Crawley Ridge Junior School

Weekly News

Friday 13th November 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and carers,

As we move further into the autumn term, Christmas preparations are already well underway across the school. The children are beginning to practise for performances and festive events, and there is a real sense of excitement building. We look forward to sharing these special moments with families over the coming weeks.

Yesterday, children across the school observed the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day with great respect and maturity. Staff were incredibly proud of the thoughtful way pupils reflected during this time. Throughout the week, classes have also been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day, helping children to understand the sacrifices made by servicemen and women and why we continue to remember them each year.

A reminder to all parents and carers regarding safety at drop-off and pick-up times. We have received several reports of drivers turning their vehicles outside the school gates and along Crawley Ridge. Unfortunately, this has resulted in cars mounting the pavement, and there have been a couple of near misses involving pedestrians. The pavement outside school is extremely busy, particularly at the start and end of the school day, with many children and families walking to and from school. We therefore ask all drivers to avoid turning in these areas and instead take the extra few minutes to find a safe location to turn around. The safety of our children, families and wider community must always come first, and we appreciate your support with this important matter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable run-up to the festive season.

Vicky Egan
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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 Museum
Wednesday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Pick Up
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

Wow Work Winners

Oak: Nigel
Elm: Liliana
Maple: Amelia
Chestnut: Oliver E
Rowan: Isla and Abeiku Junior
Hazel: Giselle
Beech: Kysen
Sycamore: Elisa



Xmas Craft Workshops

A reminder that Miss Chick's craft workshops are now available to book via the Arbor parent portal. Please do book early to guarantee your child's place as these events are always extremely popular. Don't forget that you must purchase a ticket for both children and accompanying adults attending the Parent and child craft workshop on Thursday 3rd December to cover the cost of the craft resources.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 9th November 2026

91%

Chestnut: 95.2% Rowan: 94.4%
Maple: 93% Oak: 91.7%
Elm: 91.3% Hazel: 90.4%
Sycamore: 88.3% Beech: 83%

Odd Socks Day



On **Monday 16th November** we will be joining forces with CBBC and the Anti- Bullying Alliance for Odd Socks Day.
The day provides an opportunity for participants to wear mismatched socks to celebrate what makes everyone unique, promote inclusion, and encourage kindness.
There is no charge to take part. We look forward to seeing a variety of socks on Monday



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 3 and 4 Christmas Concert



On Wednesday 9th December Year 3 and 4 children will be performing in a Christmas concert, with two performances taking place, one at 2pm and the other at 6pm.

We kindly ask that all children return to school for the evening performance at 6:00pm, as attendance is expected for all performers.
If you know that your child will be unable to attend, please inform their class teacher by email as soon as possible. This allows us to make any necessary adjustments to narrator roles or stage positions during rehearsals, ensuring the performance runs smoothly for everyone involved.
Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Afternoon performance: doors open at 1.50pm to parents, performance runs from 2-2.45pm approx.
Evening performance: all children to arrive at 5.50pm through the main school entrance and go to their classrooms ready for the concert to commence at 6pm. Estimated finish time is 6.45pm and If the children are going home with a member of the audience, they can be collected directly from their classroom. Remaining children will be taken up to the school office to be collected.
Children will need to wear their school uniform with a bit of added festive flair for each performance.

Tickets for parents to come and watch the concert will be available to purchase via the Arbor 'school shop' from next Monday 16th November, at a cost of £2 each. Only 2 guest tickets maximum may be purchased per family across both performances (NOT 2 tickets per performance) to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to see their child perform.

Please note that Miss Chick will be selling a selection of Christmas crafts made by children in school at this event.

Year 5 trip to The Mary Rose Museum

In connection with our history topic on the Tudors, we have arranged for year 5 to visit the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth on **Thursday 26th November 2026**. Please ensure children are dropped off at school by **8:05am that day** as we will be leaving school promptly at 8:15am and aim to return at **3.45pm**, traffic permitting. Please note this return time is subject to change, the teachers will keep us updated on the day, so do please keep an eye on your emails.

During the visit the children will have the unique opportunity to explore a real-life Tudor artefact — King Henry VIII's warship, the Mary Rose. The museum brings Tudor history to life through interactive exhibits and original objects recovered from the ship, helping students deepen their understanding of Tudor life, warfare, and exploration in an engaging and memorable way.

The children must wear school uniform for this visit. They will need to be warmly dressed, with a waterproof coat and trainers or comfortable walking shoes. We also recommend that the girls wear school uniform trousers or joggers, rather than school skirts. All children will need a packed lunch and water bottle.

If you have not already done so, please can you ensure that you have provided your consent and made payment for the trip by **Thursday 19th November** via the Arbor parent portal.

Upcoming PTA Events

Discos - Thursday 19th December:
Tickets are still available for our PTA discos and will run at the folowing times
Years 3 & 4
4.30pm to 5.30pm
Years 5 & 6
5.45pm to 6.45pm
Get your tickets at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crjsp/
Please note that ticket sales close on Monday.

Christmas Pick Up - Wednesday 2nd December
Save the date (and your cash!) for Wednesday 2nd December. After school we'll be holding a Christmas pick up with festive treats and games. It'll be like a small Christmas fair, but just as fun!



Housepoint totals this week

COLLINGWOOD HOUSE	ELSENWOOD HOUSE	GRAITNEY HOUSE	FRIMLEY HOUSE
460	345	324	320



Forest School