

Head's Lines

It has been another successful week in school, filled with memorable moments and wonderful opportunities for our children to shine.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic Rocksteady concert, where pupils from across the school showcased their hard work, dedication and musical flair. Their confidence on stage was inspiring, and it was clear just how much practice and perseverance had gone into their performances. This morning, we were treated once again to more musical talent as our pianists played beautifully in assembly. They demonstrated real bravery, composure and skill. Well done to every child who took part.

Today, Year 3 enjoyed their much-anticipated trip to Wisley. We're thrilled that the weather held for them, and we look forward to hearing all about the learning, exploring and hands-on experiences they enjoyed throughout the day.

We are also delighted that the field is now dry enough for the children to use again at playtimes. With this comes the return of our OPAL equipment, now refreshed and relaunched as Crawley Play. A huge thank you to Miss Chick and Miss Gomm for their continued leadership, enthusiasm and creativity in driving this forward. Their work has had such a positive impact on the quality of play for all children.

As the field reopens, we kindly remind parents that children need spare trainers for lunchtime every day, including on PE days. This helps prevent mud being brought into classrooms after play and keeps our indoor spaces clean and safe for everyone.

Looking ahead, our Year 6 residential takes place next week, and excitement is certainly building! Trips of this scale take significant planning, organisation and commitment, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all staff involved. Their dedication ensures that the children can enjoy a rich, memorable and safe experience, and we are incredibly grateful for their time and care.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Trefor Hogg, our local councillor, for his support in helping us secure funding for the new road-safety signs outside our school. These improvements will help keep everyone in our community safer during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a positive week ahead.

Kind regards, Mrs Egan

Diary Dates for next week:

Tuesday 17th March - French Day

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March - Year 6 Residential

Thursday 19th March - Year 4 Greek Day and Portals to the Past workshop

Looking ahead:

Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th March - Year 5 Residential

Week commencing Monday 23rd March - Year 4 Bikeability

French Day



Key information:

- Celebration of French Culture
- Interactive Theatre Performance - please make payment contribution of £2.10 via Arbor
- Pupils may come to school in their own clothes but it must be in a French theme or colours of the French flag (no football shirts please)
- We have asked the pupils to bring in a French themed packed breakfast on the day and each class will enjoy their petit déjeuner together. Suggested items for the breakfast include croissants, brioche, fruit etc (NO NUTS).
- The children have been asked to produce a fact file about the geography, history and culture of a French speaking country e.g. Luxembourg, Madagascar, Monaco. This work can be presented as a leaflet or a poster and should be no larger than A4. On the back of their work pupils should write their name and class. The deadline for this voluntary competition is Monday 16th March, the day before French Day. There will be a small prize for the best in each year group and the pieces of work will be put on display around the school.

Wow work winners

Maple: Elias

Chestnut: Elias and Marnie

Hazel: Bonnie

Rowan: Maisy

Sycamore: Bleu

Beech: Gabrielle



Spotlight on Year 3

This week in Science, Year 3 have been busy deepening their understanding of skeletons. We have been exploring different types of animal skeletons, identifying key bones, and discovering how each structure helps animals move, protect themselves, or even hunt! The children have loved comparing how varied skeletons support the needs of different species.

We have been buzzing with excitement for our Wisley today. During our visit, we'll be exploring a wide range of plant life — from lush rainforest vegetation to discovering the oldest bonsai tree in the collection. It promises to be an inspiring day full of curiosity and wonder! Photos from the trip will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Year 6 Residential Medications

Please ensure that all medications that are needed for the year 6 Residential are brought into school at the end of the day **next Tuesday afternoon** so that they can be carefully checked against the medication sheets you have completed. It is important that we have everything in advance where possible as there will be extremely limited time available on the Wednesday morning prior to leaving to be able to do this.

Forest School Club - Summer term

Mr Grogut, Mrs Fitzjohn and Mr Herzog will be running an after school Forest School club on Tuesday afternoons during the Summer term at a cost of **£60** for the term (10 sessions). Please send an email to the school office (school@crj.tamat.org.uk) if you would like to register your child's interest in attending. We hope to be able to confirm places by Friday 27th March with payment being made via Arbor prior to the first session on Tuesday 21st April.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 9th March 2026

96%

Oak: 99.7% Elm: 98%
Maple 97.5% Chestnut: 97.3%
Hazel: 95.7% Sycamore: 94.5%
Beech: 93.9% Rowan 92%

Library Cards

We are excited to announce the introduction of library cards, along with a library visit for each child by the end of the year.

To ensure your child receives their library card, kindly complete the Microsoft Form provided by next Monday 16th March. Cards will be sent directly to the school and distributed by the Easter Holidays.

Thank you for your continued support with Reading for Pleasure. After the enthusiasm shown during World Book Day last week, we are sure you will agree that this is a wonderful new opportunity for all our pupils.

Parent Form:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=RbVh2UwQ0E6Fgh9XDwWVzb2KGT9ZL2JBhulmVExgSGpUNkhRMk5KQzRXQIQIS1oyVVYyRUZQNII4UC4u&route=shorturl>

Housepoint totals this week



730



570



553



524



8th & 9th April 10-3



Calm Crew Easter Half Term Holiday Club Crawley Ridge Junior School



<https://forms.gle/QPjFDLN85YeGpoRG9>



Crafting fun, chill vibes, playful antics, & fresh friendships!