



# Crow Orchard Chronicle

June '24

## *Message from Mrs Maher!*

The month of June has been unbelievably busy here at Crow Orchard. The children and staff have continued to work very hard, and we are starting to see the fruits of their labour. Our Year 1 children have absolutely smashed the phonics screening check, with a 100% pass rate. We have never had this before at Crow Orchard.

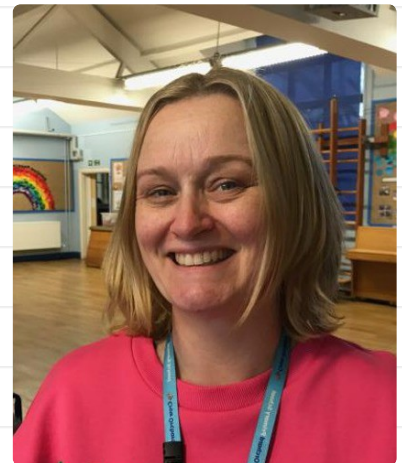
This success is testament to the total dedication of my team, led by our reading lead teacher Mrs Smith. Three years ago, we invested heavily in a new programme, new training and new resources... we are now reaping the rewards!

What's the point? Some people may ask. The point is that our children are now getting the very best start to their learning journey. Reading skills are the fundamental core skill to all learning and we thank all of our parents and carers for their support. Reading at home, little and often, really does matter.

We have had open curriculum days ( we do love our parents/carers coming into school), inter-school competitions galore and so much more! When we thought it couldn't get any better, we had the Colour Run, Sports Day and the dance festival at a local high school. The children at Crow Orchard never cease to amaze me with their abundance of talent.

The month of June has also seen a strong interest in places at our school; we have many new children on roll and more to come in September.

Thank you for helping us make Crow Orchard the special place it is; you make the difference too. I am really looking forward to so many things as we approach the end of term, I hope you can join



us on Thursday 18th July when we will come together as a family to party.... in spectacular Crow Orchard style!

## Attendance This Month

Rec

92.2%

Yr 1

94.2%

Yr 2

91.8%

Yr 3

96%

Yr 4

93.9%

Yr 5

94.1%

Yr 6

84%

Target - 97%

## Dates for the Diary!

**Year 6 Blackpool trip** - Monday 1st July

**PGL Trip** - Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th July

**Year 6 Show and Leavers assembly** - Wednesday 17th July

(followed by Strawberry Tea)- two tickets per family for these events

**Whole School Celebration** - Thursday 18th July - "The Big Party"

from 4pm - Details to follow.

**Toy Day** - Monday 22nd July

**\*NEW\* Little Pips Graduation** - Monday 22nd July - All morning (Pips families only for this event)

*Save the date, this will be super special!*



***School closes for summer normal time Monday 22nd July***

[Click here for full calendar](#)

## House Points So Far!

Spring

5813

SUMMER

5689

Autumn

5562

WINTER

6402

## What's On Locally



Wellness and Sensory Centre

### Twinkle house

Twinkle House are offering some amazing free, drop-in summer sessions from 1st to 27th August. More details are below.



# Family Summer Offer August 2024

1st + 15th  
August

## Twinkle and Rest Sleep Support

Come along to one of our sleep drop-in support sessions, for both children and adults. Delivered by our Twinkle House Sleep Practitioners, you will leave with hints, tips and resources on how to improve sleep.



10-12pm

6th + 20th  
August

## Twinkle Crafts

Unleash your creative side with our craft drop-in summer session. Two hours of sticking, cutting, painting and lots more. You will have some super work to display at home.



10-12pm

7th, 14th +  
21st  
August  
11-1pm

## Grow with Twinkle

Calling all those who have green fingers! Come along to our drop in gardening sessions. We have stones to decorate, bulbs to plant and planters to design. Don't worry about the weather we will have cover if the rain arrives.



13th + 27th  
August  
10-12pm

## Sensory Stars

Engage all your the senses through a variety of play activities that will stimulate sight, touch, smell, hearing and taste. Leave with practical ideas for sensory play at home.



13 + 27th  
August  
1-3pm

## Relax Stars

Take some time for yourself this summer. Mandy from the Calm Centre will guide you through relaxation techniques. Our studio will be transformed into a tranquil space with soft lighting, candles and music.



**Children must be supervised at all times.**

For more information on any of our FREE drop in sessions please call:  
01695 455 625 or email: [services@twinklehouse.co.uk](mailto:services@twinklehouse.co.uk)

2 Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP  
[www.twinklehouse.co.uk](http://www.twinklehouse.co.uk)



## Crosby Hall

Our year 3 and 4 children had an absolutely fantastic time at Crosby Hall earlier this month. From raft building, to rock climbing, and obstacle courses to pizza making there was something for everyone!

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## Colour Run

Our colour run was a huge success! Everyone had a wonderful time and the helpers ended up just as colourful (or more so) than the children! Hopefully you have managed to remove all the blue and pink from everywhere and we cannot wait for the next time! Click on the link below to see a small collection of the photos we took.

 SchoolSpider

### Colour Run 2024

[croworchard.lancs.sch.uk](http://croworchard.lancs.sch.uk)

**NHS**



**Measles**  
cases are rising

**Protect your family and  
book any missed vaccines  
with your GP surgery now**

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## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs.

We work in 63 schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING WORRIED



STRUGGLING TO SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND/OR USUAL ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

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## Dance Show



A massive well done to all our dancers that took part in the show earlier this month. Some amazing moves were on display!

## 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.



# TRAIN TO BE A TEACHER



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and the lives of pupils*

## *Qualify*

If you hold a degree you can qualify as a Primary Teacher in 12 months.

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from evidence based, flexible learning on-line and in person.

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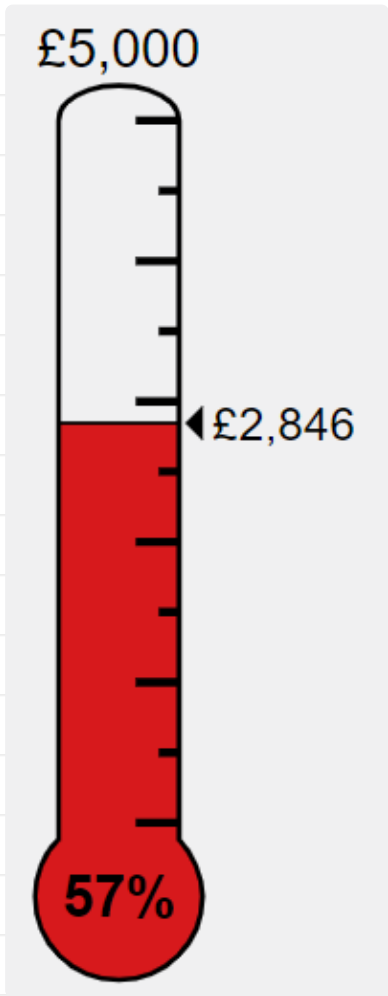


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## *Friends of Crow Orchard*

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](http://www.focos.co.uk/fundraising)

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



*Little Orchards*

# Crow Orchard's Playgroup

## LITTLE ORCHARDS

Meets every term time  
Wednesday 9.15am - 10.30am.  
Suitable for 0 - 4 year olds, drink  
& snack provided £1 per family.



### Booking changes

All bookings for after school, breakfast clubs, school dinners etc will now be taken on School Spider. Please see the attached information or see your email. If you have any questions please contact reception.



### School Dinners

**Snack** - Toast 20p available daily

#### Dinners

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

Payments are now to be made via School Spider 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](#))

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## *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

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## *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!

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*"Proudly educating the children of Skelmersdale since  
1732"*

**"Together We  
Make A Family"**



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