



Easter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This Spring term seems to have gone by quickly. We hope that your children enjoyed it as much as we did. We have had some glorious weather which has meant that all the children have been able to have their playtimes together at the front of the school with use of the field. The children are still very much enjoying their new playtimes. There are many activities for them to choose from like the dressing up area, the scooters, the tyres, trim trail, painting, lego just to name a few. It is lovely to see the children being so creative.

Our Year 6 children have been working well preparing for their SATs. We are incredibly proud of their approach to their lessons and we are confident that they will do their best when the time comes for their final primary school tests.

We had a lot of donations for one of our non uniform days to collect donated items for the Ten Little Toes Baby Bank. Ten Little Toes were very grateful for all the donations.



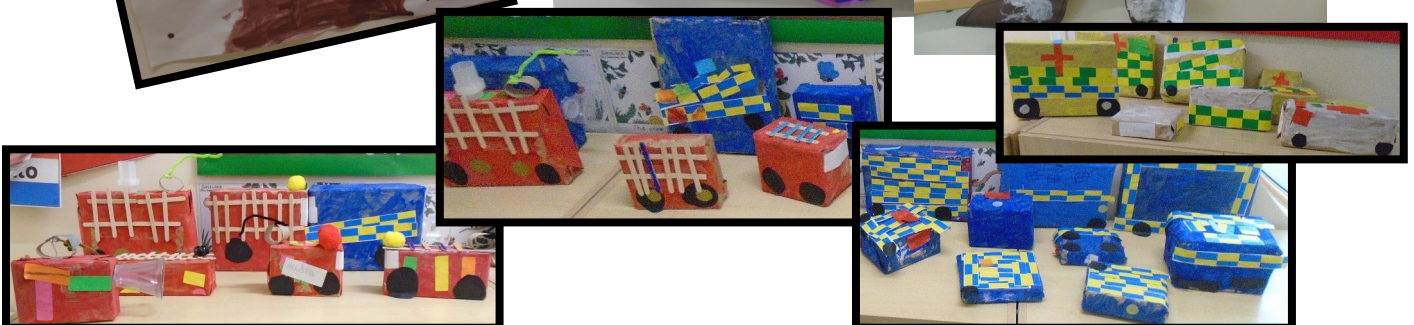
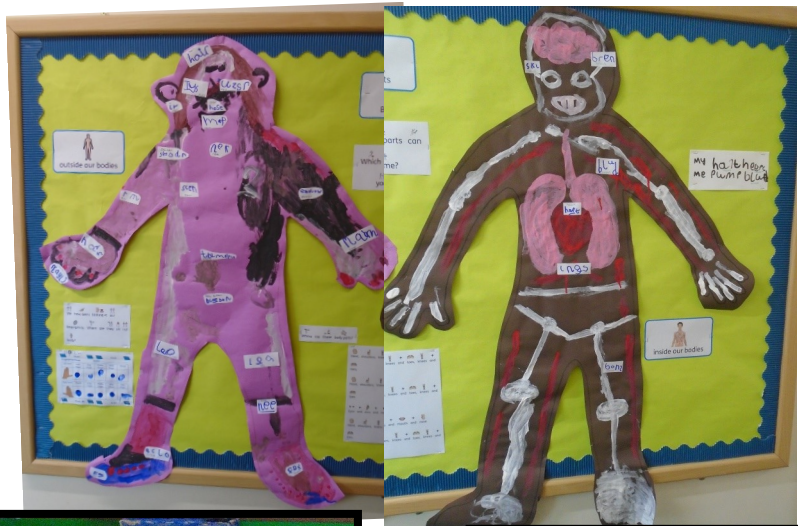
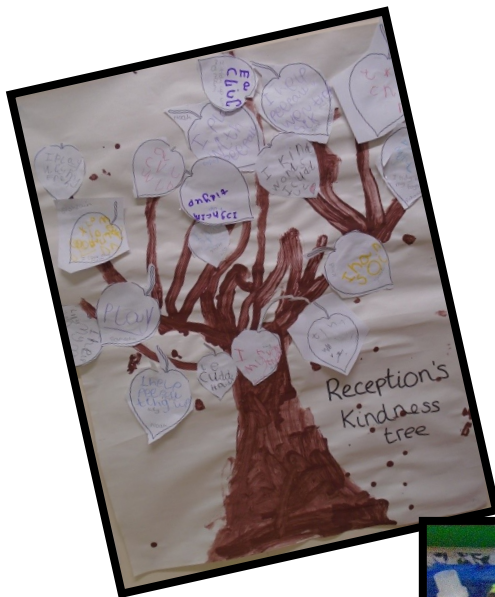
We hope you all have a lovely Easter and we will see you back in school on Wednesday, 23rd April 2025 (22nd April is an INSET day so the school will be closed to all students on that date).

Happy Easter!

West Green Team

OUTSTANDING EFFORT

The progress our Reception children have made is remarkable. They have amazed us with the quality of work they have produced this term. Here are a few examples...



YEAR 5 TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE

Year 5 visited Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre in February. They represented the school well with their good behaviour. The Year 5 teacher had this to say about the day...

“Back in February, Year 5 visited the Science Observatory in Herstmonceux. We had a great time enhancing our knowledge of Earth and Space in the workshop and enjoyed sharing what we remembered with the staff. We loved watching the roof open and the telescope move into position to see the planets and stars.

One of our highlights was playing in the discovery park, we had great fun exploring what the different pieces of equipment did. The children loved showing the parents and their teachers what they had learnt, and recreating it.”

Miss Stone - Year 5 Teacher



COME & SHARE OUR LEARNING

We had a great time this term when some parents joined us for the *Come and Share Our Learning* morning. The children were keen to show their parents what they have been learning in school, and hopefully the parents and carers were able to pick up some tips on how to help their children continue with their learning at home. We had approximately 140 parents and carers join us in school which is an amazing turnout. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us, we do realise that some parents were not able to attend due to work commitments. If you were not able to attend and have any questions about come and share our learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.



THE SCHOOL COUNCIL'S GOLDEN TABLE IDEA

The school council have come up with some fabulous ideas about how we could make lunchtimes in the school hall an even better experience for everyone. The most important decision that they have made is to call the hall at lunchtime 'The Dining Room'.

We have agreed to follow our 6 golden goals so we all have an understanding of how to be when sharing our lunch time with our friends.

The school council would like to thank and recognise those children who consistently show these goals by awarding them a golden ticket. This includes children who have hot school dinners and packed lunches. Children with golden tickets are invited to dine at the golden table on Mondays where they can showcase the goals. As a token of appreciation they will be able to choose a small gift from our treasure chest. We are hoping that during the year every child has the opportunity to receive a golden ticket.



OUR PLAYTIMES

Our school playtimes are getting better and better. There is so much for the children to do in their breaks from learning that they cannot wait to be let outside to... use the spacehoppers or the scooters, undertake a tyre challenge, go to the dress up area, use the sandpit/lego/activity table areas, play in the new nursery area where we have an enormous dolls house and reading sofa, plus many more activities. Although we've said it before, the revamped playtimes have had such a big impact on the children. They really are enjoying themselves more than we could have hoped for. Thank you to all the parents for your very kind donations. Please do remember us if you are ever having a clear out of any toys, suitcases or toy car garages that your child does not use anymore. All donations are gratefully accepted.

The children need to undertake a scooter assessment to earn their scooter license...



If they don't want to scooter they can go to our dress up area...



Or choose one of the many other activities on offer...



WORLD BOOK DAY AND OTHER NON-UNIFORM DAYS

We have had a few non-uniform days this term for World Book Day, Red Nose Day and our 'dress to impress' day to join in the Eid celebrations. The World Book Day celebrations are one of our favourite non-uniform days as it is lovely to see how creative the children and their parents/carers are, and also because we love to celebrate the joy of reading. We also held a spoon decorating competition and a pre-loved book sale which overall raised a total of £350 for the school. On our World Book Day the children particularly enjoyed a visit from a children's author called Zehra Hicks. They were delighted to hear about how she creates her stories, and she also taught them how to create their own book character. The children had a great time, and we were very proud of how welcome they all made her feel.



Here are some of the runners up, including the winners, of the spoon decorating competition...

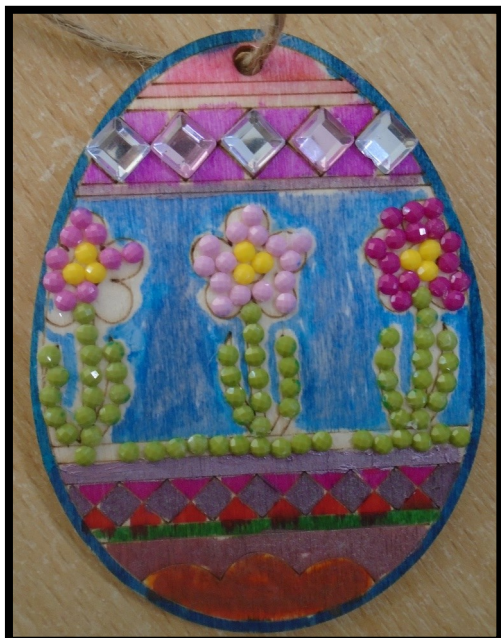


EASTER COMPETITION

This term the children have had the chance to enter our Easter competition. This involved the children decorating an Easter egg tree ornament which were then hung on our Easter tree. The entries we received were lovely, and they made our tree look amazing. Thank you to everyone who entered, here are a few of the entries...



Here are the winning entries...



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 5 - 97.84%

Week 2: Year 6 - 98.33%

Week 3: Year 1 and Year 3 - 98%

Week 4: Year 1 - 98.75%

Week 5: Year 5 - 95.13%

Week 6: Year 1 - 94.17%

The overall winner for this half term is: Year 5 with an average attendance of 95.04%.

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.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

How To Spot The Signs Of Emotional Abuse

What is emotional abuse?

Emotional abuse is any type of abuse that involves the continual emotional mistreatment of a child. It's sometimes called psychological abuse. Emotional abuse can involve deliberately trying to scare, humiliate, isolate or ignore a child. Emotional abuse is often a part of other kinds of abuse, which means it can be difficult to spot the signs or tell the difference, though it can also happen on its own.

Emotional abuse includes:

- humiliating or constantly criticising a child;
- threatening, shouting at a child or calling them names;
- making the child the subject of jokes, or using sarcasm to hurt a child;
- blaming and scapegoating;
- making a child perform degrading acts;
- not recognising a child's own individuality or trying to control their lives;
- pushing a child too hard or not recognising their limitations;
- exposing a child to upsetting events or situations, like domestic abuse or drug taking;
- failing to promote a child's social development;
- not allowing them to have friends;
- persistently ignoring them;
- being absent;
- manipulating a child;
- never saying anything kind, expressing positive feelings or congratulating a child on successes;
- never showing any emotions in interactions with a child, also known as emotional neglect.

There might not be any obvious physical signs of emotional abuse or neglect, and a child might not tell anyone what's happening until they reach a 'crisis point'. That's why it's important to look out for signs in how a child is acting.

As children grow up, their emotions change. This means it can be difficult to tell if they're being emotionally abused, but children who are being emotionally abused might:

- seem unconfident or lack self-assurance;
- struggle to control their emotions;
- have difficulty making or maintaining relationships;
- act in a way that's inappropriate for their age.

The signs of emotional abuse can also be different for children at different ages.

A child who is being emotionally abused might not realise what's happening is wrong. And they might even blame themselves. If a child talks to you about emotional abuse it's important to:

- listen carefully to what they're saying;
- let them know they've done the right thing by telling you;
- tell them it's not their fault;
- say you'll take them seriously;
- don't confront the alleged abuser;
- explain what you'll do next;
- report what the child has told you as soon as possible.

For further advice you can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0800 800 5000, e-mailing help@nspcc.org.uk, or by completing the NSPCC online abuse form via their website.

STAFFING UPDATES



We say a fond farewell to our Clerk to Governors, Sue Burrage. She has worked either at the school, or been Clerk to Governors for 17 years. She has decided the time has come to hang up her notebook to be able to spend more time with her new grandchildren. Sue will be very much missed, but we wish her all the best in the future.

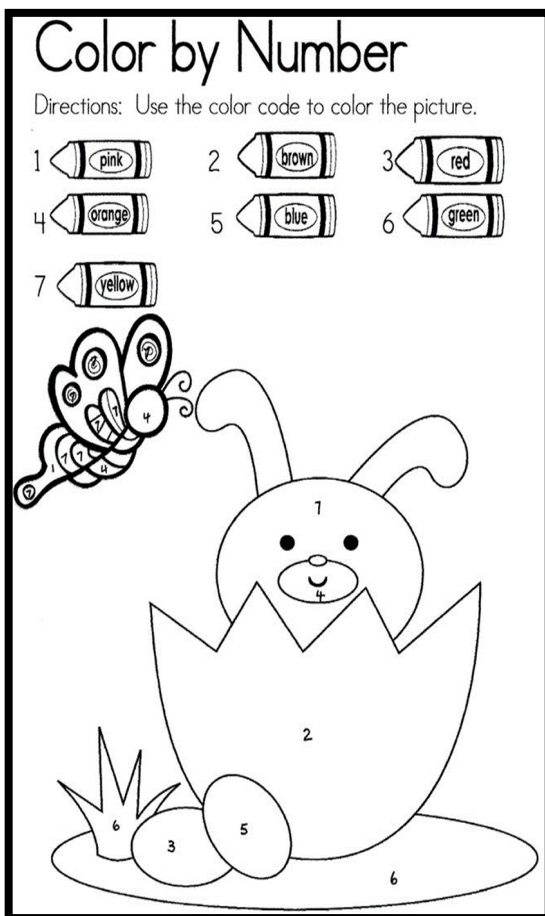


One of our Midday Meals Supervisors, Mrs Salman, started her maternity leave. She has since given birth and is enjoying her time with her new baby. We wish her and her family good health, and lots of sleep when possible!

VISITORS COMMENTS

"A well organised day for me. Year 3 were a delight to teach. Mannerful, respectful and keen to learn. I'd be happy to teach these children again anytime the school would like me to!"

Steve Price - Agency staff



Can you and your child find these words in the above word search?

Basket

Church

Jesus

Tomb

Bonnet

Egg

Lent

Chick

Fun

Spring

We will keep you updated on our new starters as and when they arrive. You can find information on school jobs that are currently available by visiting: www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/

You can then type in the location where you are searching for jobs, i.e. Crawley, Horsham etc.

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, 19th April 2025, 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](https://www.instagram.com/tenlittletoes_babybank)

TikTok: [@tenlittletoes_babybank](https://www.tiktok.com/@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.



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.

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.



Gardening Session Volunteers wanted!

Are you looking for some flexible volunteering that gives back to the community, whilst benefiting your health and wellbeing? Would you like to get out in nature and meet others? Or are you a passionate gardener that would like to share your skills?

The Crawley Growing Together Project by Crawley Community Action are looking for volunteers to help revamp a green space in West Green so it can be enjoyed by all the community.

ALL WELCOME, NO COMMITMENT

To find out more or book onto a session
contact Emily
emily.thorpe@crawleycommunityaction.org
or phone/ text : 07716641409



Play tennis at Crawley Parks Tennis

Exclusive offer for you

Did you know that Crawley has nine refurbished and upgraded tennis LTA registered courts? Located at Maidenbower, Southgate and West Green Park.

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 you can pay and play for just £8 per hour on a pay and play basis. 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.

Fancy Joining Crawley Parks Tennis?

Enjoy a special £5 off voucher for an annual seasonal membership at Crawley Parks Tennis.

To activate this offer – Please email parks.tennis@crawley.gov.uk quoting **SCHOOLOFFER1**. 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 Sundays at 10am.

- 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

Coming soon

Free sessions for individuals, families and carers (aged 12 and over) at Maidenbower Park every Saturday from 11am to 12pm.

- for all ability levels
- all equipment provided

For more information, visit: clubspark.lta.org.uk/Maldenbower

Where to play

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

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

£5 Voucher

LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN **clubspark** **crawley wellbeing** **Crawley Borough Council**

Kids tennis at Crawley Parks

with Summit Tennis

TENNIS TOTS Walking to six years old

TENNIS TITANS 5.5 years to 8.5 years old

TENNIS TROOPERS 8.5 to 12.5 years old

TENNIS TALKERS 12.5 years to 16 years old

Come along to one of our fun, free Easter taster sessions

Thursday 10 April at Maldenbower Park

Thursday 17 April at West Green Park

For more information and to register your interest, visit summit-tennis.com/crawleyparkstaster

Summit Tennis in partnership with **Crawley Borough Council**

Crawley Wellbeing

supports the health and wellbeing of people who live and work in Crawley.

If you are looking to make some healthy lifestyle changes we offer:

- face-to-face and virtual wellbeing appointments (including body composition scales)

Our 1:1 support includes:

- nutritional support
- weight management
- advice on being more active
- reducing alcohol intake
- blood pressure checks
- smoking cessation
- NHS health checks
- emotional wellbeing
- workplace wellbeing

Plus signposting to a wide range of in-house and community provisions.

If English is your second language, you're welcome to bring along someone to support you to access the service.

Contact us today:

✉ wellbeing@crawley.gov.uk

🌐 crawley.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk

☎ 01293 585317

crawley wellbeing **Crawley Borough Council**

FREE English conversation group

- Practice English
- No need to book - come to to any class.
- Free tea, coffee and a warm welcome!
- Spaces are limited to 15 people

Date: Every Thursday until and including 5th June

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Where? Broadfield Community Centre, Crawley, RH11 9BA

Questions? Visit: www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/crawleycafe or scan code

☎ 01273 944 460

Note:

- These groups are conversation practice - not formal classes
- They won't affect benefits
- We can't give out certificates

citizens advice in West Sussex North South East

Community Champions Crawley

Crawley Borough Council

**Sussex
Dental
Helpline**



NHS

If you need urgent dental help and cannot find a dentist, the Dental Helpline can book you an urgent appointment with an NHS dentist.

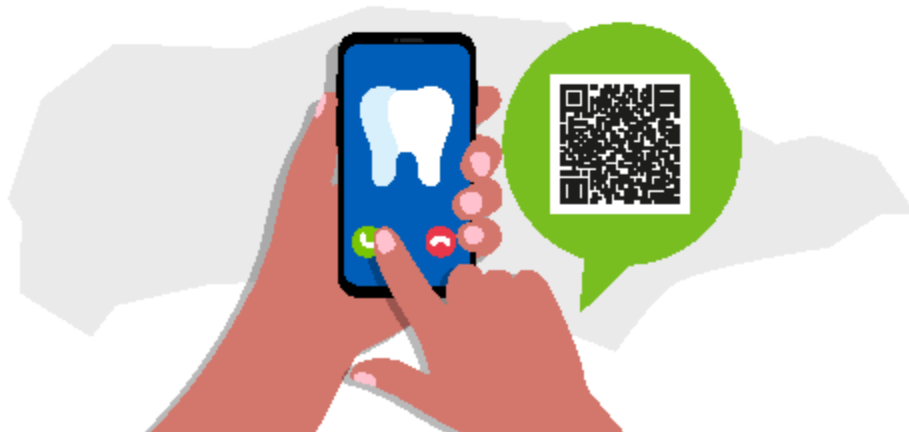
For up to-date-information and support on getting urgent dental care, contact:



0300 123 1663

Monday to Friday 8am and 4pm

Alternatively, email: kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net for more information.



RESPECT OUR SCHOOL

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at school, you should do the following:



Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.



Do not park on zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.



Please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.



Walk your child to school whenever possible and then go home and collect your car for your onward journey.