



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 26th September 2025

Class Attendances

19 th September 2025			26 th September 2025		
C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3
100%	99%	99.3%	98.2%	97.7%	97.9%

School
Target
96%

A note from Class 2...

What a fantastic start to the school year! Our new Year 1 children have settled in beautifully, embracing new routines and diving into their new lessons with enthusiasm and curiosity.

In English, we have stepped into the world of Katie Morag, using her stories to inspire our own writing and deepen our understanding of characters and settings.

In Geography, we've been discovering the wonders of our planet by learning about Hot and Cold Places - from the icy landscapes of Antarctica to the wet Amazon Rainforest, we have been virtually exploring our planet! Meanwhile, in Science, we have been sorting and classifying animals into groups, learning more about their similarities and differences.

Our computing skills are also improving as the Year 1 children learn more about Purple Mash while the older children recap their digital skills. The children have enjoyed exploring this interactive platform as well as having the opportunity to take part in some coding sessions with our Cyber Ambassadors.

Finally, today we celebrated European Day of Languages with a colourful celebration of culture, language and diversity.



Coming up @ Crawford...

Diary Dates

Mon	Lunchtime - Choir
Tues	Lunchtime - Self-love Club After School - Eco Club
Wed	Before School - Hi 5 Club After School - Craft Club
Thurs	Lunchtime - Brass After School - Table Tennis
Fri	Lunchtime - Micro:bit Club After School - Sports Club
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Next week:

1st October 2025
Black History Month starts

3rd October 2025
Posh Nosh

Later in the half-term:

8th October 2025
Harvest Festival 9.15am

13th October 2025
Flu Immunisations (pm)
Y5 Bikeability (Session 1-pm)

14th October 2025
Y5 Bikeability (Session 2-am)

15th October 2025
Y5 Bikeability (Session 3-am)

20th October 2025
Parents' Evening 3.30pm

21st October 2025
Parents' Evening 3.30pm

23rd October 2025
Dress-up Day - Halloween

Dear Parents and Family Members,

It has been a busy few weeks in school with lots of exciting activities. Children in Class Three are loving learning about our solar system and even had the chance to handle actual meteorites that have come from the moon and from further afield in outer space. They have also been learning about rockets and were tasked by the RAF to design their own as well as a sustainable aircraft for the future. It is wonderful to see how children make links to and appreciate the importance of sustainability in their learning on a regular basis.

I want to thank all the parents that came to our stay and play in Class 1 a couple of weeks ago. It truly is lovely to see the support our children have and how we can work together to help them achieve their full potential. Our lovely Nursery pupils have settled in beautifully, and we are already so proud of how kind and enthusiastic they are!

I would like to remind all parents that our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 8th October, at 9.15am. We would love to see you all there. More information about this will follow next week.

Today is TA appreciation day and I am sure you will all join me in saying a massive thank you to all our support staff in school. We are so grateful for their kindness and dedication and how they truly make our school a better place for everyone!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Brearley

Mr Brearley's Column

Award Winners



Pride Award

C2 Evelyn B C2 Beatrix
C3 Sophia C3 Mack



Star of the Week

C1 Reid
C2 Eddie
C3 Olivia BM &
Olivia L

C1 Francesca
C2 Arthur
C3 Catherine &
Harriet



Super Writers

C2 Theo
C3 n/a
Y3/4 Peter

C2 James
C3 Lennon
Y3/4 Jenson

Housepoints



1st



2nd



3rd



4th

Find us on social media...



Crawford Village Primary School



@crawford_school

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.





It'za
Pizza Party!



*Join us for a
family pizza making night.
You bring your family, we'll
bring the dough + toppings.*

Friday, October 17th
5:00-7:00pm at Crawford
Village Primary School



(booked in 30 minute time slots)



Price per pizza £12.50

Includes: sourdough ball + unlimited
toppings (cheese, pepperoni + veggies)



Tickets available through Parent Pay.
Limited spaces available. 1 pizza per family.
Gluten free base available upon request.
Unlimited tea, juice, and water included.

WELCOME BACK! WELCOME BACK! WELCOME BACK!

Friends of Crawford Village

newsletter

We hope everyone is settling nicely into the new school year! We're excited to share that we've already held our first PTA meeting of the year. Alongside planning the calendar of fun events to come, we voted to use current funds to support the needs and expansion of our **Forest School**. This investment will help ensure more children can benefit from outdoor learning and the wonderful experiences it brings.

Looking Ahead

We're aiming to fund larger projects that will make a lasting difference for our children and school community. Some of the ideas we're working towards include:

- External classrooms** – to extend learning opportunities beyond the walls of the school.
- An updated boys' bathroom** – to improve facilities and comfort for pupils.

We'll share more details soon, along with opportunities for you to get involved.

Your PTA Team
www.friendsofcrawfordvillage.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Pizza Making Night - Friday, October 17th 5:30-7:30PM
 for more info on future events visit www.friendsofcrawfordvillage.com/schedule

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Support us through easyfundraising

WE NEED YOUR HELP RAISING FUNDS...

We are now partnered with Easy Fundraising, it's like a cash back program, but donations go to Friends of Crawford Village every time you shop, at no extra cost to you! It's the perfect way to support us without parting with more pennies.



SCAN ME!

Sign up today and start racking up the donations. Shop with over 8,000 brands and easy fundraising will do the rest. Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-crawford-village>

Can't figure it out? Let us know and we'll be happy to help you!
 Top tip: download the app to be reminded whenever you're shopping with a store that participates!

WHERE DO THE FUNDS GO?

Check out our shiny new website with all the details on things we've funded in the past, what our future funding goals are and how we decide what funds are used for!
www.friendsofcrawfordvillage.com/fundraising

DDiZZi!
 Where the world comes to life

What's Happening In The World This Week?

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

Morocco




DDiZZi!
 Where the world comes to life

What?

Something amazing has just happened for the world's oceans. Countries all around the globe have agreed on a special deal called the High Seas Treaty – and it's about to become international law!

Last week, Morocco became the 60th country to sign the treaty. That was the magic number needed, which means the rules will officially start in January.

The 'high seas' are parts of the ocean that don't belong to any one country. Right now, only 1% of them are protected.




Source: GETTY images

But under this new deal, 30% must be protected by 2030. That means more safe zones for whales, dolphins, turtles, fish and countless other creatures.

What?

Why does it matter? The ocean gives us most of the oxygen we breathe, helps control Earth's climate, and is home to amazing wildlife. But years of overfishing, pollution and rising temperatures have put marine life in danger.

Leaders are calling this agreement a 'monumental achievement' and a turning point for our blue planet. Once the treaty begins, countries will work together to choose areas to protect – proving that the world really can unite to save the sea.



Source: GETTY images

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 Where the world comes to life

PERCUSSION DAY 2025

STRING DAY 2025

SIGN UP!



FREE TO ATTEND

VENUE

ST CHRISTOPHERS CE HIGH
SCHOOL, QUEENS ROAD WEST,
ACCRINGTON, BB5 4AY

WHEN

SUNDAY 28TH SEPT 2025 | 10AM-3:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST

SIMONE REBELLO

SIGN UP!



FREE TO ATTEND

VENUE

ST MICHAELS CE HIGH SCHOOL
ASTLEY RD, CHORLEY PR7 1RS

WHEN

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

TIME

10AM-3:30PM



LANCASHIRE
MUSIC SERVICE



LANCASHIRE
MUSIC SERVICE

SHARES

Multi-Sports and

ACTIVITY CLUB

Mon-Fri
9am-4:30pm

Age: 5-11 yr

VENUE:

Holland Moor
Primary School,
WN8 9AG:

27th October - 31st
October

Highly
Qualified &
experienced
staff.

£17 per day or
£75 per week
for SHARES
SCHOOLS

£22 per day or
£100 per week -
NONE SHARES
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Halloween party,
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All staff are DBS checked.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim (e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked). While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shared by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 78% had seen real-world violence online, and 85% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online content can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity
Community
Wellbeing
Respect

UNCERTAINTY
CONFLICT
FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 55% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places, such as the streets, public transport hubs, or places where large groups of people gather. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug use, attract these risks. These areas are likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Tale of Two Cities' – Trust Instincts, Take a Breath, and Talk to a Trusted Adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survived brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be cautioned by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A caution can result in a criminal record. Being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinisale Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinisale.org.uk



Be smart on internet



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapschat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapschat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges for a few days), where users will see a streak alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restart it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of extortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture these images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve blackmailing them with the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT

Snapschat is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapschat introduced a new tier called 'Luxe', giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapschat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapschat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – as sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapschat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapschat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapschat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapschat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Safety and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's an option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudity'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapschat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about sexting and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're faced with a sexting, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapschat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Southard is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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ChildLine
0800 1111

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



lancashire.gov.uk



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2025

School transport



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