magical screening of  
The Polar Express.

Wear your best Christmas PJ's or a festive hat to get into  
the holiday spirit.

 Sunday 1st December

 Rainford Village Hall

 Doors open 2.30pm

 Magic begins 3pm



Tickets  
£6

Ticket includes Hot  
Chocolate and a festive  
treat for the believers, and  
Mulled Wine for the  
grownups.

For tickets email [admin@rainfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@rainfordparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 01744884709

Be smart on internet

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

## 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

## 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' them by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially making children more likely to cycle forever. If your putting youngsters off cycling forever, or has child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a bike, handcycle or adapted cycle to see what works best.

## 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

## 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M' check is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

## 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets fit correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bike with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

## 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but safer path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

## 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – hiding the kerb if cycling on the road will make you more approximately 5 metres out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

## 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

## 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers. In with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!

## 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike. Encourage children to notice how starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

### Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

## 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

## 2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

## 3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay, pocket' money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

## 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some 'fancy adult thing'. Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Getting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

## 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's a YouTube ad or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are clever shop design (like placing sweets at the check-out) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

## 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between 'need' and 'want' is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

## 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest receiving money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

## 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest, parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

## 9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

## 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with those financial crimes. At a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone. For instance, young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

### Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

**SOUTH**

**Do you have a child starting  
primary school in September 2025  
and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

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