

FRIDAY LETTER



16/1/2026



Our Year 5/6 sports crew lead today's rugby activity day

Meet our Sports Crew

Our Year 5/6 sports crew are a group of children who are committed to helping our pupils be more active and try out different sports. The group, under the direction of Miss Brown (our PE lead), worked so hard to deliver our 'Rugby Activity Day' in school today. The children demonstrated and supported the activities for each year group, showing super leadership skills and making sure everyone enjoyed taking part.

Well done Sports Crew! We look forward to our next activity day!

Parking on school grounds:

Please remember that parking on school grounds (staff car park) is not permitted at drop off and pick up times.

There is limited space in the visitor car park and we must ask that anyone using these spaces enters and exits with extreme caution as there are children walking into and out of school at these times.

We urge anyone parking near school to do so with courtesy to local residents - please ensure that private parking spaces and drive ways are kept clear.

Walking to school, for those who are able, is encouraged. It's a great way to start the day for children.



After School Clubs / Year Six Booster Club

Look out for details of our afterschool clubs for this term which will be sent home next week so you can sign up ready to start week beginning 23rd January.

A reminder that our Year 6 'SATS Booster Club' starts this coming Monday (19th January) and will run every Monday until the SATs in May. This club is a perfect opportunity for children to get their homework / revision done in school with the support of staff. Juice and biscuits are provided. Club ends at 4.15pm and children will be dismissed from the main entrance at this time.



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Stargate Pit Disaster Memorial - History Project for Year 5/6

Local residents will be aware of the memorial that stands at the top of Stargate lane, commemorating those who lost their lives in the Stargate pit disaster of 1826. Pupils of Crookhill Primary were proud to be part of the project that placed this memorial back in 2018.

2026 sees the 200th anniversary of the pit disaster and Ryton Heritage Association have invited our pupils to, once again, take part in a project to commemorate this terrible event that devastated the local community. As part of this local history project, we are excited to announce that our Year 5/6 pupils will be visiting Beamish Museum later this term to learn about the lives of coal miners in the 1800s.

This project is to be supported by a local charity, Building Self Belief, who are providing history, art and poetry writing workshops for our Year 5/6 pupils. Some of you may remember our 1950s history project which was led by BSB back in the summer of 2021.

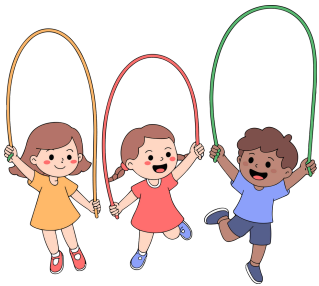
Ryton Heritage Association have invited pupils to enter their poems into a competition with the winners to be announced on 22nd May. More details of this exciting opportunity for our Year 5/6 pupils will be shared in due course.



Building Self-Belief

Read more about the work of Building Self-Belief, including their work at Crookhill by clicking this link
<https://www.buildingselfbelief.org/>

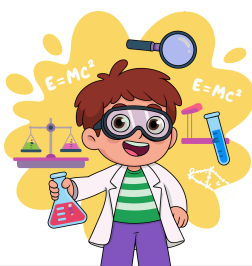
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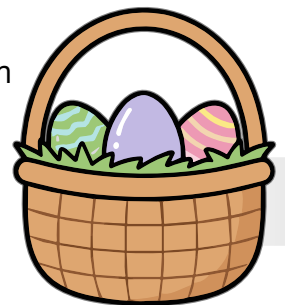
- 19.1.26 - Year 6 after school booster begins
- 26.1.26 - Clubs begin this week
- 27.1.26 - SATS meeting for Y6 parents (3.30pm)
- 28.1.26 - Karate Day (PE kit)
- 10.2.26 - Safer Internet Day
- 11.2.26 - Bookfair in School (until 18.2.26)
- 13.2.26 - Skipping Day



- 17.2.26 / 18.2.26 - Parent consultations (YEAR 6 ONLY)
- 18.2.26 - Online Safety presentation for parents 1.30pm
- 20.2.26 - End of Half Term
- 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
- 20.3.26 - Comic Relief Day



- 30.3.26 - Creativity Week / 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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