



5/6/2026



# FRIDAY LETTER



Girls only 7-a-side team in action for the first time last night along at Ryton Juniors.

## Girls Only 7-a-side League

While excitement is building for the men's FIFA World Cup getting underway next week, it is the Blaydon and District Schools Girls Only 7-a-side league that has been the talk of school this week. The girls have had to wait all year long for their chance to take to the field and couldn't wait to get into action along at Ryton Juniors last night. We arranged a joint training session on Monday night with our friends from Ryton which really helped to settle any nerves and made the girls even more excited to get on to the real thing.

After a good warm-up, the girls got straight into action in the first game against Highfield. It was a really tight game but Crookhill just edged it with a 1-0 win, SU firing home from just inside the box. The second game against Stella ended in stalemate with both sides having chances to take the lead. It was a defeat in the final game to St Agnes. The girls battled well to keep them out but couldn't hold on and this one ended 2-0 to St Agnes who were the overall winners on the night. The girls didn't want the night to end, so we managed to squeeze a couple of friendlies in against Emmaville (ending 0-0) and Ryton - a last minute winner for Crookhill from EB!

With only one of our team having any competitive football experience before last night, we are incredibly proud of all of the team who all raised their game and played with such enthusiasm! Thanks to parents for their enthusiastic support on the sidelines - it is much appreciated!



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## Keeping Safe at Crookhill



Monday was 'International Children's Day', which aims to promote the welfare of children around the world. This also marked the beginning of a week of 'Keeping Safe' themed events and assemblies in school. Special virtual assemblies, delivered by the NSPCC, helped children to understand and recognise abuse in all forms and encouraged them to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. You can find out more about this campaign by following the link [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

The NSPCC assemblies are part of our wider PHSE curriculum offer; keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do in school. From teaching children about water safety to learning about online dangers we aim to ensure that children learn to recognise risks and our goal is to create an environment where pupils feel safe and are able to share their concerns - no matter how small - with adults in school. We would encourage parents and carers to remind children that there are always adults in school who are willing to listen to their concerns.

**If you are ever concerned about the safety or well-being of someone at our school, please talk to one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Miss K McCormack (Head Teacher)

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs D Kelly (Assistant Head Teacher)

Mrs E Smith (Assistant Head Teacher)

## Stargate Pit Memorial Events

As you know from our news last half term, Crookhill pupils in Years 5/6 have been taking part in events to commemorate the Stargate Pit disaster of 1826. At the weekend, there was a special service at Holy Cross church which was attended by staff from Crookhill. It was lovely to hear members of our community speaking so highly of the poetry and expressing how moving they had found the poems. One gentleman (who is a descendant of one of the victims of the disaster) got in touch to thank the pupils for their work and to say he had passed on the poem to his other family members to share! Listeners to **BBC Radio Newcastle** might also have heard a lovely piece on the morning show last Thursday about the disaster and the work of pupils at Crookhill. You can listen again to the show (at about 1h 25mins) by clicking the link here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002wk6p>. Some of our pupils feature in the episode talking about the project and reading their poetry.



## World Cup Day - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Next Friday, to celebrate the start of the FIFA Men's World Cup, we are holding a special 'World Cup Day'. Children will take part in some fun football themed activities throughout the day - including some house football matches of course! Children are invited to attend wearing colours or kit of their World Cup team - we're guessing it's England colours but don't want to assume that everyone is Team Tuchel (let's keep the face paint and hair dye for when England get to the final though)! We hope this will be a lovely day for the children to celebrate the national game and kick off a month of (hopefully) great football memories!

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## Coming up at Crookhill...



# June



- W/C 8.6.26 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 9.6.25 - New Reception welcome meeting
- 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**
- 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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