

FRIDAY LETTER



24/10/2025



A spooky and sparkly night at the disco last night!

Happy Half Term!

Today is the end of a very long and busy half term at Crookhill. We are sure that everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break.

This week has been particularly busy and there's lots to report on in our weekly round up.

A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 4th November, as school is closed for INSET day on the Monday.

Enjoy the break and we'll see everybody back on the 4th.

Goodbye Mrs Willoughby



Today we said an emotional farewell to Mrs Willoughby, who retires after 20 years at Crookhill. Year 6 led a special assembly and were joined by Year 5 to sing a beautiful version of the song 'How Far I'll Go' from the movie Moana. It's a song about leaving behind what you know and seeking new adventures, which we thought was the perfect tribute. Everyone at Crookhill wishes Mrs Willoughby a very long and happy retirement. She has asked us to share this message with parents:

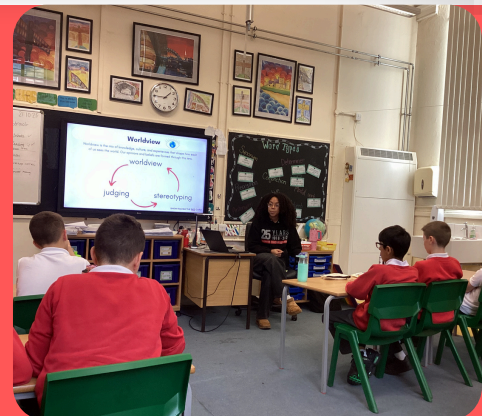
Crookhill Primary is a very special place and it has been a joy to watch your children through their school journey over the last 20 years, sometimes returning years later with little ones of their own. Thank you for your cards, gifts and kind wishes but most of all your friendship. Much love, Mrs Willoughby.

Show Racism the Red Card Workshops:

This week, years 4, 5 and 6 took part in classroom workshops delivered by the charity **Show Racism the Red Card**. The charity organisation has strong links to Newcastle United as it was established in the 1990s, thanks in part to a donation by the Magpie's goalkeeper, Shaka Hislop, who himself experienced racism when he was a player.

The workshops focused on understanding stereotypes, recognising racism and knowing how to appropriately challenge it if seen.

Children enjoyed the sessions, taking an active role in the discussions and activities.



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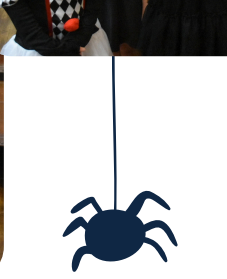

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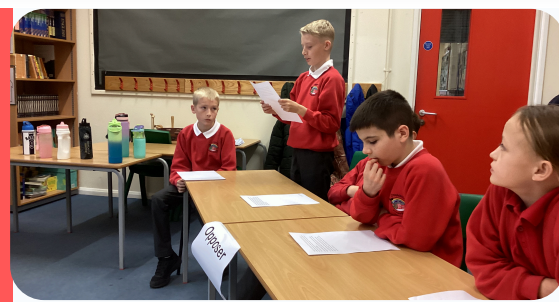
Spooks and Sparkles Disco

So much fun last night at the Spooks and Sparkles Disco - see for yourself!



Poppy Appeal

Our annual poppy appeal will get underway after half-term with the usual poppies and other memorabilia on sale. Prices range from 50p to £1.



Up for debate...

One of our curriculum priorities this year is to develop our oracy curriculum across school. Good speaking and listening skills are vital for academic success as well as being important for social and emotional wellbeing. One activity that promotes oracy is debate so this week, year 6 took part in their first formal debate. The topic was linked to our reading book, Skellig, and the motion we debated was comparing the education of pupils who are home-schooled to those who receive their education in state-school. The children enjoyed the activity and are keen to plan their next debate.

Residential meeting

Information shared at the Year 6 residential meeting for parents is now online on our class page on the school website, along with the kit list. If you have any further questions or enquires, do not hesitate to get in touch. Could you please return the consent forms to school if you have not already done so.

Coming up at Crookhill:

- Week Beginning 27.10.25 - School Closed (Half Term Holiday)
- 3.11.25 - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
- 4.11.25 - School reopens after half term
- 7.11.25 - Year 5/6 pupils to attend Stargate memorial for Remembrance Day
- 10.11.25 - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying
- 11.11.25 - Flu Immunisation in School**
- 12.11.25 - 14.11.25 - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
- 17.11.25 - LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS THIS WEEK/ Road Safety Week
- 24.11.25 / 25.11.25 - Parent Consultations
- 27.11.25 - Christmas Tree Lighting - Ryton Methodist Church (after school)
- 28.11.25 - Festivals of Light Day / Non-Uniform
- 5.12.25 - Christmas Fayre



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