

FRIDAY LETTER



12/6/2026



World Cup House Matches were played to celebrate the start of the World Cup!

World Cup at Crookhill!

We know that the World Cup hasn't really got started yet for England but we had a fantastic day of football activities at Crookhill today! Key Stage 2 children were excited to get started first thing this morning, with all children joining together on the field to cheer on their teams. Girls and boys played separate competitions in each age group with the results as follows:

Year 3 & 4 (Boys) Runhead

Year 3 & 4 (Girls) Hedgefield

Year 5 & 6 (Boys) Hedgefield / Stargate (joint winners)

Year 5 & 6 (Girls) Hedgefield



This afternoon it was the turn of KS1 and Reception to take their turn. There was just as much enthusiasm from the younger children with everyone enjoying the games.

Reception had fun trying out football skills with coach Jack from NUF before playing some games.

The Year 1 and 2 played together in their house teams - just for fun today so no results to report other than everyone had a great time and enjoyed their afternoon. I

In class, there were geography and art based activities for everyone to enjoy too.

Great

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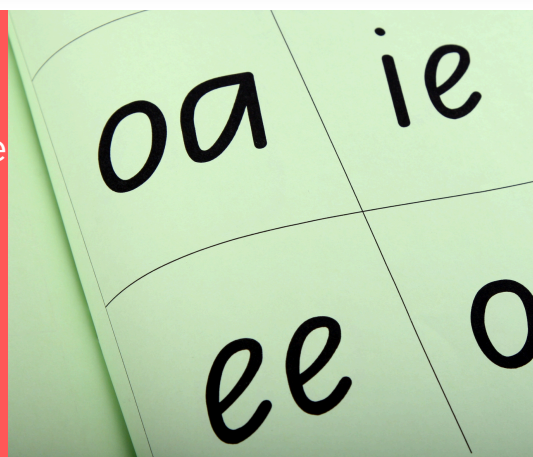


Festival in the Forest

It's less than two weeks until our 'Festival in the Forest' Fundraiser. It's great to see so many people already signed up for an afternoon of fun activities. It's not too late to join the party - just call into the office or speak to your child's class teacher if they want to come along on Thursday 25th June. A reminder that Forest Fun ends at 4.30pm.

Times tables and phonics checks

Our Year 4 pupils have now completed their Multiplication Tables Check and the Year 1 children are currently busy with their Phonics Screening Check. Well done to everyone who has worked so hard to make sure that these important basic skills are as fluent as they can be! Results will be shared with parents in the end of year reports.



Toys in School

We've noticed that there's been a lot of toys appearing in school recently. Some of the squishy fidget toys have caused problems with bursting and leaking. Please can we urge everyone to keep their special collections and treasures at home for safe keeping. Anyone who requires a fidget toy will be provided with a suitable item from school.

Attendance Matters...

With a huge rise in the number of term time holiday requests we have received this year, we want to share some important information about why attendance matters. Please take some time to read through the information below which outlines our attendance guidance for parents and carers. We hope that by sharing this information with you, you will understand why we care so much about attendance at Crookhill and why it's so important that your child attends school every day, where possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.



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Every Day Counts

A Guide for Parents and Carers

At Crookhill Primary School, we promote excellent attendance and punctuality. Good attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. It ensures that children get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

Pupils who attend regularly are more likely to achieve better results than their peers that do not, both at Key Stage 2 tests in primary school, and in GCSE's at secondary school.

Why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn
- To have fun and make new friends
- To understand responsibility
- To experience new things
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religions, ethnicity and gender differences
- To achieve
- To gain qualifications
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To grow as individuals

At Crookhill Primary School, attendance and punctuality are monitored regularly so difficulties or concerns are quickly highlighted and addressed. In our school we aim for 100% attendance. Attendance falls into the following categories:

Crookhill Primary School Attendance Categories:					
Persistent Absence	Concern	Below Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Less than 90%	90-93.9%	94-95.9%	96-97.9%	98-99.9%	100%
Attendance is below 90% and / or frequently late	Attendance falls below 95% and / or occasionally late to school		Attendance is 96% or higher; very rarely late to school	Attendance is 98% or higher; always on time.	
A pupil below 90% is classed as Persistently Non-Attending. Prolonged attendance at this level could result in legal action, fines and possible prosecution					

If attendance over the school year is:	...a pupil will miss this many days:	...and this many lessons:
100%	0	0
95%	10	50
90%	19	95
85%	29	145
80%	39	195
75%	49	245
70%	58	290

Safeguarding and Attendance

We monitor trends and patterns of absence for all pupils as a part of our standard procedures. However, we are aware that sudden or gradual changes in a pupil's attendance may indicate additional or more extreme safeguarding issues. In line with government guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education we will investigate and report any suspected safeguarding cases to the relevant authorities. As part of our safeguarding duty and our standard procedures, we will inform the Local Authority and/or the Police of the details of any pupil who is absent from school when the school has made all reasonable enquiries and cannot establish their whereabouts and is concerned for the pupil's welfare and safety.

Leave Of Absence and Term Time Holidays

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

In law, you must ask for permission for your children to miss school.

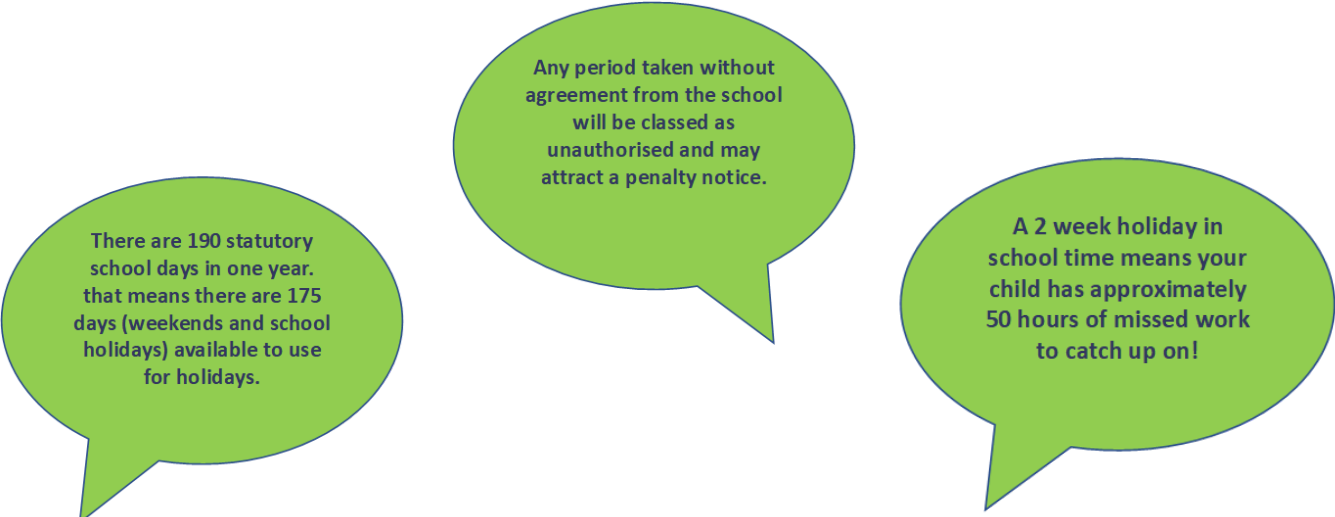
In line with DfE expectations, a leave of absence will NOT be authorised except in very exceptional circumstances. Holidays during term time will NOT be authorised. All parents can be referred to the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice issued.

● Each parent will be issued a separate penalty notice, for each child who is absent. For example, 2 parents and 3 children, each parent will receive 3 penalty notices for £160 each, with a family total of £960 in fines.

● If the fine is paid within 28 days, it is reduced to £80 per parent, per child.

● If a second fine is issued within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice is issued, the fine amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days, with no reduction.

● The third time an offence occurs this will be presented to Magistrate's court with no penalty notice issued.



There are 190 statutory school days in one year. that means there are 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays.

Any period taken without agreement from the school will be classed as unauthorised and may attract a penalty notice.

A 2 week holiday in school time means your child has approximately 50 hours of missed work to catch up on!

Sporting / Performance Events

Any absences for external Sporting / Performance Events which are held during the school day, but not as part of school's curriculum, will be recorded as unauthorized absence. Please contact school if you require further clarification.

Punctuality

Punctuality is important so that pupils can start the day on time, ready to learn. Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm. The gates open at 8.40am and 3.15 pm.

Removal Before the End of the School Day

Parents should not remove children from school before the end of the school day. A leave of absence request must be completed stating the reason for the removal and this will be added to the child's attendance record.

If there are repeated removals, this will be addressed with parents according to school's policy and procedure for dealing with absences.

Missing just 10 minutes of a school day is the same as missing two weeks over the year. Pupils who arrive late and / or leave early also disrupt lessons which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. It is also extremely disruptive for the rest of the class.

Medical and Dental Appointments

Parents are discouraged from making medical or dental appointments during school time, and are only expected to remove their child from school for the minimum period of time when this is unavoidable.

If a child has missed morning or afternoon registration as a result of such an appointment, the session is recorded as a medical absence (M) and this will affect the child's overall attendance.

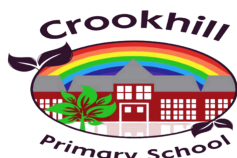
Our School Attendance Policy is available on the school website:

[Crookhill Community Primary School - Attendance Policy](#)

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Thank you for ensuring your child attends school regularly

Coming up at Crookhill...



June



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 days

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 - Tyneside Golf Club

16.7.26 - Year 6 Leavers' 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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