Crawley Ridge Junior School

Weekly News

Friday 20th November 2026

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and carers,

As we continue through this busy autumn term, there is a wonderful atmosphere across the school, with children working hard and engaging enthusiastically in their learning. It has been lovely to see some fantastic Design and Technology work taking place across all year groups in recent weeks. In particular, Year 4 have impressed us with their buggy-making project, demonstrating creativity, problem-solving skills and resilience as they designed and started to build their buggies. The children have approached the challenge with great enthusiasm and have enjoyed working collaboratively to bring their ideas to life. We look forward to seeing the finished products in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Disco yesterday evening. It was a tremendous success and a fantastic event for our school community. The children had an amazing time dancing, socialising with their friends and enjoying the celebrations. Events such as these take a great deal of planning and organisation, so we are very grateful to our PTA members and the many volunteers who gave up their time to make the evening so special. Thank you also to all the families who supported the event. The smiles on the children's faces said it all!

A gentle reminder that there are currently several illnesses and seasonal bugs circulating amongst both pupils and staff. Unfortunately, sickness remains quite prevalent across the school community. We would appreciate your support in encouraging children to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly, use tissues appropriately and maintain good hygiene habits to help reduce the spread of infection. Where possible, giving others a little extra personal space if they are feeling unwell can also help minimise transmission and keep our school community healthy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable week ahead and to sharing more of the children's successes with you.

Vicky Egan
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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, 9am - Rowan class Celebration assembly
Friday 18th December - Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Wow Work Winners

Oak: Aaban
Elm: Maxime
Maple: Lola
Chestnut: James
Rowan: Alice
Hazel: Charlotte
Beech: Arabella
Sycamore: George



Sports Crew

Congratulations to the year 5 children who have been selected to become members of the school's Sports Crew team. After receiving an unprecedentedly high volume of letters of application, Mr. Fewings met with the current Year 6 Sports Crew children where they had the extremely difficult task of selecting 12 new members. All children who applied must be commended for the high quality of their applications and for sharing so eloquently the reasons that they thought they would be best suited for the role.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 16th November 2026

88%

Chestnut: 92.6% Rowan: 84.6%
Maple: 95.2% Oak: 86.3%
Elm: 85.3% Hazel: 91.1%
Sycamore: 88.7% Beech: 80.3%

Reminder: 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 are available to purchase via the Arbor 'school shop' 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.

Upcoming PTA Events

Christmas Pick Up - Wednesday 2nd December
Join us on Wednesday 2nd December for our Christmas Pick Up. After school we'll have festive games and treats in the school hall all at pocket money prices. Do come and join if you can.



Housepoint totals this week

COLLINGWOOD HOUSE	GRAITNEY HOUSE	ELSENWOOD HOUSE	FRIMLEY HOUSE
439	350	251	246