



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 24th October 2025

Class Attendances

17 th October 2025			24 th October 2025		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
90.9%	98.7%	95.5%	99.1%	90%	94.8%

School
Target
96%

A note from Year 3/4...

Well what a busy term we have had in Year's 3 & 4. We have settled into our new morning routine beautifully and all the children are enthusiastic and ready to learn.

We have been very excited to be the first in our school to embark on the Key Stage Two 'Mastering Number Programme' for multiplication and division and the children have been working hard and leaning times tables in a totally different way.

In our English lessons, we have enjoyed creating playscripts about a very angry bear and a very unfortunate Roman soldier. We have also written some brilliant character descriptions of the very same bear and the children were incredibly proud of their work.

As part of Black History Month, we have celebrated two inspirational women; Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman who were both instrumental in causing change for the better. We couldn't believe how life had been for these fabulous women and the bravery that they had shown to stand up for their rights.

Wow, no wonder we're all ready for a holiday. Year 3 & 4 would like to wish you all a wonderful Autumn break.





Mon	Half Term
Tues	Half Term
Wed	Half Term
Thurs	Half Term
Fri	Half Term
Mon	Lunchtime - Choir
Tues	Lunchtime - Self-love Club After School - Eco Club
Wed	Before School - Hi 5 Club (weather dependent) After School - Craft Club
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass After School - Table Tennis
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club After School - Sports Club

Next week:

Half Term Holidays

Later in the year:

3rd November 2025
School reopens 8.50am

6th November 2025
C1 Stay & Play 3.00pm

10th - 14th November 2025
Anti Bullying Week

10th November 2025
Odd Socks Day

11th November 2025
Individual and Family
Photographs
Mock UN Conference at
Rainford High School

14th November 2025
Children in Need Day

20th November 2025
PTA Dress Down Day
(Adult Tombola)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this first half-term I would like to extend a huge thank you from all the staff for the support you have given us for the past eight weeks. It has been action packed with lots of learning and extra-curricular activities; it has absolutely flown by.

Thank you as well to everyone that came to parents evening this week. It has been such a wonderful start to the school year for all our pupils and we were all so happy to share this with you. We hope you found the meetings informative and equally as positive as we did. Your children are amazing.

Our Halloween disco was a huge success. The children were so excited and enjoyed the event immensely. Thank you again to our wonderful PTA and staff who helped make the evening special for the children. They are thoroughly prepared for Halloween, next Friday!

Finally, it is with great pleasure that we will be welcoming Mrs Eaton back after the half-term break. We have all missed her very much and we can't wait to have her back in school. I am sure you will help us to give Mrs Eaton the warmest of welcomes on the first Monday after the holiday break.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term holiday. Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Mr Brearley

Mr Brearley's Column

Award Winners



Pride Award

C1 Luke
C2 Archie
C3 Sophia

C1 Zach
C2 Nova
C3 Oliver H



Star of the Week

C1 Birdie
C2 Eddie
C3 Lennon

C1 Avery
C2 Xander
C3 Freddie T



Super Writers

C1 Emily
C2 Alistair
C3 Alaina
Y3/4 Martha

C1 Willow
C2 Beatrix
C3 Olivia L
Y3/4 Eva

Housepoints

EAGLES



1st

OWLS



2nd

RAVENS



4th

PHOENIX



3rd

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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.



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PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



**CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026**

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What?

A sea turtle success story is making waves in Malaysia!

Green turtles, once hunted almost to extinction for their meat, eggs and shells, have made a major comeback thanks to decades of conservation work.

On beaches in Sabah, Malaysia, eggs have been carefully protected, hatchlings released into the ocean and fishing nets made safer to stop turtles from getting trapped.



Source: GETTY Images

Similar efforts around the world have also helped these ancient sea travellers.

Green turtles are now being moved from the 'Endangered' category to 'Least Concern' - a huge leap forward.

What?

"These turtles inspire people all over the world", said Dr Nicolas Pilcher from the Marine Research Foundation in Sabah. "This is a big win for conservation."

But the job isn't finished yet. In places like Australia, not as many baby turtles are hatching, and threats like climate change and habitat loss remain.

For now though, this is a rare piece of good news for wildlife - proof that when people work together, they can help bring a species back from the brink.



Source: rachelrumsations.com



SHARES

Multi-Sports and

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VENUE:

Holland Moor
Primary School,
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

Be smart on internet

AGE RESTRICTED
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on a bank card if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring their purchases require adult authentication. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the 'gears' of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iAN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while teaching them a thing or two about the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (78%, Ypulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control – digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world – discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of excessive use. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

Meet Our Expert

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