



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 6th March 2026

Class Attendances

27 th February 2026			6 th March 2026		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
95.5%	97.7%	98.7%	94.5%	98.3%	100%

School
Target
96%

A note from Class 3...

The last few weeks in Year 5 and 6, have been super busy. We have finished our unit in maths on decimals and we are finally ready to tackle percentages. Our arithmetic skills are improving fabulously, which has been wonderful to see.

In English, we have written an amazing explanation about how a flying machine works and also entered a poetry competition. For World Book Day, our librarians read stories to Class 2 and we all wrote poems linked to the book, 'The Wonder' by Tom Percival.

In the afternoon, Years 4, 5 and 6 have loved experimenting with variables in coding this week. We have learnt how to create prompt boxes where users are asked a question and depending on the answer, different animations happen on screen.

Year 5 pupils really enjoyed Bikeability and can't wait to get back on the road next week.

In RE, we have found learning about the story of Buddha really interesting and we are able to retell this in our own words. We have also enjoyed designing our own car chassis; exploring different shapes and designs. In PE, we have been developing our rounders skills, while learning to play a new version of 'beat the ball.'



Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

Mon	After School - Craft Club
Tues	Lunchtime - Self-love Club After school - Eco Club
Wed	
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass / Chess Club After School - Table Tennis
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit/Coding Club
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Next week:

9th-13th March 2026
British Science Week

11th March 2026
KS1 Scavenger Hunt

12th March 2026
Mothers' Day Shop
Small Schools World Cup
Football

Later in the half-term:

16th March 2026
Decorated eggs into school
from today
Swimming Gala

19th March 2026
Pupil Parliament Event

20th March 2026
Comic Relief Day
Posh Nosh

23rd March 2026
Best Class Attendance
Afternoon Tea

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we're already two weeks into the half-term! The time has flown by and it's been wonderful to see the children settle straight back into routines while bringing lots of energy and enthusiasm to their learning.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Sponsored Flip. The event was great fun and the children loved getting involved. We're delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £700! This will make a real difference and will go towards supporting activities and resources for the children.

It was lovely to welcome families into school for our recent EYFS Stay & Play session. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. The children were so proud to show their classrooms and share their activities with you, and it was wonderful to see everyone learning and playing together - we even managed to get outside in the sunshine!.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, and what a fantastic day it was! The effort that went into the costumes was incredible – we saw everything from classic storybook characters to some very creative and imaginative outfits. Thank you to everyone for helping the children take part and making the day so special. Most importantly, it was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate reading and the joy that books bring.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Mrs Eaton

Mrs Eaton's Column

Award Winners



Star of the Week

C1 Luke
C2 Jolyon
C3 Maisie
Y3/4 Elijah

C1 Birdie
C2 Year 1 & 2
C3 Freddie



Pride Award

C1 Emily
C2 Wilf
C3 Catherine

C1 Willow
C2 Eloise
C3 Laura



Super Writers

C1 Lara
C2 Brian
C3 Alaina
Y3/4 Hattie

C1 Elliott
C2 Xander
C3 Olivia BM

Housepoints

1st



3rd



2nd



4th



Last week:

1st Ravens
2nd Eagles
3rd Phoenix
4th Owls

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crawfordvillageprimary.uk
Term dates, newsletters,
policies, events and
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Easter & Spring at Crawford



Mother's Day Shop

Thursday 12th March
(Children only)

Decorated Easter Eggs

From Monday 16th March

All children may bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg. Try to make your egg as different and unique as you can. These will be displayed all around the school right up to the end of term and should create a colourful display in the main corridor. Everyone who brings in a decorated egg will be entered into a prize draw.



Easter Hat Parade

Tuesday 24th March 3.15pm

Please join us at 3.15pm on the playground for our Easter Hat Parade. All children are invited to bring in an Easter bonnet/hat for the parade. We are hoping for some lovely weather as the parade will take place on the playground.

Best Class Afternoon Tea

Monday 23rd March

(Class TBC)

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 25th March

(Children only)





Celebrating Achievements



Earlier this week, one of our pupils had the opportunity to take part in a skiing experience using a sit ski, which she thoroughly enjoyed. A lot of fun was had by all involved!

We are also so proud of one of our Class 3 girls, Catherine, who has been selected by Lancashire Cricket Club to begin the Pathway Programme for their U10 & U12 squads. On completion of the programme,, Lancashire will select their squads for the summer. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for more success!

Well done to both our sporting superstars!



Lancashire U10 & U12 County Age Group Selection Decision 2026

Dear Player,

Following the conclusion of our eight assessment centres held across Lancashire throughout January and February, we have now finalised our selections for the Lancashire U10 and U12 Pathway Programme.

Congratulations! You have been selected for the pathway this year.

Well done on your selection! As part of the assessment process, we encouraged as many girls as possible to take part, and we were delighted to see over 210 girls across the centres. Selection was based on performances across batting, bowling, and fielding, alongside each player's overall potential. All decisions were made collectively by a panel of coaches.

The U10 & U12 Pathway Programme is a 10-week training programme. The girls will train for 6 weeks at an indoor facility (details will be communicated in your selection email) during March and April. They will then move to an outdoor facility for 4 weeks of training during May and June. After the training programme, we will select a Lancashire Thunder and Lancashire Lightning squad to compete in games during the summer. Please note, there is no guarantee of selection for the summer games. The programme is completely free of charge.

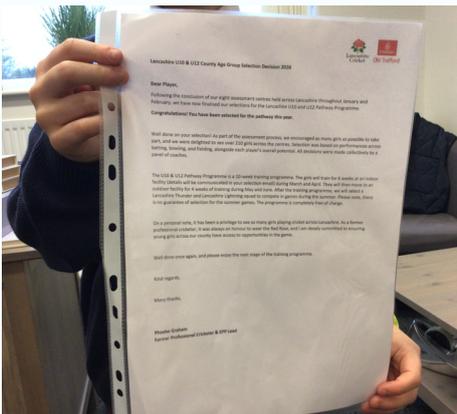
On a personal note, it has been a privilege to see so many girls playing cricket across Lancashire. As a former professional cricketer, it was always an honour to wear the Red Rose, and I am deeply committed to ensuring young girls across our county have access to opportunities in the game.

Well done once again, and please enjoy the next stage of the training programme.

Kind regards,

Many thanks,

Phoebe Graham
Former Professional Cricketer & EPP Lead



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2026. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All in' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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STEP UP
TO
YOUTH
WORK
AGES 8-
12

JOIN US TO HAVE FUN, LEARN
SKILLS AND ENJOY A STEP UP TO
YOUTH WORK

MONDAY'S 3:30 - 5:00.
WEST LANCS FAMILY
HUB / THE ZONE -
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PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF
FOR THIS SESSION*

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