



West Green Primary School Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The Christmas holidays seem a very long time ago now, and the start to our Spring term has gone well. The children returned to school rested and they have shown a lot of enthusiasm with their learning.

In this first half of the Spring term our school choir sang at the Young Voices event at the O2, our Year 4 class gave a wonderful assembly, Year 5 had their class trip to Herstmonceux Observatory (which we will tell you about in our next newsletter), and our School Council gave an informative assembly about our 'star behaviours'.

We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see all the children back in school on Monday, 23rd February 2026.

West Green Team

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

The children have once again shown real enthusiasm for learning in school this term. Here are some examples of the wonderful effort they have made...

Our Year 3 class had a fun maths lesson. They were learning about millimetres, centimetres and metres.

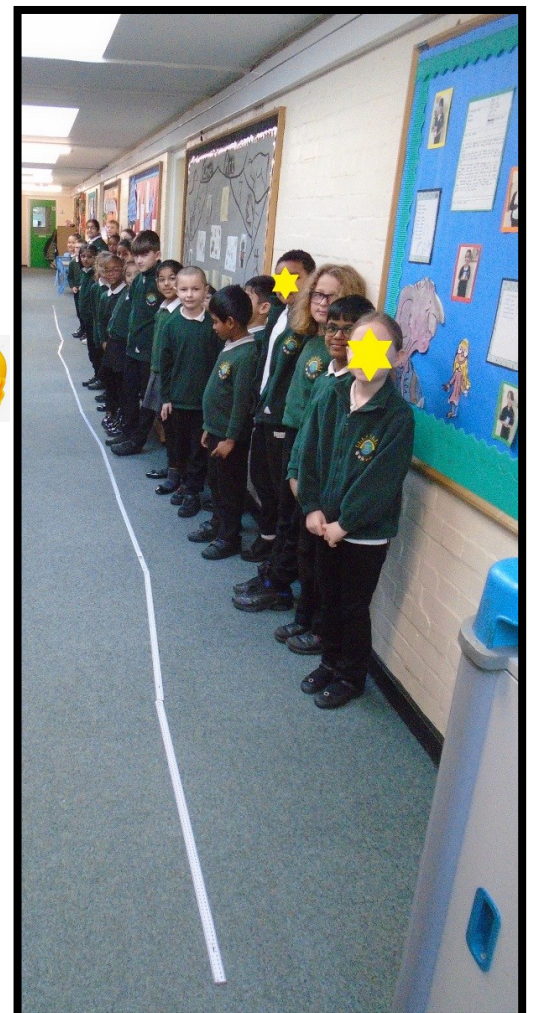
They laid out some metre rulers to measure out the length of their boat.

It was a great way for the children to be able to visualise different meanings of measurement.

We have no idea where we are going to store their boat...



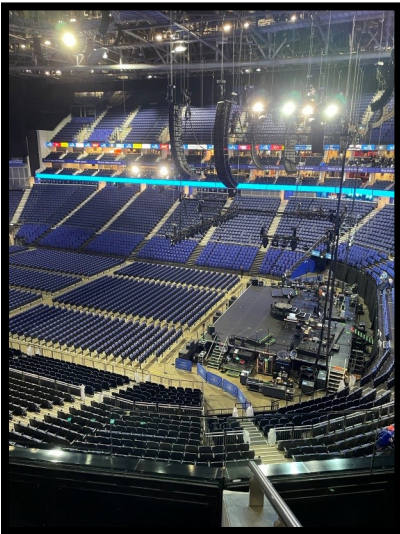
This may look like a normal bookcase, but it is in fact a miniature bookcase. It took 2 of our Year 5 children a long time to put all the books back on the shelves neatly, and they also had the patience to place them in order of colour. It was a very fiddly job, so well done!



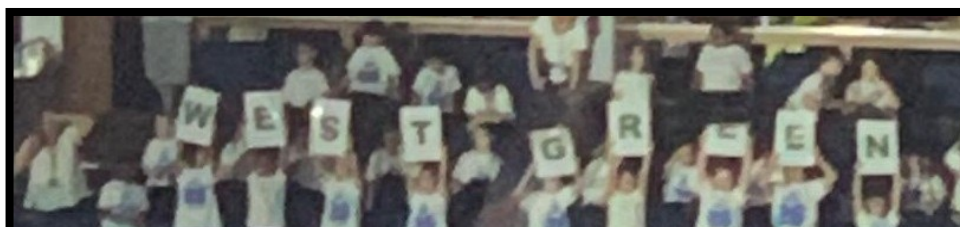
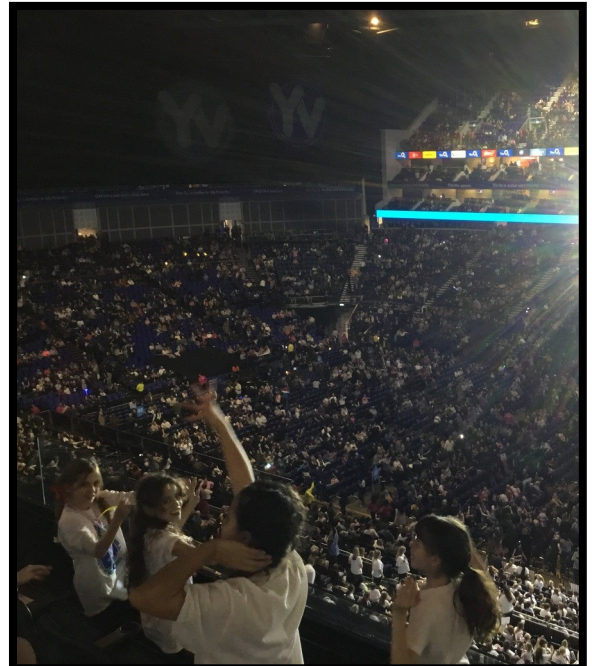
YOUNG VOICES

Our school choir attended the Young Voices event at the O² Arena in January. The sound of thousands of children singing was incredible. Our school choir were so well behaved and were a credit to our school. Lots of our parents also attended, and we hope they enjoyed the concert as much as we did. It was a great experience for everyone, especially the children. Our children worked so hard in the rehearsals leading up to the event, and the effort they put in paid off. They were amazing! Well done to all the children and parents for your hard work and support, and a very big thank you to the staff who organised and supported the children in the lead up to, and during, the event. Here are some pictures of the day.

Before it all began...



...and then...



YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY

Year 4 treated us all with a fun assembly, and some excellent music to accompany it! This is what their class teacher had to say...

"Our Year 4 class assembly was a wonderful success! The students showcased their talents and hard work, presenting a variety of performances that highlighted their learning and creativity. Parents and staff alike were impressed by the enthusiasm and confidence displayed by our children. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Year 4 students in this memorable event."

Miss Stone - Year 4 Teacher



PE KIT REMINDER

Please note that plimsols, although ideal for indoor PE lessons, are not advised for when PE lessons are held outdoors. This is because there is very little grip on plimsols and therefore trainers are the preferred option for outdoor activities. It is of course your choice as a parent/ carer whether your child wears plimsols or trainers for their PE lessons.

PE Kit Options

Please note the West Green Primary School PE kit is as follows:

			
Plain white t-shirt	Grey or black shorts	Plimsols are for indoor use only	Plain colour sport trainers (preferably black) are suitable for indoor and outdoor use

In colder weather the above items can be layered over PE kit with:

				
Grey or black tracksuit bottoms	Plain hooded top	School sweatshirt	School cardigan	Plain gloves

Items **not acceptable** as part of PE kit are:

		
No bright colours or large logos	No fashion hoodies/tracksuits	No hi top trainers

If a child should wear any items of clothing that are not in line with the school uniform policy then appropriate clothing from items donated to the school may be sourced for them to wear whilst in school. Only stud earrings are to be worn at any time in school.



Our school council gave a lovely assembly to the whole school. They are so enthusiastic about how they want to help improve our school. Here is what the School Council lead had to say...

"This half term our incredible School Councillors led a whole school assembly where they presented our six star behaviour values and explained why they are important to us at West Green Primary School. Their passion and confidence when presenting was a delight to see. The School Council have created posters which are now up in every classroom and displayed around the school."

Alongside this the councillors explained that there will be a relaunch of our Golden Table in the dinning room at lunchtimes after half term. The principles of rewarding children by inviting them to sit at the golden table remain the same but the School Council have taken on feedback from pupils voice across the school. As a result year groups will be rewarded instead of individuals. The year group who shows the greatest golden goals will be invited to sit with their class at the golden table. If the same class is rewarded more than twice they will take part in golden time which will be a class reward decided together with their class teachers."

After half term it will be time to invite some more children who would like to become a school councillor and I look forward to working with the new team."

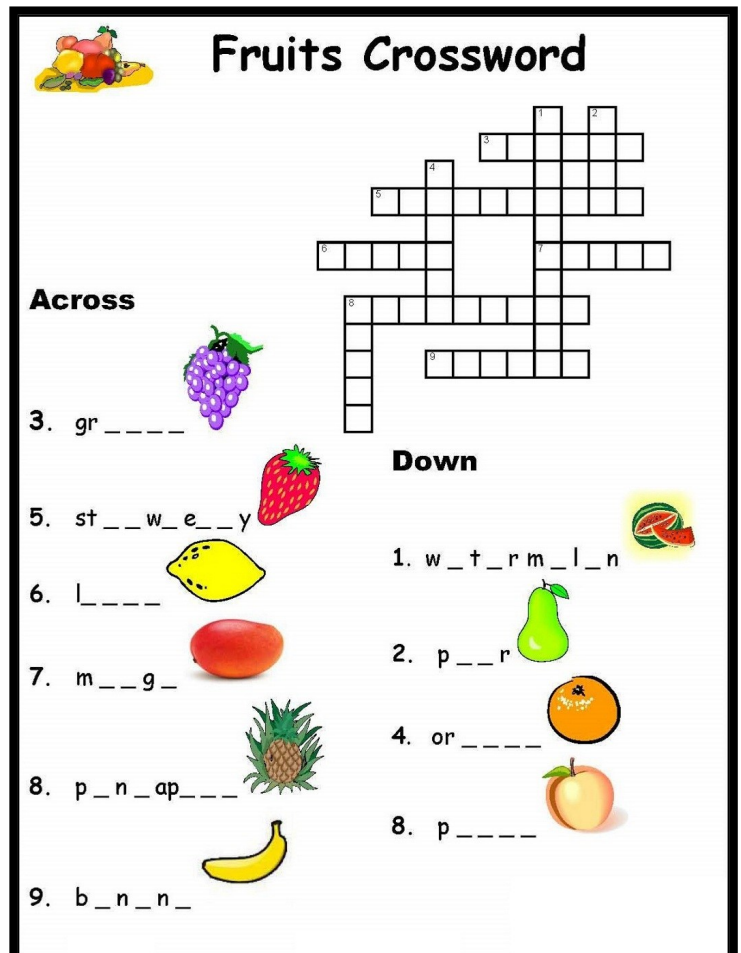
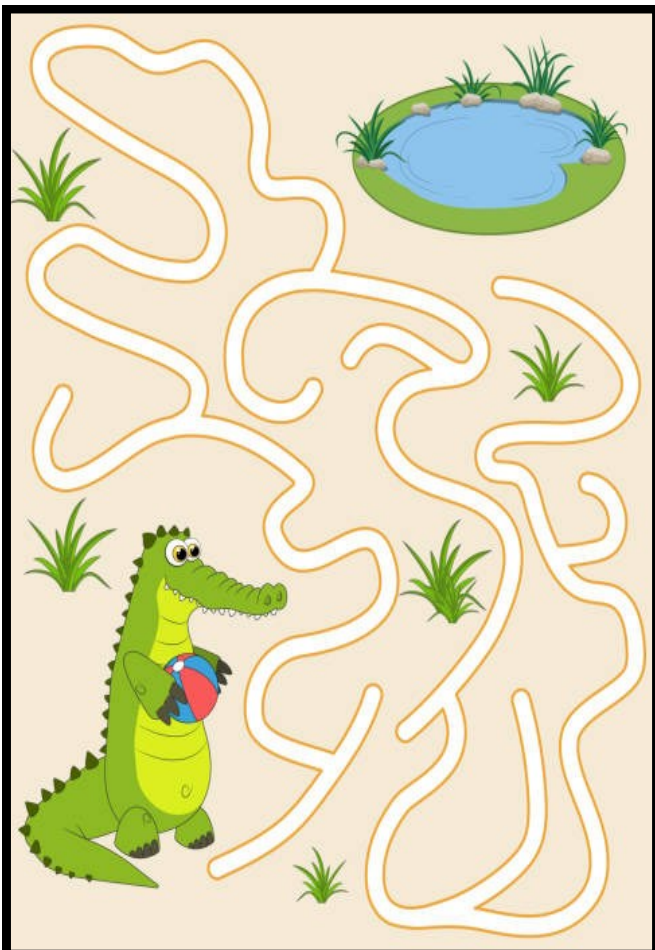
Miss Delgado - School Council Lead



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

There are many free educational resources available for parents and children. Here are a few that you may find of interest. If you know of any that are not listed below, and feel they would be beneficial to parents and/or children, then please let the school know.

- <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/> - Learn English, songs, and stories.
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - Good site with some free phonics games.
- <https://www.funwithspot.com/> - Try creating your own spot story.
- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/> - Lots of maths and literacy games.
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - Games of varying quality to support different areas of learning.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - Great learning resources.
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Interactive books and reading resources to share with children.
- <https://urbrainy.com/> - The 'Daily Challenge' covers maths, mental arithmetic skills for all primary schools
- <https://ictgames.com/> - Great numeracy and literacy resources.



HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

There has been some friendly class rivalry in school this half of the term for the class who has the best attendance each week. Here is the list of weekly winners:

Week 1: Year 6 - 96.79%

Week 2: Year 1 - 97.33%

Week 3: Year 1 - 97.00%

Week 4: Year 4 - 97.93%

Week 5: Year 3 - 97.00%

Week 6: Year 4 - 97.06%

The overall winner for this half term is: Year 6 with an average attendance of 95.47%.

We are very pleased with the effort the children have made with their attendance this term, and well done to their parents too!

As you are likely aware, one of the education areas that the government is focusing on is school attendance. This is due to an increase in poor attendance since the pandemic. The following is an exert from 'working together to improve school attendance' DFE 2024

The law on school attendance and right to a full-time education

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

VISITORS COMMENTS

"Thank you all for my warm welcome and for creating such a great environment for our children. Appreciate all you do!"

Parent volunteer

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Does your child know how to stay safe online?

The NSPCC have an online safety quiz on their website. Below is an excerpt of that quiz. It is a great quiz to sit down and go through with your child, and the online version has helpful detailed explanations for each question. Try this quiz with your child (answers on the next page).

1. You've received a friend request from someone you don't know. Do you accept them?

- a) *No, you decline the request and block them. If it's made you feel uncomfortable or worried you tell a parent/guardian/teacher.*
- b) *Yes, and then send them a message asking who they are.*
- c) *You ask your friends to find out if anyone knows who the person is and only accept if someone else knows them.*

2. You want to post a video to TikTok, but you were wearing your school uniform in the video. Does it matter?

- a) *No it doesn't matter, everyone knows which school you go to anyway.*
- b) *It would be better without the uniform but you can't be bothered to refilm it.*
- c) *Yes, it matters because your uniform has the school name on it, which is personal information, and it can give away your location.*

3. Your friend always 'checks in' to whatever location you are at, tagging you in the post too. Should you ask her to stop tagging you?

- a) *Yes, ask your friend not to check in because you don't want to share your location.*
- b) *No, just have a competition to see who can tag who the quickest next time.*
- c) *You'd like to, but you know they will say you are being silly by not wanting them to tag you.*

4. You get an email from the app you use all the time asking for your password to fix a problem with your account. What do you do?

- a) *Reply straight away with your password - you don't want to risk losing access.*
- b) *Don't click on any links, but go to the app itself and check for any genuine messages.*
- c) *Reply asking for confirmation that the e-mail is genuine and not a scam before sending your password.*

5. In a game chat someone you don't know sends you a link. What do you do?

- a) *Don't click on any links. You can report the message or just delete straight away.*
- b) *The name looks familiar, so you click the link to see if it is anything interesting.*
- c) *Forward it to your friend to see what they think.*

6. Someone you know has sent you a message saying horrible things about another person. What should you do?

- a) *Agree with them, you don't really like the other person anyway.*
- b) *Don't reply to the message, but take a screenshot and show it to an adult you trust.*
- c) *Ignore it and delete the message, you don't want to get involved.*

7. You find out someone has shared an embarrassing photo of you, what should you do?

- a) *Just ignore it and hope that it will be a photo of someone else they find funny tomorrow.*
- b) *Message them and call them names to get back at them.*
- c) *You know it will be embarrassing, but it is best to tell an adult you trust (a parent or teacher) what has happened so they can help.*

- 8. You've been chatting to another player on an online game for a few weeks and they've suggested meeting up at the weekend. What do you say?**
- a) This feels a bit weird, so tell an adult you trust (or a Childline counsellor).
 - b) Say yes as long as you can meet in a busy place.
 - c) Take your best mate along with you, you'll be fine if there are two or you.
- 9. How do you find out if a new game you want to play is suitable for your age?**
- a) Look it up on the app store or game developer site and see what age rating it has.
 - b) Ask your mates if they are playing it. If they are, you can get it too.
 - c) You just play the games you like, so don't bother checking what the age rating is.
- 10. While playing a game a new player joins in with a rude username. They join in the chat and say some horrible things to you. What should you do?**
- a) Just ignore it, they obviously don't like you and you don't want to make it worse.
 - b) Stop playing the game, you don't want to have to hear the horrible comments.
 - c) Report the player to the game and block them. Talk to your parent/adult.
- 11. You use a chat site to talk about a game while you are playing, but one person keeps going off topic and asking things like what you are doing at the weekend and where are you going. Is this weird and should you answer?**
- a) Ignore the off topic comments. If they keep doing it report it to a moderator.
 - b) Tell them all about your weekend plans and what you are going to be doing,
 - c) Message them privately and tell them your plans - you don't want the rest of the chat group to know.
- 12. You are struggling to pass a level on a game. A friend says that they can pass the level for you if you give them your password to log in. Should you do this?**
- a) If it gets you to the next level you'd try anything!
 - b) Say yes, but make them promise to forget your password straight away.
 - c) Say thanks but no thanks because you don't share passwords (or other personal information), but ask for some tips about the game instead.

The above information was provided by www.nspcc.org.uk

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

CRAWLEY SIGNAL BOX (BRIGHTON ROAD)

Many of you may have noticed the old railway signal box by the railway crossing at the end of Brighton Road. They often have open days where you can have a look around the signal box. It really is an interesting piece of our Crawley history and is well worth a look. It is a great experience for children (especially if you happen to be in the signal box when a train is going past). Their next open days will be on **Saturday, 21st March 2026 , between 12:00 midday – 4:00p.m.** The signal box is only kept open and in such good condition due to the volunteers who give up their time to preserve it's history, so your support would be greatly appreciated. It's a lovely opportunity to make a memory with your child.



TEN LITTLE TOES BABY BANK

We try to support Ten Little Toes Baby Bank when we can. They work very hard to make sure every growing family gets off to a good start. The support they give parents, carers and children is invaluable. If you are ever in a position to make a donation to them you can find out what donations would be of use by having a look on their website.

If you are ever in need and would like to ask Ten Little Toes Baby Bank for help, you can contact them in one of the following ways:-

Website: www.tenlittletoesbabybank.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tenlittletoesbabybank

Instagram: @tenlittletoes_babybank

TikTok: @tenlittletoes_babybank

JUNIOR PARK RUN AT TILGATE

Tilgate junior parkrun is a FREE 2km event for juniors of all standards, which takes place every Sunday at 9:00am in Tilgate Park,

It offers an opportunity for all the family to get involved and come together on a regular basis to enjoy Tilgate Park. They want to encourage people to run, walk, volunteer and be together irrespective of their ability.

Taking part is easy – just register in advance before your first ever parkrun. Your individual barcode can then be used for this weekly 2k event, or on any of the weekly 5k parkruns around the country.

It is a free event but Park Run ask you to please register at **<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/>** before you first come along. You only need to register with Park Run once.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Manor Green School are holding a Zumba fundraising event. If you want to help raise money for their school, and you love to dance, then you can scan the QR code below, or e-mail them, to book yourself a place.

FRIENDS OF MANOR GREEN

DANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SHOW THE LOVE ♥ FEEL THE BEAT

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 2.30PM **3-6PM**

friends@mgprimary.co.uk

CHARITY NUMBER 1009000

MANOR GREEN COLLEGE RH11 0DX



COST OF LIVING CRISIS — WHERE TO FIND HELP IF YOU NEED IT

turn2us

This website is designed to help you find out if you are able to get help with your energy bills. There are many grants out there you may not know about. Some energy suppliers have their own grant scheme in place. You can ask your supplier if they have a scheme, and what the criteria is for claiming a grant. Turn2us also has other useful links in relation to other household bills e.g. water bills. To search for grants that you may be eligible for, you can use an easy tool on <https://www.turn2us.org.uk>. Tel: 0808 802 2000

StepChange Debt Charity

If you are worried about any debt, you can contact the StepChange Debt Charity for free advice on <https://www.stepchange.org>. Tel: 0800 138 1111

Food Banks in Crawley

There are a number of food banks in Crawley, if you do a web search you should be able to find some details. Listed below are some contact details to help get you started:

Freeshop - info@freeshopcrawley.com - Tel: 07861 907133

Crawley Food Bank Partnership (they are The Easter Team and also Crawley Open House who are working together)

Tel The Easter Team: 07940 900948/Tel Crawley Open House: 01293 447702

Government and Local Council Resources

The government have an online tool to help people check the benefits and financial support they might be able to apply for. You can check at:

www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support you can also find help at:

www.crawley.gov.uk/moneyworries

Your local council may be able to help you pay for things like:

- Energy and water bills;
- Food;
- Essential items such as clothes or even an oven.

This help is known as Welfare Assistance or the Household Support Fund. Each council runs its own scheme. The help they offer, and who can get it, varies. Ask your local council if they run one of these schemes. You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from your local council. If you are in receipt of benefits, they will not be affected if you get help from one of these schemes. See below for information on the WSCC Community Hub.

COMMUNITY HUB

WSCC have a community hub for anyone who may need help. You can request support from the Hub, including accessing the Household Support Fund, and where to get advice.

WSCC are focused on making sure they continue to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

If your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food within the next two days, please phone [033 022 27980](tel:03302227980) so that they can make sure you get the help you need as quickly as possible.



CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is Calpol paracetamol 6+ (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. This is also relevant for antihistamine's. We use Piriton, but only if the parent has provided written consent and also verbal consent just before it is administered. No child is allowed to carry their own medication in school. Please speak to the school office for further advice.

TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL

At the end of the school day it has been noted that parents are allowing their children to play on the trim trail outside the classrooms. If you do allow your child to use the trim trail (or tyres) at drop off/collection time it is **your responsibility** to ensure they use it safely. Please keep an eye on your children at all times during drop off/collection to/from school to ensure their safety.

UNIFORM

You can order uniform with the school logo from: www.myclothing.com or buy it without a logo from a local supermarket/shop.

MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

BIRTHDAYS AND TREATS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are individually wrapped, nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade.

Also, from time to time throughout the school year, we will give out sweet treats to children. We will ensure we always meet a child's dietary requirements. **Please inform the school if you do not want your child to be given any sweet treats.**

ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, when that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

FILMS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER (AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Mainly at Christmas and Easter time we will sometimes arrange for the children to watch a film as an end of term treat. The films will either be a 'U' or 'PG' certificate. We would never show a film that we judged to be inappropriate. **However, if you do not wish your child to watch a 'PG' certificate film then please let the school office know so that a different film can be chosen for your child's class to watch.**

NO NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school. This means that no food brought into school by either children or staff should contain nuts. This includes Nutella (there are other alternative chocolate spreads available that do not contain nuts).

FIRST AID

We have trained First Aid staff at our school setting. If you do not wish for your child to receive First Aid (non emergency) then the onus is on you as a parent/carer to inform the school of your decision.

Reception Parents **Maths Workshop**

***All parents of children in
Reception are invited to attend
the Maths workshop on***

Wednesday, 25th February 2026

From 9:00-10:00a.m.

***We hope you will be able to
join us.***



Neighbourhood Action Team engagement event

Wednesday 18 February from 12 noon to 2pm
at The Charis Centre

A free event for local residents and families.

Come along and meet your Neighbourhood Action Team, chat with local service providers, and find out what's happening in your community.

Free tea, coffee and cakes available as well as activities for children and young people to enjoy. Also a chance to connect with local support services.

Everyone is welcome – please pop along and say hello!

For more information contact
vikki.jacobs@crawley.gov.uk



CREATIVE
CRAWLEY



Playmaker Open Day
Music, dance, poetry, art, food and more

Wednesday 18 Feb
11am - 3.30pm

Unit 79/80 County Mall Shopping
Centre, Crawley (1st floor, opposite Primark)

FREE



Scan to book
or view more
information

No need to book, drop in anytime
☎ 079511 22157 | creativecrawley.com | @creativecrawley f@

What's On

African Night Fever: Live Music

11am - 11.30am | 12.45pm - 1.15pm | 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Booking recommended

SURGE VR: Virtual Reality experience by Tom Dale Company

11am - 3.30pm

Drop in on the day, no booking needed

Bharatanatyam Dance with Shreya Kallingal

11.30am - 12.30pm | 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Recommended age 7+

Join in our practical dance session

Booking recommended

Art with Silvina De Vita

11am - 3.30pm All ages welcome

Drop in on the day, no booking needed

Typewriter Poems with Woodzy

11am - 3.30pm All ages welcome

Local poet Woodzy will write you a personalised poem

Drop in on the day, no booking needed



Playmakers OpenDay, Batik Workshop // Photo by Ian Greenland
Photo on front: Liz Rambo // Photo by African Night Fever

For more event details visit creativecrawley.com

Holy Trinity School

A Church of England Secondary School

Come and See Family Day

Dear Parents & Guardians

Subject: Invitation to Holy Trinity's "Come and See Family Day"

I am delighted to share that Holy Trinity has been working on an exciting initiative called the Come and See Project. This transition programme is designed to support and enhance the move from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3, making the process as seamless as possible for your children

Families

As part of this project, we are inviting all Year 5 students and one parent/guardian to join us for our "Come and See Family Day" on Saturday, 28th March, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Holy Trinity School to take part in some secondary school lessons.

Get Involved:

- Please share our invitation with all Year 5 families.
- Spaces are limited, so families will need to book their place using the QR code provided on our leaflet.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school community.

Scan here to sign up!





Play tennis at Crawley Parks Tennis

**Exclusive
offer for you**

An annual household season ticket covering all courts costs **Crawley residents just £48.20 for the year per household**. A household season ticket covers up to five people and can be used for a maximum of five hours of tennis per week and a maximum of two hours of tennis per day. – That's just 19p a game!

Or Pay and Play sessions on our award winning courts cost from just £4. An additional fee of £2.10 for members or £4.30 for non-members will be payable for the use of floodlights at West Green Park.

Where to play

Here are the Crawley Parks Tennis venues where you can play:

-  **Maidenbower Park**
Maidenbower Drive, Crawley RH10 7HG
-  **Southgate Park**
Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG
-  **West Green Park**
Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley RH11 7AJ

Fancy Joining Crawley Parks Tennis?

We've got an exclusive treat for you—£5 off your annual seasonal membership at Crawley Parks Tennis!

To activate this offer – Please email clubs.parks@ Crawley.gov.uk quoting **SCHOOLOFFER**. We will then be in touch with a link to set up your discounted annual seasonal membership. For more information on the Crawley Parks tennis see: clubspark.lta.org.uk/Crawley



Free tennis programmes

Free, social tennis sessions. You can sign up to a session at West Green Park – no matter your age, background or ability – and play tennis for free on select Saturdays at 11am.

- any child can attend Free Park Tennis
- under 12 need to be accompanied throughout the session by an adult
- 13+ can come on their own but should be picked up and dropped off by an adult

See: clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching



clubspark

crawley wellbeing

