



FRIDAY LETTER

23/1/2026



We love reading at Crookhill and can't wait to celebrate 'The National Year of Reading'

2026 National Year of Reading

This month sees the launch of the 'National Year of Reading' - a UK wide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust. The aim is to combat declining rates of reading for pleasure and to kick start a reading revolution. In a recent UK survey, only one in three children aged 8-18 said that they enjoyed reading in their free time. We are looking forward to promoting this campaign throughout the year at Crookhill. We have signed up to 'Go All In' which means we will be taking part in even more reading events in school and online.

We look forward to sharing the different ways that we will be joining in with activities for The National Year of Reading, starting with National Storytelling Week next month.



SATs Meeting

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that there is a meeting in school next week (**Tuesday 27th at 3.30pm**) when we will share details of the end of key stage assessments that Year 6 will take sit in May. We look forward to seeing you in school.

Coming up next week...

Reminder that clubs start next week. Anyone who has signed up to a club will have been allocated a place unless you have been contacted to say that the places are taken. Any club payments can be made on Arbor. Don't forget we also have our whole school **Karate day** on **Wednesday** with all classes having a taster session. Everyone will need to wear their PE kit on Wednesday please.



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Millie Mascot for the toon!

Champions League night at St James' Park is always a special occasion for Newcastle United fans but for one of our Year 4 pupils, it was even more special. If you tuned in to watch the game, you may have noticed Millie appearing as a mascot for the toon. Despite the chilly conditions, she said it was an 'amazing' experience - perhaps she was the lucky charm that brought the team a great result? Everyone at Crookhill is so proud of Millie (and if we're honest, probably a bit jealous too!).

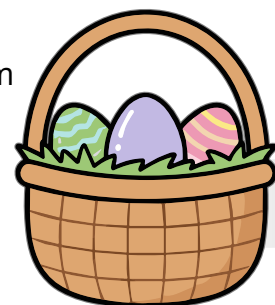
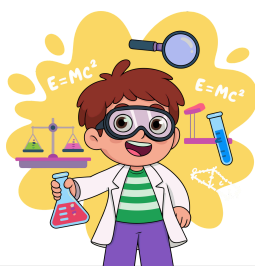
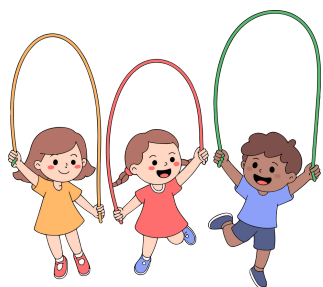


Year 3 Geography Fieldwork

We love getting outdoors to learn and we try to make use of our fabulous school grounds as much as we possibly can. This week, Year 3 put on their wellies and warm coats and headed onto the field to search for and study rocks. They created their own maps of the locations of the rocks they had found and after careful inspection, noted that most of their findings were sedimentary rocks which they concluded was due to our proximity to the river Tyne. Well done Year 3 - what great geography work!

Coming up at Crookhill:

- 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 - Theatre production in School
- 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
- 16.3.26 - 22.3.26 British Sign Language Week
- 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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