

FRIDAY LETTER



30/1/2026



We've enjoyed trying out some different sports at Crookhill recently!

Sport fever!

It may not be good weather for golfers at the moment but that hasn't stopped our year 2 and year 4 pupils getting into the swing of this traditionally outdoor pursuit. Both classes have enjoyed practising their putting skills in their PE sessions - surely just a matter of time before there's a hole in one!

Karate is definitely more suited to the indoors and this week all classes had a taster session from Sensei Phil and Sensei Lee. The children learned some of the basic moves and tried out some self-defence techniques with their friends. The children showed discipline and focus in the sessions and we know that our visiting coaches were impressed with what they saw.

It's not looking like we're going to get the snowfall we'd need to create our own ski run but we look forward to learning about winter sports when the Winter Olympic games begin next week in Italy.



SATs Meeting

Thank you to the parents of our year 6 pupils who came along to our SATs information sharing session on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, the information is now available on our class page of the website.

Coming up at Crookhill

We'll be joining with hundreds of other children and schools when we take part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'This is My Place' which encourages children to think about their sense of belonging.

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices** - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.



Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre
saferinternetday.org.uk

National Storytelling Week

Soundtrack your story

2–8 February 2026

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National
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Reading
2026

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Created by The Society for Storytelling, this fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

The theme for National Storytelling Week 2026 is Soundtrack your story. Everyone has their own musical story - whether it's in the songs we love and the music we dance to, through British Sign Language and the rhythms we feel, the soundscapes of everyday life, or the soundtracks we hear in films and games. Music connects us to words. It helps us express who we are and how we see the world.

We look forward to celebrating with online workshops based and, of course, lots of stories in school. You can join in at home with these fun ideas (links are clickable on the website pdf version).

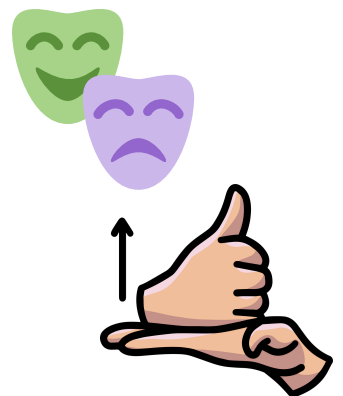
[National Story Telling Week - Early Years Activities](#)

[National Story Telling Week - KS1/2](#)



Coming up at Crookhill:

- 2.2.26 - National Storytelling Week
- 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
- 16.2.26 / 17.2.26 - Parent consultations (YEAR 6 ONLY)
(apologies this appeared as 17/18 in previous editions!)
- 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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