



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 4th July 2025

Class Attendances

27 th June 2025			4 th July 2025		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
100%	91.9%	100%	98.5%	97%	99.4%

School
Target
96%



BORWICK HALL 2025

Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

Mon	
Tues	Lunchtime - Self-love Club
Wed	Before School - Netball Club Lunchtime - Spanish After School - Craft Club
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club After School - Sports Club
Mon	
Tues	No Clubs
Wed	Lunchtime - Spanish
Thurs	No Clubs After School Disco
Fri	After School - Sports Club

Next week:

7th July 2025

C3 performance at Rainford High

8th July 2025

Football match at St Thomas the Martyr (3.30pm)

9th July 2025

WLSP Boxercise Taster Sessions

11th July 2025

Penny Wars Treat Day

Later in the half-term:

14th & 15th July 2025

Dragon's Den Shop

16th July 2025

Moving Up Classes Morning
Posh Nosh Leavers' Lunch
Best Class Afternoon Tea

17th July 2025

Class Parties
After School Whole School
Disco

Dear Parents,

Wow – What a busy week it has been in school – and it looks like it we will be even busier as we approach the end of the year. Our Y5 & Y6 pupils have had an amazing time at Borwick Hall for their residential. They have been able to take part in lots of exciting activities which you will have seen if you follow our Facebook page, as well as spending some quality time with each other. An extra special thank you must go to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Crompton and Mr Roscoe who gave up their time to accompany the children on the visit. Without their dedication we wouldn't be able to offer these fantastic experiences. Equally, I really enjoyed taking the Year 4 pupils, alongside pupils from St. Edmund's Catholic Primary school, to Rock and River last week. We were able to do lots of climbing, zip-lining, paddle boarding and canoeing; while making new friends along the way. It was even more satisfying that my team won every game we played – without cheating of course! It was such a fun day.

Class 3 now look forward to entertaining you all with their production of 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean', on Monday. We had a practice run on Tuesday this week and it was fantastic. The children have worked incredibly hard and they cannot wait for you to see it.

I'd also like to say how proud I am of all our pupils this week that have completed their summer assessments. Each classroom has been a hive of hard work and concentration, and I cannot wait to see how well everyone has done.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Brearley

Mr Brearley's Column

Award Winners



Pride Award

C2 Charlie R
C3 Bethany

C1 Heath
C2 Oliver L
C3 Robyn



Star of the Week

C2 Evelyn B
C3 Oliver H

C1 Alistair
C2 All Year 1
C3 Stanley



Super Writers

C2 Lilian
Y3/4 India

C2 India

Housepoints



1st



2nd



3rd



4th

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Don't forget to log on to your child's Seesaw account. You will find work that they do in school, photographs and videos that are not uploaded to social media and you can upload photos from home. Please ask if you are having any problems logging on and we will help if we can.

Do not forget to check out our school website! You will find details of upcoming events, term dates, important key documents and policies plus lots of information and photographs showcasing what we have been doing in school.



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 Carnival Games
 Prizes
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 Refreshments
 Tombola
 2 Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP

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DDizzi!
 What's Happening In The World This Week?

For this week's story, we are visiting...

Yorkshire

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 Where the world comes to life

What?

Scientists say rising sea temperatures could mean more amazing sea creatures will soon be swimming around UK waters. Some endangered animals, like basking sharks, thornback rays and native oysters, may find new homes as parts of the ocean get warmer.

These changes are happening because the world's oceans are heating up - including the North Sea near the UK, which is warming faster than most places on Earth.

One big surprise? Native oysters might actually do really well in the future, even though their numbers have been dropping for over 100 years!

What?

Some sea animals that can swim and move easily will be able to cope better. But others, like the sea pen (a reef-building animal pictured here) and the ocean quahog (a clam that can live for 500 years!), may find it much harder to survive.

Scientists warn that even if species move to new homes, they still need protection from things like fishing gear, pollution and disease.

So, next time you're on a beach in Yorkshire, just imagine - one day you might be swimming in the sea alongside a basking shark or paddling near a patch of native oysters!

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 Where the world comes to life

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or future game releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many freestyle-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 18 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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Be smart on internet



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of concern might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homeworks – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and The Verge. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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