



# Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Headteacher's Message

Further to this week's message from Will Smith, I just wanted to introduce myself. I have managed to meet many of you at the gates in the morning and afternoons and it's been lovely to spend this week getting to know you and your children better. It is such a privilege to be steering the Crown Wood ship and I am genuinely looking forward to becoming a part of this wonderful school community over the next few weeks. On behalf of the whole team, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you back in November.



## Staffing Update

It has been lovely to welcome 2 new teaching assistants to the school - Mr Pemberton in Year 4 and Mr Hensby in Year 6. They are already settling into their role and the children have made them very welcome.

## Start of the day

Thank you for continuing to support us towards a calm start of the day, as this helps the children settle in to their learning. This is why we ask children not to play ball games on the playground or field before school. This goes alongside children not being on any large equipment as it is a health & safety issue.

The children are working hard to embed good routines and we thank you for your support with this.

## Year 1

In our Wider Curriculum lessons this term, Year 1 have been exploring the topic: A Day in the Life. One of our favourite themes has been People Who Help Us. We learned all about the emergency services and the important jobs they do to keep us safe. The children also had great fun designing and making their own emergency vehicles, using their creativity and imagination to bring their ideas to life!



## Librarian

Would you like to come and volunteer to work in the library one or two afternoons per week?

The children love reading the books and discussing them with their friends. It would be a great opportunity to support your school community. We would welcome a job share.

Training would be given on the computer system which the children use. If you would be interested in this role you would need to complete a DBS check and complete some safeguarding training.

Please contact Miss Young - the Library Lead - via the school office.



## Clubs

Don't forget that the clocks go back during the half term holiday on Sunday 26 October and the nights will be getting darker. All children must be collected from after school clubs. No child will be allowed to walk home by themselves.



## Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the story 'Mr Men on Holiday' in order to write recounts in English. They have enjoyed exploring Mr Men books so much that 2EW then designed their own Mr Men characters during their Forest School sessions which they then turned into clay creations (check out Mr Sneaky in the photo). Mr Brumpton has been so impressed by their designs that they are now planning a party to celebrate their achievements!



## Nursery

It's been a wonderfully busy half-term in Nursery as we settled in, made new friends, and explored our setting through the lens of **Nursery Rhymes**. Our activities were richly varied.

For **"Incy Wincy Spider"**, we rescued poor Incy from "green gloop", baked him in our cooking enrichment, and counted his legs in maths.



**"The Rainbow"** theme involved exploring colour mixing, creating handprint rainbows and spirals for art, and making rainbow toast in cooking.

With **"Old MacDonald,"** children explored shapes by making a cow, engaged in sheep shearing messy play, and created collage pigs.

Finally, **"The Wheels on the Bus"** inspired a dice game to fill the bus with people, making red bus crafts, and preparing cheese and tomato pinwheels in cooking.



This half-term was a fantastic blend of literacy, maths, creativity, and culinary fun!

## Reception

We have welcomed the children into Reception and they are settling in really well. We have had P.E with Mr Tillman and daily Phonics in class. We have also welcomed our lovely volunteer Mrs Groom back and started doing cooking. The Badgers are going to the forest on Monday afternoons and are having lots of fun exploring!



This half term our topic is 'All about me' where we are learning about our similarities, along with celebrating our differences and what makes us unique. We have been talking about our class rules and how to be a kind friend and working together as a team.



## Year 5

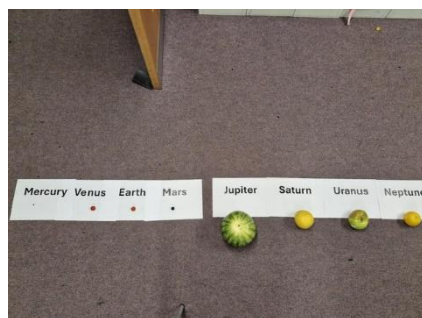


Year 5 stepped into the shoes of real-life space scientists as they conducted an exciting science experiment to discover if there could be *signs of life* on different types of Martian soil! Students tested samples of "Martian soil" using a range of scientific techniques to search for clues like colour changes, gas bubbles, and unexpected reactions. These signs could suggest the presence of microscopic life – or at least make us think twice about what could be lurking beneath the red surface! As part of their English lessons, the children will now be writing up their findings in the form of a full science report.



## Year 6

This term in Year 6, we've been blasting off into space as part of our exciting topic Mission to Mars! We've been learning all about the solar system and bringing it to life in creative ways. To help us understand the size of the planets, we compared them using different fruits—Jupiter was a watermelon, while Earth was just a grape! We also measured scale models to get a better idea of how vast and varied our solar system really is. Soon, we'll be putting our knowledge to the test by designing and building our very own Mars rovers. We can't wait to see where our mission takes us next!



### Year 4

Children in Year 4 had a wonderful time on the recent residential trip to Oakwood Outdoor Centre. Taking part in activities such as High Ropes, Rock Climbing, Flying Kiwi, Archery and Zip Line, the children showed a 'Dare to Dream' attitude every step of the way. We were very proud of everyone who took part and how well the children embraced the experience, stepping out of their comfort zones and challenging themselves in many new ways. It was fantastic to see everyone bonding, facing challenges head-on, and creating wonderful memories together.



Back at school, there was plenty of fun to be had with an art project which allowed children to create their own pieces of work inspired by the architect and designer, Antoni Gaudí.

Children also had the opportunity to spend some time in the forest, lighting fires, climbing and helping create new exciting areas in our own outdoor space.



### Forest School

The children continue to enjoy their time in The Forest. This week they have been practicing using braille to identify a variety of Mr Men and Little Miss characters. It has proved challenging for children and adults alike. Some of the children also constructed an enormous octopus out of chestnuts & pinecones as part of World Octopus Day on 8th October. Being in The Forest reminds children about the importance of the environment and their place in preserving it.



### Achievement Board

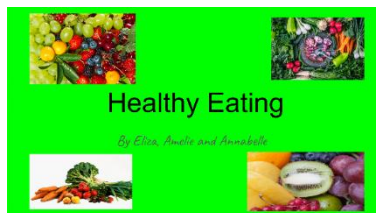
I'm so very happy to pass on this amazing news! Maya-Iris from Year 5 has performed exceptionally well at the British Championship in Tumbling Gymnastics competition on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October. She has not only won a gold medal in the [National Age Group Finals 2025](#) but also qualified as rank 1 against girls age 12 for the [British Championships 2025](#) finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is prestigious where the country's best gymnasts compete for national titles.



We would love to have more photos of the children's achievements out of school. The children all love seeing photos of themselves and their friends on our Achievement board. No topics are excluded. Ideas include: sporting achievements, Brownie and Scout ceremonies, skills achieved (for example learning the guitar or crocheting). Please email photos to Mrs Porter ([secretary@crowwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@crowwoodprimary.co.uk)).

### Healthy Eating

The Monday morning assemblies this week were organised and run by 3 groups of Year 6 children. All of the children really enjoyed presenting their work and there were some amazing points made by the children during their oracy based conversations. They talked to the children about the



importance of eating a healthy snack at break time as this helps them learn and improves their concentration. The Brainwave topic, which all of the children have

covered this term, looks at the importance of healthy eating, drinking water, taking plenty of exercise and getting a good night's sleep. All of these things support the children's learning. Please ensure the children have a healthy snack for morning break to support this.

### Car Parking



Please note only those who hold a permit may enter the car park during drop off and pick-up times. Only those people displaying a blue disabled badge or who have specific permission from the school may use the disabled bays. If you do enter the site, you must:

- Display your parking permit;
- Keep your speed low and watch for pedestrians;
- Park in marked bays only;
- Show respect to pedestrians and other motorists;

If you are unable to use the car park, there are other options nearby, but please be considerate of our neighbours. We thank you for supporting our efforts to make the car park a safer and less congested area.

### Lost Property

We have an ever-growing number of lost property items in the foyer of the school **and almost none of them are named!** We strongly urge you to label items like jumpers so we can return them to the children.



We highly recommend the iron-on labels, which cost around £3.50 for 25. These do not fade when washed.

Unnamed items in the lost property bin will be left for around 2 weeks before we add them to the second-hand uniform stock or donate them to charity.

### Happy Holidays!

From all the staff, we wish you a very happy half term break. We hope you enjoy the two week rest, and all have lots of fun.

We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for an exciting Autumn half term.

**We start back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. School starts at 8.45am and we open the doors at 8.35am.**

Keep an eye out for news and updates from CWP No-Reply ([no-reply@crownwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:no-reply@crownwoodprimary.co.uk)) and the school website and our Facebook and Instagram pages.



### Dates for Your Diary:

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| 17 OCT 25 | Last Day of Half-term                 |
| 20 OCT 25 | INSET Day (School Closed)             |
| 21 OCT 25 | INSET Day (School Closed)             |
| 03 NOV 25 | School Re-opens for Autumn 2          |
| 03 NOV 25 | Year 6 Bikeability                    |
| 11 NOV 25 | Armistice Day*                        |
| 05 NOV 25 | Parent Consultations (3.40-7pm) (FtF) |
| 06 NOV 25 | Parent Consultations (4.30-7pm) (V)   |
| 21 NOV 25 | SEND Coffee & Catch-up                |
| 28 NOV 25 | Year R Pantomime Visit to SHP         |
| 09 DEC 25 | Reception Nativity (9.00am)           |
| 10 DEC 25 |                                       |
| 10 DEC 25 | Xmas Dinner & Jumper Day (R-6)        |
| 11 DEC 25 | Carols Around the Tree (5.30pm)       |
| 12 DEC 25 | Nursery Sing-a-Long (9.15am)          |
| 19 DEC 25 | Last Day of Autumn Term               |
| 05 JAN 26 | INSET Day (School Closed)             |
| 06 JAN 26 | First Day of Spring Term              |

*\*Cub, Brownie etc uniforms may be worn.*

*We use Bromcom / MCAS as our primary means of communicating with parents. We will also post news on our website, Instagram & Facebook pages.*



## Dare to DREAM

**Determination – Responsibility – Everyone Together – Aspiration & Achievement – Mutual Respect**

