



Crow Orchard Chronicle

February '24

Message from Mrs Maher!

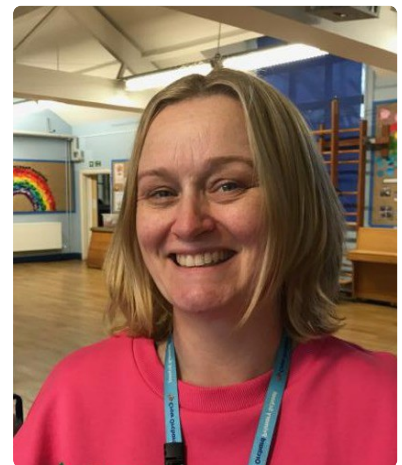
The long, winter days have not taken the excitement of learning away from our children. One of the best times with children comes from the unpredicted learning opportunities that sometimes land at our doorstep. Our teaching team at Crow Orchard are amazing at seizing the moment and thinking outside the box. Snow! Glorious snow! To hear the children's laughter and them shrieking, 'This is SO MUCH FUN!' was the start of this half term and what a busy time it has been.

Huge thanks to those parents/carers who came along to our recent Parent Consultation Afternoon, it was great to see so many of you. Please do take the time to reflect on your child's mid-year report.

Their learning targets have been set with careful thought and if you choose to work with us, you will help your child make progress.

As we progress into the latter half of the Spring term, our Upper Key Stage Two team will be working tremendously hard to get our Year 6 children ready for SATs week. If your child has an invitation to attend extra booster sessions, please help them to be in school so that they can get the most from our offer. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended our SATS meeting this week.

Please check out our calendar of events; we absolutely love having parents/carers and extended family members in school, book those tickets early, via School Spider, to avoid disappointment. We have had high levels of sickness across all classrooms this half term. As the weather improves, please continue to work with us, your children need to be in school on time and every day.



Wishing you all a restful February half-term holiday!

Attendance This Month

Rec
81.5%

Yr 1
83.4%

Yr 2
89.5%

Yr 3
92.2%

Yr 4
96.1%

Yr 5
92.2%

Yr 6
90.2%

Target - 97%

Dates for the Diary!

Close normal time Friday 9th February

Half term holidays - 12th-16th February

School reopens Monday 19th February



Mother's Day Morning - Wednesday AM 28th February. All mums/Grandmas/Nans etc invited!

Non Uniform Day - Friday 15th March. Please bring Easter egg/Chocolate/Wine etc for the Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo - Thursday 21st March Times TBC

Movie Night - Wednesday, 24th April

Open Curriculum Days

Reception Class - Thursday, 13th June

Year 1&2 - Wednesday, 19th June

Year 3 - Thursday, 20th June

Year 4 - Wednesday, 21st February & Wednesday, 12th June

Year 5&6 - Thursday, 27th June

Please note dates are subject to change

[Click here for full calendar](#)

What's On Locally



SHARES Multi Sport Activity club

12th-16th February

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP & GIVEAWAY

Book swap

Join SHARES Lancashire in the Concourse for a book swap and giveaway on the first

St James Catholic Primary
School
9am-4:30pm each day

Saturday of each month, from
10am to 2pm!

See poster below for full
details.

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House Points So Far!

Spring

3628

SUMMER

3851

Autumn

3805

WINTER

4366

Tea with Mrs Maher



Each week, the pupils that are awarded the celebration certificate are entered into a draw for the chance to have tea with Mrs Maher at the end of the month. Watch this space for this month's winners!



CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP



**FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



**10am until 2pm
@ The Concourse Market
(downstairs)**



**10am - 2pm on February 3rd, March 2nd,
April 6th, May 4th, June 1st**



**Drop off donations at the stall or just choose some pre-
loved books to take home!**

**Thanks to the children at SHARES Lancashire schools for
their donations.**

If you would like to volunteer to support us please email
gemma@barton@yahoo.co.uk





SHARES Multi-Sports Activity Club

FANTASTIC RANGE OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, DODGEBALL, GYMNASTICS AND ATHLETICS. ALSO, ARTS AND CRAFTS

St James Catholic Primary School,
Ashurst Road,
Skelmersdale,
WN8 6TU

NUT FREE site **Ages 5-11**

12th-16th February
9:00am- 4:30pm

£15 per Day/£65 per week SHARES School
£20 per day/£90 per week non SHARES School

Bookings will be taken online.
<https://shareslancashire.co.uk/holiday-club-2/>
www.shareslancashire.co.uk

All staff are recruited to DfE safer recruitment standards including DBS

Swimming for the Rainbow

Riley has been busy clocking up those miles for his rainbow room sponsored swim. So far he's done 9 miles which is approximately 580 lengths of Nye Bevan pool!

He still has 11 miles to go but he isn't giving up!
We are still taking sponsorship via go fund me or we can also take cash via school.

If you would like to sponsor Riley or want some more information, take a look at the GoFund Me page linked below.

<https://gofund.me/5851ecd2>



Sponsor Form.pdf

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Edge Hill Trip

Years 3 and 4 visited Edge Hill University today for a Cultural Experience learning all about Chinese New Year. We made dragons, masks, danced and learnt Chinese. It was so much fun!



Unwanted Christmas gifts?

If you received some gifts this Christmas that weren't quite to your taste, or duplicates that you don't need, don't throw them away! Send them into us and we will gladly use any and all donations for our various activities throughout the year!

Open Curriculum Days

Mcintosh and Braeburn classes invited their adults in to class this week to join in with the children's learning. It was great to see so many take advantage of the opportunity and we are looking forward to seeing you again soon!



Love Disco

We had another fantastic event at Crow Orchard this month, our Love Disco!

We played some great games and there was lots of brilliant dancing! The KS2 got ready for their date, donning some groovy outfits and some interesting makeup!

Thank you to everyone that came and we cannot wait for the next one! Check out <https://focos.co.uk/love-disco/> for some more excellent pictures.





Online Safety

Be safe while playing online.

if your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of.

To see our Online Safety Newsletters, [click here](#)

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School Dinners

Snack - Toast 20p available daily

Dinners

- **Nursery** - £1.70 per day
- **Juniors** - £2.60 per day

Payments are to be made via ParentMail and we would appreciate it if accounts could be cleared by the end of the week. If you have any issues with payments please contact the office directly.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to free school meals. If your child is older you can see if you are eligible on the government website ([click here](#))



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club is open from 8am - 8:40 am when school opens. We have toast, bagels, crumpets or cereals! Prices are;

Without Breakfast - £1.50

Including Breakfast - £3

After School Club runs from 3:15pm to 5:15pm and we have a wide variety of activities for the children, plus a snack! Prices are;

3:15pm - 4:15pm - £3

3:15pm - 5:15pm - £6

After School Club Help

Do you have skills that can be used in afterschool clubs? We are looking for any parents/guardians that can help us run afterschool clubs to give children skills and experiences that they'll love. We are particularly on the lookout for anybody that can help with a football club.

If you think you can help, please contact the school office and let us know!

Little Orchards



Little ORCHARDS

Based at Crow Orchard Primary School

Wednesday

1.00 - 2.15pm

£1.50 PER FAMILY INC DRINK & SNACK

SUITABLE FOR 0 - 4

Contact: govenorkb@croworchard.sch.lancs.uk



Friends of Crow Orchard



Our latest event, the Love Discos were another brilliant occasion! We can't wait for our Mother's Day morning!

The Friends of Crow Orchard are raising money this school year for a brand new stage and sound system for the assembly hall.

This will benefit all the students throughout their time at Crow Orchard, and will make our productions even more amazing! If you'd like to see updates on how we are doing, visit www.focos.co.uk/fundraising

If you would like to take a look at the Friends of Crow Orchard Facebook page, [click here](#).

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Make A Family”**



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