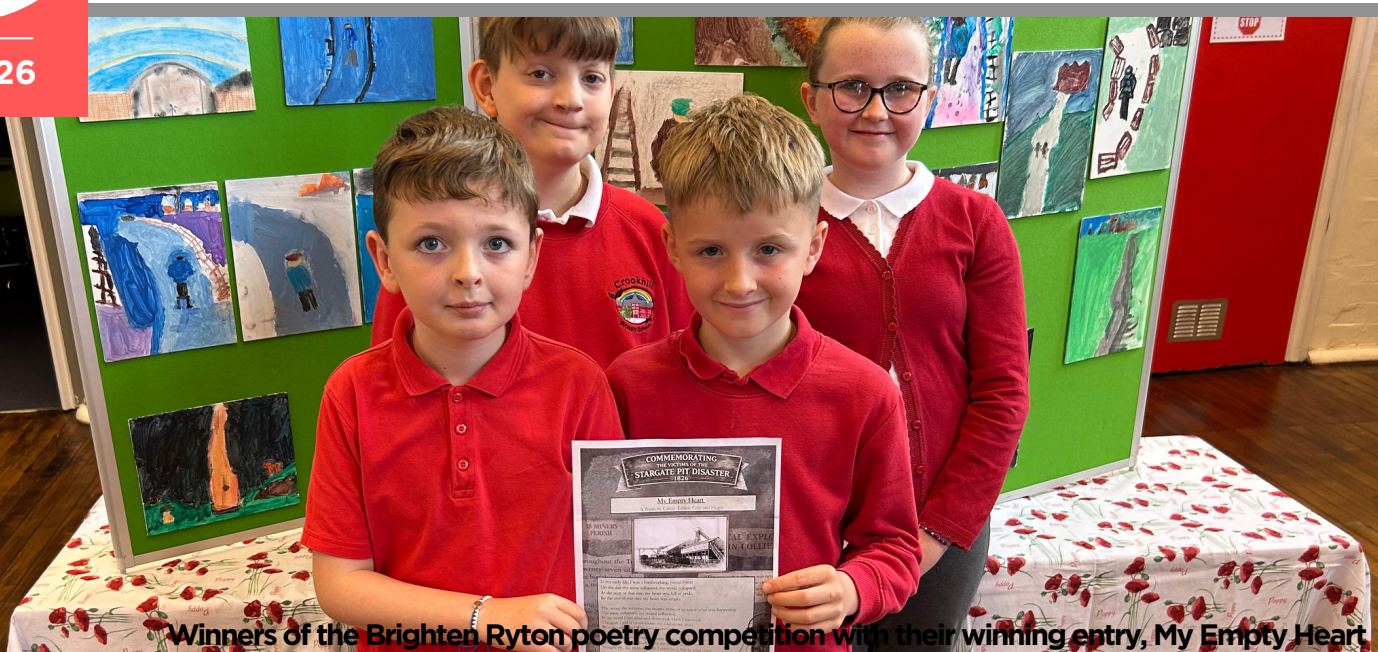




FRIDAY LETTER

22/5/2026



Winners of the Brighten Ryton poetry competition with their winning entry, My Empty Heart

Stargate Pit Commemoration Event

We were delighted to welcome families of our Year 5/6 pupils who shared their work from our recent local history project commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Stargate Pit disaster. We were joined by local MP, Liz Twist and members of Brighten Ryton who announced the winners of the creative writing poetry competition. It seems they had a very difficult job selecting a winner! The judges commented on the children's empathy and understanding for those affected by the disaster. The poem 'My Empty Heart' by pupils in Year 5 was declared the winner and it was lovely to hear a reading of the poem during the presentation. Building Self Belief, who led the project in school, also shared a video of the pupils' work with CEOs Peter and Christine Thomas commenting on how hard the children had worked and what a pleasure it had been for them to work on this project with our pupils. You can see the video presentation on Building Self Belief's You Tube channel by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe19zH1KuSc>



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Wellbeing visit to Gibside for Year 6



The post SATS year 6 visit to Gibside has become a firm favourite in our annual visit calendar and this year's trip was no exception. The children had a wonderful time learning about the benefits of connecting with the outdoors and were able to pick up some great ideas for how to look after their own physical and mental wellbeing. The activities included 'find a tree' where one partner is blind-folded and led by a friend to a tree where they must 'get to know' the tree by using their remaining senses. This activity builds trust and cooperation as well as developing communication skills. The day ended with some meditation and stories around the campfire with a toasted marshmallow to top it all off!

Whole School Golf Day

It was a bit damp on the Crookhill fairways for our whole school golf day on Thursday but that didn't stop play! A quick change to an indoor course and everyone was able to take part in some golfing activities, trying out different clubs to find the perfect swing for the games and activities. A big thank you to our sports crew members who kept the day running smoothly and were particularly helpful with our younger players who needed a little bit of extra help!



Year One Open Afternoon

Year one held their open afternoon this week when parents and families were invited into school to hear a lovely poetry recital before helping the children with their DT project. Everyone did a super job of turning their puppets from the design stage to a finished product. We hope everyone enjoyed spending time in class - thank you from year 1 children and staff for your help!

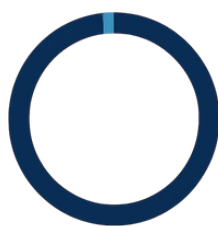
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100%
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MY CHILD IS HAPPY AT THIS SCHOOL



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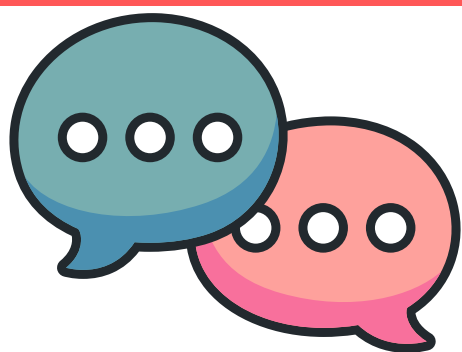
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We are delighted to share the results of our recent parental survey with you. A full break down of each question is available on our website (parent section). Thank you for taking time to complete the survey, we really do appreciate all of the feedback and comments. **Thanks also to those parents who continue to champion Crookhill Primary in our community - it means a lot to know that we have so many people who recognise the hard work and dedication of our staff and governors to make our school such a fabulous place to work and learn!**

*The one
we're
proud of!*



One area that our survey highlighted as being a concern for some parents was around **communication** (specifically for those who do not have Facebook). We want to remind everyone that our weekly Friday letter will always appear on the 'Newsletter' section on our parent pages of the website. We will aim to have the latest edition displayed in the window of the main reception before the end of the day on a Friday.

Wherever possible, we try to give as much notice of upcoming events as we can (we publish a list of diary dates every term on our website and in our Friday letters). Very occasionally, we have to make adjustments to arrangements at late notice. On these rare occasions, we use Facebook as a way of informing as many parents as possible, as quickly as possible. Facebook is never our first or usual method of communicating information if it can be avoided.



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Coming up at Crookhill...



June



- Monday 1st June - Return to school
- 1.6.26 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
 - 4.6.26 - Y5/6 Girls' football - 4pm - details to follow
 - W/C 8.6.26 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
 - 9.6.25 - New Reception welcome meeting
 - 10.6.26 - PSHE/RSE session for parents
 - 11.6.26 - Year 5/6 Girls' football - 4pm - details to follow
 - 12.6.26 - World Cup Day
 - 17.6.26 - Year 5 VEX Nissan Visit
- 17.6.26 - Year 4 Open Afternoon (2pm)**
- 18.6.26 - 9.00am and 4.45pm - New Reception starting school session
 - W/C 22.6.26 - Last Week for Afterschool Clubs
 - 22.6.26 - Water Safety sessions
- 23.6.26 - Year 4 Visit to Jarrow Hall**
- 24.6.26 - New Reception class group visits
- 25.6.26 - 'Festival in the Forest' - After School fundraiser (more details after half term)**
- 26.6.26 - Tennis house matches
 - 29.6.26 - Year 5 trip - details to follow
 - 30.6.26 - 1.7.26 - Thorp Transition day

July

- 1.7.26 - Class swap morning
 - 2.7.26 - Reception open afternoon/celebration afternoon - details to follow
 - 3.7.26 - KS1 Celebration afternoon - 2.30pm - details to follow
 - W/C 6.7.26 - Sport and Health Week
 - 6.7.26 - B Outdoors sessions - details to follow
 - 7.7.26 - Scooters and Skateboards Day - details to follow
 - 7.7.26 - KS2 SATS results
- 9.7.26 - Reception Fun Day - details to follow**
- 10.7.26 - KS2 Celebration afternoon - details to follow
 - 13.7.26 - Sports Day
 - 14.7.26 - Annual reports go home
 - 15.7.26 - Year 6 Prom - 7pm - 9pm - more details to follow
 - 16.7.26 - Year 6 Leaver's assembly
 - 17.7.26 - Occasional day - school closed

Thursday 16th July - Break up for the summer holidays.
Return to school on Tuesday 1st September 2026



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- 🎵 Singing
- 💃 Dancing
- 🎬 Acting

Each week is inspired by a different popular musical theme, helping children build confidence, creativity, teamwork and performance skills in a supportive and welcoming environment.

🕒 Workshops run from 10am–2pm each day

💚 Weekly Themes:

- Week 1 (20th–23rd July): Inspired by K-Pop Demon Hunters
- Week 2 (27th–30th July): Matilda the Musical
- Week 3 (3rd–6th August): Wicked
- Week 4 (10th–13th August): The Greatest Showman

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We would be so grateful if you could share this with families who may be interested.

Thank you,

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