

## FRIDAY LETTER



5 / 9 / 2025



Reception class 2025

**Welcome Back!**

It has been a wonderful first week back at Crookhill. It was so lovely to see our children return to school on Monday, excited to see their friends and ready to learn. Teachers have been really impressed with the hard work and positive attitudes in classes. Special welcome to our Reception children who have settled so well - they are picking up the new routines really quickly. It's also great to see everyone looking smart in their uniform and PE kits - thank you for ensuring that children are ready to be part of Team Crookhill!

**Quick reminders:**

Please ensure that **earrings are removed** before school.

Could all parents who are collecting children from Key Stage 2 **meet their child on the yard**. Only children who are walking home will exit from the side door.

**Extended school day for Year 6** starts on Monday - enter via the main door at 8:30am



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**Playground Progress!**

Of course, the BIG news this week is the completion of the first phase of our playground remodel. The children were delighted to return to school to find that their hard work and fundraising had paid off and enjoy playing on the new equipment.

A **huge thank you** to everyone who helped us to raise the money needed for this project. It took us around two years to meet our target! Now we start again as we look to raise more funds to extend our play area further.

**Keeping in Touch**

We look forward to welcoming you into school to our annual 'Meet the Teacher' events (see below for diary dates).

In the meantime, there are lots of ways to keep in touch with us: Our **school website** has lots of information for parents and each class has their own page where you can find out about what has been happening.

You can look on our **Facebook Page** which is updated regularly. Make sure you have signed up to **Marvellous Me** as class teachers can share information when needed.

You can contact the **office via email** or telephone and messages will be forwarded on to class teachers.

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## Crookhill Primary - A Safeguarding School

Crookhill Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all the children in our school. We believe that pupils have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment where everyone is respected and valued. Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm – safe from all forms of bullying, safe from people who could abuse, safe from discrimination or harassment – and that we all feel safe in our environment.

Staff are alert to the signs of abuse and maltreatment and will follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Serious concerns will be passed to Children's Services.

A copy of our safeguarding policy is available on our school website or from the office.

**If you are ever concerned about the safety or well-being of someone at our school, please talk to one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**  
Miss K McCormack (Head Teacher)

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:**  
Mrs D Kelly (Assistant Head Teacher),  
Mrs E Smith (Assistant Head Teacher)



## Attendance Matters

At Crookhill Primary School, we promote excellent attendance and punctuality. Good attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. It ensures that children get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Punctuality is important so that pupils can start the day on time, ready to learn. Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

### WHY IS ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY SO IMPORTANT?

Evidence shows pupils with excellent school attendance are more likely to reach higher standards of achievement and be at less risk of exposure to crime and other safeguarding risks. Pupils who attend regularly are more likely to achieve better results than their peers that do not, both at Key Stage 2 tests in primary school, and in GCSE's at secondary school.

Excellent attendance enables pupils to be part of the school community and develop a sense of belonging. This further supports each pupil's development, enhancing personal well-being. If you need support, or you are worried about your child's attendance please contact school.

## Coming up at Crookhill...

- 11.9.25 - Swimming starts for Y5 pupils
- 12.9.25 - First Aid workshops for Y1 - Y6
- W/C 22.9.25 - After School Clubs start (more details to follow)
- 2.10.25 - National Poetry Day
- 8.10.25 - Harvest Festival (9:15am and 2:30pm)
- 10.10.25 - World Mental Health Day
- 13.10.25 - School Photograph Day
- 14.10.25 - Year 6 visit to Wagamama for DT workshop
- 23.10.25 - Spooks and Sparkles Disco (4pm - 5.30pm)
- 24.10.25 - End of Half Term
- 3.11.25 - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
- 4.11.25 - School reopens after half term

## Meet the Teacher events

We would like to invite all parents to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' drop in event. Here you will find out more about your child's year group and expectations. These meetings will take place as follows:

- 15.9.25: Year One (3:00pm) and Year Five (3:30pm)
- 16.9.25: Year Two (3:00pm) and Year Six (3:30pm)
- 18.9.25: Year Four (3:00pm)
- 24.9.25: Year Three (3:00pm)
- 25.9.25: Reception (2:50pm)

**A full list of diary dates for the Autumn term can be found on our website in the parents' section**

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