



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 17th July 2026

Class Attendances

10 th July 2026			17 th July 2026		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
98.2%	96.7%	94.8%	93.6%	95.3%	97.9%

School
Target
96%

A note from Forest School...

What a fantastic year we have had at Forest School! Whatever the weather, the children have embraced every opportunity to explore, play and learn outdoors. Through their adventures, they have developed a wide range of practical skills, from den building and rope work to learning how to use tools safely, including developing their knife skills.

Perhaps even more importantly, Forest School has provided countless opportunities for the children to work collaboratively, support one another and grow in confidence. It has been wonderful to see their teamwork, resilience and creativity flourish throughout the year.

One of the highlights has been the continued development of our sensory garden, alongside the planting and care of our vegetable patch. The children have taken great pride in looking after these areas, working hard to keep them weed-free and thriving, while learning about the importance of caring for the natural environment.

There have been so many memorable moments this year, and we are already looking forward to many more exciting Forest School adventures in the year ahead!



Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

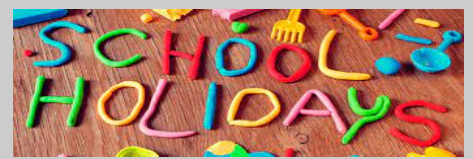
Mon	
Tues	School closes 1.30pm
Wed	Summer Holidays
Thurs	Summer Holidays
Fri	Summer Holidays
Mon	Summer Holidays
Tues	Summer Holidays
Wed	Summer Holidays
Thurs	Summer Holidays
Fri	Summer Holidays

Next week:

21st July 2026

Y6 Leavers' Service 9.15am

**School closes for
Summer on Tuesday
21st July at 1.30pm**



Later in the year:

**School re-opens on
Tuesday 1st
September 2026**

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take a moment to thank our incredible children, families, staff, and governors for making our school such a special place to learn and grow. This year has been filled with exciting opportunities, memorable achievements, and countless moments that have made us proud. From the classroom to the playground, on school trips, performances, sporting events, and celebrations, our children have continued to demonstrate kindness, resilience, curiosity, and a real love of learning.

To our families, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Working together makes such a difference, and we are truly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive school community.

To our amazing staff, thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

As we say goodbye to our pupils that are leaving us, we wish them every success as they begin their next adventure. They leave us with wonderful memories and will always remain an important part of our school family.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, restful, and fun-filled summer break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year together.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Eaton

Mrs Eaton's Column

Award Winners



Star of the Week

C1 Francesca
C3 All Class 3
Y3/4 Mason

C1 All Reception
C2 Mason
C3 James
Y3/4 Jenson



Pride Award

C1 Olivia
C2 Heath
C3 Freddie



Super Writers

C1 Reid
C3 Wilf
C3 Mack

Housepoints

1st



3rd



2nd



4th



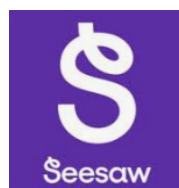
Last week:

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

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Check class
activities and photos.



School webiste
crawfordvillageprimary.uk
Term dates, newsletters,
policies, events and
other information.



Who are we?

We are a group of Up Holland residents volunteering to help keep our village clean and improve our green spaces. We are supported by Up Holland Parish Council, and everyone is welcome to join us.

What do we do?

Litter picking: You may have seen us picking up litter on our streets recently. Since we started in March 2026, we have picked up over 300 bags of rubbish. Working in Partnership with West Lancashire Council, the Council takes away the litter bags that we leave at designated collection points.

Improving community links: We pick litter with children from local primary schools and encourage them not to drop litter, and to pick litter with their families.

Improving the environment: We are currently replanting the Millennium Clock Garden outside the Victoria Hotel in Hall Green, and will be commencing other community improvements shortly.

Where can you find out more?

Feel free to ask one of the volunteers you see out picking litter or weeding for more information. You can find us on our Facebook page - Cleaner Greener Up Holland - where you can join the group for updates. If you would like to join us and help us in our work, please email Gillian Sinnott at gsinnott@uphollandpc.gov.uk.

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We'd like to encourage pupils and their families or friends of **Crawford Village Primary School** to join us for **junior parkrun** on **Sunday 19th July** at **Tawd Valley Park - Skelmersdale**.

junior parkrun is a **free, community event** where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or simply come along to spectate. It's a **2k event** designed for children aged **4-14** and their families and friends of all ages.

The event starts at **9am every Sunday**, with a fun warm-up beginning at **8:50am**.

junior parkrun is positive, welcoming, and inclusive — there's no time limit, and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome!

You can register for parkrun for free here:

👉 www.parkrun.org.uk/register



Your local event details:

- **Address:** The Amphitheatre, Tawd Valley Park, Yewdale, Skelmersdale, WN8 6EN
- **When:** Every Sunday, 9am (arrive at 8:50am for the warm-up)
- **Volunteering:** If you're interested in volunteering, please email the event team at skelmersdalejuniors@parkrun.com. It's great fun and a lovely way to meet new people!

If you can't make it this week, don't worry — junior parkrun takes place **every Sunday**, so you can join us any time you're available.

We hope to see you there – thank you for your support!

junior parkrun

Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds



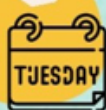
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21st July: Rebuilding the Past (Minecraft)
28th July: Strike to Animate! (Digital Stop-Motion)
4th August: Arcade Across the World (Game Design)
11th August: Powering the Revolution (Lego Robotics)



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SKIN BETTING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

'Skin betting' is the term used when players gamble using virtual in-game items, such as weapon 'skins' or character cosmetics. Although these items appear purely decorative, some can hold significant real-world value. Research suggests that children as young as 13 have engaged in this type of betting, often on sites with limited age checks or safeguards, blurring the line between gaming and gambling.

UNREGULATED PLATFORMS

Skin gambling typically takes place on third-party websites that are not licensed or regulated. These platforms often lack age verification, making them easily accessible to children. By linking their gaming accounts, users can deposit skins, place bets, and withdraw winnings as cash or higher-value items – often without adults being aware these activities are happening.

REAL-WORLD VALUE

Skins may look like simple cosmetic upgrades to in-game items and characters, but some are worth hundreds or even thousands of pounds. They can be traded or sold on online marketplaces, meaning they function much like real money. When young people bet with skins, they are risking items of genuine financial value, even if no physical cash is exchanged directly.

INFLUENCER PROMOTION

Some gaming influencers and streamers have promoted skin betting sites in their content. This can make the behaviour appear normal or even desirable, potentially encouraging younger audiences to engage in these activities without fully understanding the risks involved.

SOCIAL STATUS PRESSURE

In games such as Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) and Fortnite, rare skins can act as status symbols. Young players may feel the pressure to own high-value items to fit in with peers. This can lead them to take risks – such as using gambling sites – to obtain desirable skins, similar to how branded goods can influence behaviour offline.

LIMITED OVERSIGHT

Skin betting can take place both in-game and on external websites that parents and educators may not be familiar with. Because skin betting does not always resemble traditional gambling, it can go unnoticed until significant losses have occurred, in both items or money.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Skin betting mirrors many aspects of traditional gambling, including chance-based outcomes, reward systems and excitement. Early exposure to these mechanics can normalise betting behaviours before children and young people even reach legal gambling age. Research indicates that this may increase the likelihood of developing unhealthy habits later, particularly if early wins create a false sense of control or skill.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UNDERSTAND IN-GAME ITEMS

Familiarise yourself with the games young people are playing and learn whether they include tradable or sellable items. Titles like CS:GO and Rust are known for skin marketplaces, but similar systems are increasingly common across games.

DISCUSS VALUE AND RISK

Help children and young people understand that cosmetic items like skins can carry real-world value. Explain that losing them through betting is comparable to losing money, therefore reinforcing the connection between in-game actions and real financial consequences.

LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS

Be alert to changes in behaviour, such as secrecy around gaming, a strong focus on acquiring specific skins, or a sudden loss of in-game items. These could indicate involvement in skin gambling and provide an opportunity to start a conversation about it.

USE CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS

Make use of parental controls and platform settings to restrict trading, purchases, and access to external websites. Where possible, disable marketplace features on games and monitor young people's account activity to reduce the risk of unauthorised transactions.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is Head of Foundation and Programme Lead for Esports Coaching at the University Campus of Esports.

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