



Weekly News

Friday 9th October 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a short period away from school, it has been a real pleasure to return and see the wonderful learning opportunities and experiences that continue to take place across year groups. I would like to thank the staff team for their dedication and commitment, and our families for their ongoing support.

This week, we came together for our Harvest Assembly, which provided an opportunity to reflect on gratitude, community and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all the parents and carers who generously donated items. Your kindness and support will make a genuine difference to local families and organisations, and we are incredibly grateful for the contribution of our school community.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils took part in an engaging Maya Workshop, bringing their history learning to life through hands-on experiences and activities. The workshop helped pupils deepen their understanding of the fascinating Maya civilisation and sparked plenty of thoughtful questions and discussions throughout the day.

We were also delighted to welcome a large number of prospective parents to our school tour on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to share our school with so many families and to showcase the learning, enthusiasm and positive relationships that make Crawley Ridge such a special place. Our next tour for children due to start Year 3 in September 2027 will take place on 4th November. If you know of any families who may be looking for a Year 3 place, we would be very grateful if you could encourage them to book a visit and come and see our school in action.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Vicky Egan
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Friday 16th October - Hazel class assembly, 9am

Weeks commencing 19th and 26th October HALF TERM

Tuesday 3rd November - Year 4 Swimming lessons commence (every Tuesday morning for 5 weeks)

Wednesday 4th November - Year 5/6 Cross Country races (by invitation)

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

Thursday 19th November - PTA Discos

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, performances at 2pm and 6pm

Saturday 12th December - Choir to visit Collingwood Grange Care Home, 10-11am

Thursday 17th December - Carol Concert at St Pauls (children and staff only)

Friday 18th December - Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Wow Work Winners

Oak: Liam
Elm: Charlie
Maple: Milani
Chestnut: Jack
Rowan: Louis
Hazel: Willoh
Beech: Ava
Sycamore: Oliver



Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 5th October 2026

95%

Elm: 100% Hazel: 98.2%

Rowan: 98.1% Chestnut: 98.1%

Oak: 97.7% Sycamore: 94.3%

Maple: 89.6% Beech: 86%

Hazel Class Assembly - Friday 16th October

We would like to invite Hazel class parents and carers into school next Friday 16th October to join our celebration assembly at 9am in which the children in Hazel class will be sharing and celebrating their recent learning with the rest of the school. Please sign in via the main school office and you will then be directed down to the school hall by a member of staff.

We anticipate that the assembly will last no longer than 20-30 minutes.

School Lunch Orders

Just a gentle reminder that parents should be pre-ordering their child's school meal in advance via SchoolGrid. Over the past few weeks we have noticed a rise in the number of families that are not doing this and the teachers are therefore having to spend additional time at the start of each day ensuring all children who require a meal have an order placed. This in turn is leading to meal debts being accrued as payment is not being made at the point of order.

If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals please be reassured that you can pre-order on SchoolGrid and no charges will be applied to the account.

We would ask that if you are struggling to use SchoolGrid please do contact the school office as staff will be happy to explain the meal ordering process further, where this is needed.

Auto Top-Up

We have been informed today that auto top-up is now available on SchoolGrid. If you would like to take advantage of this function then please take the following steps:

- Login to SchoolGrid
- Click 'Account' at the top of your screen
- Select 'Make Card Payment' from the Account menu
- Click 'Sign up for Automatic Top-Up'
- Type the desired amount in the 'Top-Up Amount' field please note that the minimum amount is £15)
- Click 'Sign Up for Automated Top-Up
- Enter your card and billing details, then click 'Store Card Details'
- Authorise the payment in your banking app as prompted

Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court

In connection with our history topic on the Tudors, we have arranged for year 5 to visit Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday 13th October. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.00 a.m. and aim to return at 3.05pm for the end of the school day, traffic permitting.

The focus of the day is to study Court Life in Tudor times. During the day, the children will be led around King Henry VIII's State Apartments, looking at evidence of wealth and grandeur and for the heraldic symbols of the important people connected with the palace in Tudor times. They will follow an exhibition of young King Henry's life, focussing on the key characters of the time; Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell, Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. Finally, the children will have an opportunity to sketch features of Tudor architecture. The information from this visit will play a very important part in helping the children to understand more fully the difference between Court life and the lives of the ordinary people in Tudor England.

The children must wear school uniform for this visit. However, as they will be spending part of the day outside, they will need to be warmly dressed, with a waterproof coat and comfortable walking shoes/trainers. We also recommend that the girls wear black leggings or joggers, rather than skirts. They will need a packed lunch and should bring a plastic bag to sit on while they are sketching.

Choir Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that we have a fantastic opportunity to go into Collingwood Grange Care Home to do a Christmas Carol performance for its residents. Therefore, if your child would like to sign up to be part of the choir, which will be rehearsing on a **Tuesday lunchtime in Elm class with Miss Gomm and Mrs Taylor**, please let us know by registering your child through the club section of the Arbor parent portal. The choir will be starting on Tuesday 10th November. If children join the choir, they will be committing to the performance which will be happening on **Saturday 12th December at 10am**. Children will need to be brought to Collingwood Grange Care Home and picked up from there at 11am. If you have any questions, please do speak to either Miss Gomm or Mrs Taylor.

Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm

The history topic for the Autumn term is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. To further the children's understanding of this period of history, we will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday 14th October.

Whilst the children are visiting the living history village, they will take part in a series of workshops. Here they will be able to explore what it was like to live in Iron Age Britain, and gain some "hands on" experience in wattle, chalk carving, wool spinning and an archaeological excavation.

The trip involves a coach journey of about an hour, so you may feel it necessary to give your child a travel sickness tablet. Tablets for the return journey can be handed to the class teacher, with your child's name and in the original packaging with a signed, school medical form. Please send your child equipped with a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks or nut products please). The children need to wear their school jumper with jogging bottoms and old trainers as the site can be muddy. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat as most activities take place outside. Please can your child bring a pair of wellies in a named bag, as they may be needed during the day.

All children **must** be in school **by 8.35am** as we will be leaving promptly at 8.50am. We are planning to leave Butser at 2.00pm and intend to arrive back at Crawley Ridge for 3.05pm. Should there be a prolonged delay, we will inform you via email.

Mud Kitchen Fun



Housepoint totals this week



FRIMLEY
HOUSE

533



COLLINGWOOD
HOUSE

473



ELSENWOOD
HOUSE

457



GRAITNEY
HOUSE

399



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On behalf of the Time-givers,
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Karen Kendall
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