

FRIDAY LETTER



20/2/2026

We're off to see the wizard...children enjoyed an end of term treat watching the Wizard of Oz



Wizard of Oz comes to Crookhill!

The whole school enjoyed a wonderful treat this week with a visit from a travelling theatre company who performed The Wizard of Oz. The show was a fantastic spectacle of singing, dancing, quick-change costumes and plenty of laughs too as the classic children's literature story was brought to life by M&M Productions (who are regular visitors to our school). The children could sing along to 'Somewhere over the rainbow' and 'We're off to see the wizard' as they joined Dorothy and Toto on their journey along the yellow brick road.

Having a live performance in school is such a lovely experience for the children and something that children always talk about and remember for a long time after.



Half Term

A reminder that next week is our half term break. This has been a busy half term with so much happening in school. We hope everyone has a wonderful break next week and we look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 3rd March** (Monday is INSET day and school is closed to pupils).

Gate Security

Please could we remind any parents dropping off or collecting from Crookhill Early Years (breakfast or after school club) to ensure that they **close the gate** behind them. Thank you for keeping our site safe.

Online Safety afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to our online safety presentation on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you join us and our partners from Clennell Education Solutions - we hope that you found the session useful.

This session was just a snap shot of the work that goes on in school throughout the year as part of our programme of online safety education. Our aim is to encourage children to be safe and responsible when using online technology and to support them to know what to do when problems occur online. If you were not able to attend and would like to learn more about how to keep your child safe online you can find useful resources on the UK Safer Internet Centre website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



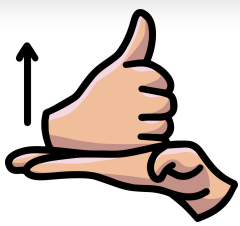
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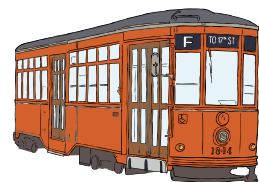
We're even more excited than ever to celebrate World Book Day this year as it coincides with The National Year of Reading so there will be even more events to enjoy. KS2 children love a quiz and this year they can take part in The World Book Day Great Big Footy Booky Quiz! As always, we will make this a special day by reading lots of stories and, of course, dressing up for the day. The National Year of Reading encourages us to 'Read what you're into' so why not dress up to show us what you're into? Love baking? Wear your apron! Love gymnastics?

Style yourself in your leotard! Love football? Wear your kit! Even better - bring along a book that shows us what you're into. Of course, if you're a traditional World Book Day costume fan, and want to dress as your favourite character, then that's OK too. One of the best things about World Book Day is being able to exchange your £1 book token for one of the exclusive World Book Day books. Take a look at this year's selection and find out more by visiting the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/> Children have been given their tokens today so why not exchange them at half term. You can find the books in stock at your local supermarkets and bookshops including Waterstones and TG Jones in the Metro Centre.



Coming up at Crookhill:

- 23.2.26 - 27.2.26 - HALF TERM
- 2.3.26 - SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)
- 3.3.26 - Back to School
- 5.3.26 - World Book Day
- 9.3.26 - Science Week Begins
- 16.3.26 - 22.3.26 British Sign Language Week
- 20.3.26 - Comic Relief Day
- 30.3.26 - Year 5/6 visit to Beamish Museum
- 31.3.26 / 1.4.26 - Parent consultations
- 2.4.26 - Easter Egg Competition
- 2.4.26 - END OF TERM
- 20.4.26 - Summer Term Begins



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