

Weekly News

Friday 2nd October 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for helping our recent parent consultations run so smoothly, both online and in person. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and it was wonderful to have so many positive conversations about the children's learning and progress. We would also like to extend our thanks to the PTA for providing refreshments on Wednesday evening, helping to create a warm, welcoming and relaxed atmosphere in the school hall.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome children's author S.E. Durrant to school. Sue shared insights into her journey as a published author and talked to the children about the writing process behind her four books. One fact that particularly amazed the pupils was learning that she may rewrite a chapter up to fifty times before she is happy with it.

Our curriculum has also been brought to life beyond the classroom. Year 4 were the first year group to head out on a curriculum trip this year, visiting Camberley town centre to support their History and Geography learning. Over the coming weeks, every year group will have the opportunity to enhance their learning through educational visits. Year 5 are looking forward to a visit to Hampton Court Palace as they begin their Tudor studies, while Year 3 will travel to Butser Ancient Farm to explore reconstructed Iron Age and Roman buildings. At the same time, Year 6 will be embarking on their residential trip, where they will develop resilience, independence and teamwork through a range of outdoor activities. We cannot wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.

At lunchtime, Crawley Play fun continues to grow from strength to strength. With additional resources gradually being introduced, our Year 3 pupils are now confidently following our risk-benefit approach, carefully assessing the structures they build, where they climb and how they use equipment such as wheelie boards safely. It has been wonderful to see the creativity, problem-solving and cooperation developing through play.

Finally, thank you for your understanding and support over the last two weeks as we have experienced a period of illness among both pupils and staff. We are pleased to report that the staff team is now almost fully recovered and our pupils are bouncing back well. We appreciate the kindness and patience shown by our whole school community during this time.

Laura Smart (Assistant Headteacher)

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th October - Flu vaccinations and Y6 height and weight checks
 Tuesday 6th October - Harvest Assembly
 Wednesday 7th October - Year 6 Maya workshop
 Friday 9th October - Mental Health wear something yellow day
 Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th October - Year 6 Residential
 Tuesday 13th October - Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
 Wednesday 14th October - Year 3 trip to Butser Farm

Weeks commencing 19th and 26th October HALF TERM

Tuesday 3rd November - Year 4 Swimming lessons commence (every Tuesday morning for 5 weeks)
 Wednesday 25th November - Y5 Sports Crew training (by invitation)
 Thursday 26th November - Year 5 trip to the Mary Rose
 Wednesday 9th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert



Author Visit

Harvest Assembly - Tuesday 6th October

Next Tuesday we will be holding our annual harvest assembly and, as in previous years, we would like to collect donations to be given to The Besom Charity in Camberley. This is a charity who help support people in need and will ensure donations are passed on to families in need of support. Therefore, if your child would be able to bring in a small item to donate at our Harvest assembly on Tuesday we would be extremely grateful.

Please refer to the harvest list below for information about the donations that The Besom have advised us are most needed, noting that food items should have a use by/best before date of at least a month.

Food items:

Tinned Peas/carrots/potatoes/sweetcorn (both sizes)
Mashed Potato
Tinned or Packet Soups
Tinned meals such as mince & onion / chicken in sauce / curry / Spam / Corned Beef etc.
All sizes of Pasta sauce OR other sauces such as sweet/sour, curry
Bags of Pasta & Rice and Pouch Rice (ready cooked for 2 people)
Pouches or tinned Lentils/Grains/Pulses
Tinned fruits – Pineapple/peaches/cocktail etc. all sizes in juice
Tinned or Packet custard & Tinned Rice pudding
Tinned or ambient sponge puddings
Long-life Semi skimmed Milk
500gm granulated sugar
Jam / Marmalade
Sugar free squash / Cartons of Juice (long life)
Coffee (Instant)
Cereals such as Cheerio, Rice Krispies, Weetabix (or own brand equivalent)
Biscuits - any kind/size!

Baby items:

Nappies; Baby wipes; Baby toiletries; Baby food

Cleaning items:

Surface spray; Bleach; washing up liquid; washing tabs; hand soap

Toiletries:

Male/female deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner

Reminder: School Photos

The deadline for ordering individual and sibling photos for free delivery to the school is this Sunday evening (4th October). The photographer has advised us that if anyone has lost their QR code you can contact him via the following email:

orders@proportraits.net

You will need to include your child's name, class and school in your communication to him.

Year 6 Residential

Final details and kit list for the year 6 Residential were emailed to parents on 30th September. Key points to remember:

- Children should be dropped off at Oakwood between 9-9.15am on Monday 12th October
- They will need a packed lunch for the first day and should have a refillable water bottle with them
- Children will need to bring a pillow and either a sleeping bag or duvet from home for their bed
- Medications must be given directly to a CRJS staff member on arrival and cross checked with the information on the pre-filled medical form. Inhalers and Epipens that are currently held in school will be transferred to the Activity centre and stored safely with all other medicines for the duration of the visit.
- Collection time from Oakwood on Wednesday 14th October will be 4pm.

Please note that children who will not be attending the Residential are expected to attend CRJS as normal from Mon-Weds, where a special timetable will be put in place for them.

Young Voices

If your child is taking part in the Young Voices concert please don't forget to register for the young voices hub to purchase your audience tickets and merchandise. Information on how to do this was provided in the email sent out to you on the 21st September.

Wow Work Winners

Oak - Leila
Elm - Izzy
Maple - Alf
Chestnut - Olivia
Hazel - Lucia
Rowan - Leia
Sycamore - Emily
Beech - Valerii



Mental Health Wear Something Yellow Day - Friday 9th October

As part of our initiative to raise awareness of mental health, the pupils are invited to wear yellow on 9th October. Our main school uniform should be worn with either a yellow accessory (tie, hair scrunchie, socks) or a yellow jumper or cardigan.

During the day, pupils will take part in mindfulness activities and learn strategies to cope with our emotions. There will be no charge for taking part although donations to Young Minds can be made at <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/> and Marks and Spencer's stores.

Join us this Hello Yellow

9 October 2026

Wear yellow and say hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising funds – so no young person feels alone with their mental health.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same.

But we can change this. By taking part in Hello Yellow you're starting a conversation about mental health wherever you are. And by funding our support – you're ensuring we can be there to pick it up where you left off.

Stand out, wear yellow on 9 October and donate what you can. Together we can support young people's mental health, when they need it – no matter what.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 28th September 2026

95%

Elm: 97.7% Rowan: 98.5%
Hazel: 98.6% Chestnut: 98.1%
Sycamore: 92% Oak: 96.3%
Maple: 96.3% Beech: 83.7%



Housepoint totals this week



COLLINGWOOD
HOUSE

666



FRIMLEY
HOUSE

647



ELSENWOOD
HOUSE

569



GRAITNEY
HOUSE

505