Crawley Ridge Junior School

Weekly News

Friday 6th November 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff following the two-week half term break. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy some rest and quality time together. It has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy once again this week.

I am incredibly proud that our recently published Ofsted report is now available to share with our community. The report reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of everyone at Crawley Ridge Junior School and celebrates the many strengths of our school. We are delighted that inspectors recognised the high-quality education, care and opportunities we provide for our children every day. Thank you to all our families for your continued support, which plays such an important role in our success.

The children have returned to school brilliantly after the break and have settled quickly back into their learning routines. Classrooms are already full of enthusiasm, purposeful learning and positive attitudes, and it has been lovely to see children reconnecting with their friends and teachers.

I would also like to congratulate Frimley Hall House, who were our House Point winners for last half term. Their collective effort, teamwork and positive contribution to school life earned them the highest number of house points, and they enjoyed a well-deserved mufti day today as their reward. Well done to all members of Frimley Hall House!

As we move further into the autumn term, the weather has certainly begun to change and the colder temperatures have arrived. Please can we remind families to ensure that children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. We aim to spend time outdoors whenever possible, including at playtimes and lunchtimes, and appropriate clothing helps children to remain comfortable and enjoy their time outside.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful half term ahead.

Vicky Egan
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 11th November - Year 3 and 4 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
Tuesday 8th December - Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day
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
Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner and Party Day
Thursday 17th December - Carol Concert at St Pauls (children and staff only)
Friday 18th December - Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Wednesday Football and Netball

Please note that there will be **NO** football/netball training or fixtures again on Wednesday 11h November due to the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Races that will be taking place here at Crawley Ridge that afternoon.

Wow Work Winners

Oak: Rose
Elm: Niyla
Maple: Ralph
Chestnut: Archie D
Rowan: Marnie
Hazel: Ismail
Beech: Matej
Sycamore: James



Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 2nd November 2026

95%

Chestnut: **100%** Rowan: 99.6%
Oak: 98% Elm: 97.3%
Maple: 94.4% Sycamore: 92%
Hazel: 90.7% Beech: 90.3%

Family Support Worker Coffee Morning

Our Family Support Worker, Nadine Verderame, is once again offering some one to one time with any parents or carers who would like some advice on a range of issues; families with neurodiverse and neurotypical children, behaviour issues, dealing with meltdowns, refusing to go to school, friendship issues, diet, attendance or withdrawn children. Other issues which can be discussed include separated families, abuse, cultural differences, death in families, school gate conflict, and families on low income in need of furniture, food or help with bills. Nadine is a trained counsellor and this is a great opportunity to drop in and chat if you have a pressing issue you would like to discuss. Nadine has a small number of 30 minute appointments available on the morning of **Thursday 26th November** (between 9-12). If you would like to book an appointment please email the school office (school@crj.tamat.org.uk).

Year 5/6 Cross Country Races

Well done to the 30 Crawley Ridge children who participated in the Year 5 and 6 cross country races on Wednesday afternoon against a competitive field that included runners from 4 other local schools. Mr Fewings was really impressed with the attitude and determination shown by all the participants and the way children supported each other as they ran around the course and how they celebrated each other's achievements.

We are delighted to report that Crawley Ridge came away from the event with 4 of the 12 medals that were in contention, so a big congratulations must go to:

Laura for winning the girls Aspire race
Blanka for coming second in the girls Highers race - it was an extremely tight finish with many parents picking out Blanka as the winner of the race, but unfortuately a fellow competitior was deemed to have pipped the win on their final step!
George for finishing second in the boys Highers race
Harry for finishing third in the boys Highers race

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting The Royal British Legion again this year, and traditional poppies, alongside other merchandise (snap bands, bracelets and reflectors) are now available for children to purchase during the school day. We are suggesting a donation of 50p for a traditional paper poppy and approximately £1.50/£2 for the other items. Please note that unfortunately we have been given a rather limited supply of items this year, so they are unlikely to be available for long.



Sports Crew Helpers needed

We are looking for some Year 6 Sports Crew to help out at the Year 3 and 4 cross country races that will be taking place after school at Crawley Ridge next Wednesday 11th November (3.30-4.30pm approx). Please send an email to the school office if your child would like to be involved in the event (e.g. by helping set up the course, directing visiting schools down to the field, lining the course to cheer competitors on, etc).



Reminder: Upcoming Festive Crafting Opportunities

Parent and child craft workshop:
Thursday 3rd December 6pm - 7pm Cost £4 per person - you must book a separate place for each person attending (so 2 places should be booked for a child and their accompanying adult). Please note that only children attending Crawley Ridge Juniors may participate. Open to all year groups. Maximum of 50 places.

Wreath Making:
Friday 4th December. £6 each. Open to all year groups.
15 children maximum
After school, finish at 4:10pm

NEWLY ADDED **Advanced Star Wreath Making:**
Tuesday 15th December. £6 each. Open to all year groups.
10 children maximum.
After school, finish at 4.10pm



Booking for these events will go live via the **Arbor portal** from **Friday 13th November**. Please note that the parent and child craft workshop will be available to book through the 'School Shop' and the two wreath making activities will be bookable through the 'Club' booking section of Arbor.



Reindeer Run

Crawley Ridge will once again be raising vital funds for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice this year through participation in their annual Reindeer Run. Phyllis Tuckwell is a **registered charity based in Farnham that provides free, specialist palliative and end-of-life care to adult patients and their families living with advanced or terminal illnesses**. Over the years a number of families within our school community have been supported by the charity and it is therefore a cause that is particularly close to our heart.
Children will be coming home with a sponsorship form/envelope this afternoon and we would be grateful if you would support them in finding family members/friends of the family to sponsor them for the run.
Sponsorship money should be returned to the school in the envelope by Tuesday 8th December.

Please note that we will be combining the Reindeer Run with our Christmas Jumper Day, so children may come to school on 8th December wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper on that day.

Housepoint totals this week

COLLINGWOOD HOUSE	GRAITNEY HOUSE	FRIMLEY HOUSE	ELSENWOOD HOUSE
552	488	478	474