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North Crawley CE School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1



Welcome back!

Happy New Year to all our children and families, we are pleased to welcome you back after the fun and festivities of Christmas. We are thrilled that the children have returned ready and willing to learn. A big thank you to our FONS for providing refreshments at our Christmas Nativity I am sure you will all agree it was a lovely evening in the church. We are extremely grateful for the help they give and the funds they raise for our school. We have lots of interesting events planned for the children this half term including visits and visitors from the water safety team and the fire brigade. We hope you'll continue to join us this half term for Start with a Book as we all support the National Year of Reading. We run an open-door policy, so if you need talk to your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to have a word.

Our value this half-term- Perseverance

This half term, we'll be learning all about the value of **perseverance** –we will teach the children that when you persevere you stick at something, even if things get hard, such an important value to enable children to reach their full potential.



A snowy first day back!

Kingston Gym Visits

During this half-term the children will have two afternoon visits to Kingston Gym, on the 26th January and the 9th February. This is such an important opportunity for the children to experience a fully equipped gym to develop movements and skills under



trained gymnastic coaches. Starting this week, the children will be breaking down and learning the skills to transfer on to the equipment later this month. It's also a super opportunity for the children to learn side by side with friends from Newton Blossomville and Sherington

Great Fires!



In KS1 we will be learning about the Great Fire of London as well as the fires in some of our own local towns and villages! From how the fire started to how it was eventually stopped, we are excited to fire up imaginations using three different texts which explore this event.

In science we will all explore the properties of materials and how they change, whilst in DT how to join materials together to create structures. We will all also be learning about the roles and responsibilities that come with belonging to a group and in RE exploring the big question "How do people know how to behave?"

2026 – National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire us all to make reading a regular part of our lives. Everyone know reading expands worlds, sharpens our minds and fuels creativity, but do we make enough time for reading? The tag line for the campaign is GO ALL IN. So, what-ever interests we have as individuals, as families or with friends we are encouraged to read about it and make reading fit how we live not the other way round. Follow the link to read more!

[Go All In - National Year of Reading](#)

Bishop of Buckingham Visit



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Dave in to school this week. He enjoyed meeting the children and sharing in collective worship where he talked about some of his favourite Bible stories linked to our value perseverance.

Website – take a look for:

- A calendar of term dates;
- Details about the curriculum and what the children are learning this half-term;
- The children’s timetable;
- Details of staff and governors;
- Safeguarding information
- Links to mental health support
- And much more

: [North Crawley Website](#)

Children’s Mental Health Week

This year’s theme is *“This Is My Place”*. We’ll be helping children think about where they feel safe, happy, and like they belong—at school and at home. You can join in by asking simple questions like:

“Where do you feel happiest?”

“What makes you feel part of our family?”



Little conversations make a big difference. Together, we can help every child feel they have a special place.

Hedgehog Club! 3.30-6pm

Mrs Rentell and Mrs Rini are ready to welcome your child to our new wrap around club:

Monday – Art and Crafts

Tuesday – Construction and lego

Wednesday – Sports and playground games

Thursday – Puzzles and games

Friday- Child-led play



Diary Dates

- Tuesday 20th Jan/ 10th Feb @ 1pm – Stay and Play
- Monday 26th January – Kingston Gym
- Tuesday 3rd February – Great Fire of London Day
- Friday 6th February – Begin with a Book!
- Monday 9th February – Kingston Gym
- w/c 9th February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 13th February – Break up for half-term
- Monday 23rd February - Back to school
- Monday 2nd March – London Trip
- Tuesday 11th March – Parents Consultation Meetings

A note from Mrs Wallace



Happy New Year!

There’s something lovely about January in school. The children have settled in, the Christmas excitement has passed, and now we can all take a breath and look ahead to what we want to achieve together—without the nerves that September brings.

For many of us, the New Year is about fresh starts and resolutions. This term, our value is **perseverance**, which feels very timely! We’ll be talking with the children about what it means to keep going, even when things feel tricky. It’s such an important skill—one that builds resilience and helps them face life’s challenges with confidence.

We’d love your help in chatting about perseverance at home. Maybe share a time when you didn’t give up, or talk about how you’re sticking to your own New Year’s goals.

Here’s to a happy and successful year ahead for all of us.