



Crawford Village
Primary School & Nursery

THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLE

Friday 10th October 2025

Class Attendances

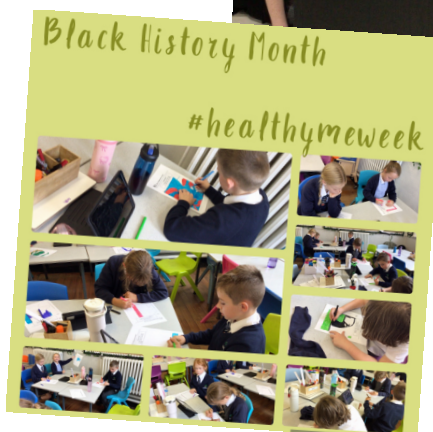
3 rd October 2025			10 th October 2025		
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96.4%	98%	93.4%	100%	100%	98.3%

School
Target
96%

A note from Class 3...

Year 5 and 6 have had a fabulous start to the new academic year. In grammar, we have been getting to grips with word class definitions, synonyms and antonyms. We have been using the classic novel, 'Oliver Twist' as a basis for our writing and we are loving it. Our descriptions have been fantastic. We have also written poetry on the theme of play, which linked into this year's National Poetry Day focus. As part of our increased focus on oracy, we performed our poems for each other and also, sent two representatives to the local poetry oracy awards event. In maths, we have been focussing on place value, addition and subtraction. We also entered a maths challenge competition which four of our Y6 children attended and we came an incredible 3rd place in a very closely matched battle.

In the afternoons, we have continued to develop our knowledge of the solar system in Science, learning about the different phases of the moon as well as finalising a beautiful 3D display in class. In History, we have really enjoyed researching historical figures of Crawford Village: Christopher Pennington, who built Manor House; The Dean Family, who lived in the house after and ran the village farm; James Lindsay, the 24th Earl of Crawford and Robert Daglish, whose inventions helped improve the coal trade in Crawford. In Art, we have thoroughly loved developing our realistic drawing skills, thinking about texture, tone, composition and proportion.





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:

13th October 2025
Flu Immunisations (pm)

14th October 2025
Y5/6 Girls Football 4.00pm

17th October 2025
Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby (am)

Later in the half-term:

20th October 2025
Parents' Evening 3.30pm

21st October 2025
Parents' Evening 3.30pm

23rd October 2025
Dress-up Day - Halloween
Halloween Disco

24th October 2025
School closes for half-term
3.30pm

3rd November 2025
School reopens 8.50am

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start off by thanking you all again for the wonderful support and generosity displayed with regards to our Harvest Celebration. It was one of the best attended events we have had in recent memory, and we are absolutely thrilled to receive such support for our children. We were amazed with the donations we received, for such a small school, we managed to collect a wonderful amount of varied goods that will go to such worthwhile causes: The Storehouse and Ronald McDonald House. You are all incredible!

School has been extremely busy over the past few weeks, with our KS2 pupils taking full advantage of a jam-packed sporting and academic calendar. We had great success at football; enjoyed taking part in a girls football festival as well as winning the initial group stage of the small school's netball tournament! We have also had two brilliant writers attend a poetry competition; four incredible mathematicians come third in a Maths competition and two politically minded members attend the first pupil parliament meeting of the year. We are so lucky we have such dedicated staff providing opportunities such as these as well as having equally as dedicated pupils wanting to take part and excel in so many different activities. We have even more events to look forward to in the coming weeks; a Tag-Rugby festival, a composite relay, PTA Pizza night, a Halloween Disco and more importantly Parents Evening. Booking for this is live on School Spider so please ensure you have booked a slot.

Thank you all again for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend; the autumnal weather is well upon us now so whatever you get up to, be safe, be happy and have fun.

Mr Brearley

Mr Brearley's Column

Award Winners



Pride Award

C2 Heath
C3 Hattie

C2 Martha
C3 Freddie T



Star of the Week

C1 Lara
C2 Brian
C3 James ML

C1 Olivia
C2 Wilf
C3 Rosie



Super Writers

C2 Eloise
C3 Stanley
Y3/4 Finley W

C2 Eliza
C3 Scarlett
Y3/4 Teddy

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

A Little Appreciation for Our Amazing Staff
On Monday, October 6th, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day by treating all of our wonderful teachers and staff to coffees and treats. It was a small gesture to say a big thank you for everything they do to support and inspire our children every day.

Uniform Swap Success
We also organised a free-of-charge uniform swap, giving parents the chance to pass on any outgrown or unwanted uniform items. It was lovely to see families taking part and helping to give uniforms a second life, while saving money and reducing waste.

Last Chance to Book - Pizza Making Night!
Don't miss out! Our Pizza Making Night is happening soon, and the last day to book is this Friday, October 10th via ParentPay. Premium ingredients will be provided. Each family will receive their own pizza box to take away their creation. We'd love to see you there!

Coming Up Next: Halloween Disco!
Get ready for some spooky fun! Our Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday, October 23rd. Bookings will be available soon on ParentPay, and we'll be sharing more details very soon, so keep an eye out!

Thank you as always for your continued support. Every event and initiative we run is made possible by the amazing school community we have.

Your PTA Team,
Friends of Crawford Village
www.friendsofcrawfordvillage.com

Upcoming Events
Family Pizza Making Night - Friday, October 17th 5:30-7:30PM
Halloween Disco - Thursday, October 23rd 3:30-5:00
for more info on future events visit www.friendsofcrawfordvillage.com/schedule

Friends of Crawford Village

GET FREE RAFFLE TICKETS!

Sign up for Easy Fundraising and you'll automatically receive 5 free raffle tickets at this year's Christmas Fair.

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.easypfundraising.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!

Crawford Village Primary School Christmas Fair

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH | 5-7PM

DDiZZi!
Share the world comes to life

What's Happening In The World This Week?

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

Alaska



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Share the world comes to life

What?

In Alaska's Brooks Range, something strange is happening to the rivers. Water that was once so clean people could drink it straight from the stream has turned orange and cloudy - and scientists say (can you guess?) that climate change is to blame.

As the Arctic warms, permafrost (ground that has stayed frozen for thousands of years) is starting to melt. When this happens, minerals and metals like iron and aluminum leak out of the soil and rocks, mixing into the rivers.


Source: Taylor Rhoades

Scientists first noticed the Salmon River looking 'dirty' in 2019. Tests showed that fish like salmon and grayling could be in danger. Salmon, which are very important for local wildlife and Indigenous communities, may struggle to survive if their spawning grounds get clogged with mud and metals.

What?

The problem isn't just in one place. Researchers say rivers across the Arctic could soon face the same changes. Once the chemical reaction begins, there's no easy way to stop it - except for the permafrost to freeze again, which may not happen as the world keeps warming.

Even in one of the most remote and wild places on Earth, the effects of climate change are now impossible to miss.


Source: Taylor Rhoades

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SHARES

Multi-Sports and

ACTIVITY CLUB

Mon-Fri
9am-4:30pm

Age: 5-11 yr

VENUE:

Holland Moor
Primary School,
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27th October - 31st
October

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION
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Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will not want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. Improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from luring players out of money and in-game items. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world sport, the glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are enjoying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening risky packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth asking a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

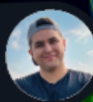
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with phishing messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iHate, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators DEALING WITH TRAUMATIC & CHALLENGING EVENTS

Children and young people may face a wide range of traumatic or challenging events – from bereavement and illness to bullying, family breakdowns, or witnessing violence. These experiences can affect their mental health, behaviour, relationships, and academic progress. With the right support from trusted adults, children can begin to feel safe, rebuild resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. This guide offers practical and empathetic ways to provide support and promote positive outcomes.

1 A PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Children who have experienced trauma often feel unsafe or uncertain. Creating routines, setting clear expectations, and maintaining consistency can help restore a sense of security. This structure offers reassurance and helps children feel more in control of their surroundings.

2 USE LANGUAGE THAT MATCHES THEIR AGE

Speak clearly and sensitively, choosing words that are appropriate for the child's age. Avoid overwhelming them with too much information at once. Offer gentle, reassuring explanations and focus on reassurance, especially when talking about difficult or sensitive subjects.

3 TRAUMA AND THE BODY

Mention briefly that trauma can show up in physical ways, such as changes in sleep, appetite, concentration, or as physical aches and pains. Consider this before labelling behaviour as 'difficult' or 'lazy'. Some children may become withdrawn, while others may be more outwardly challenging. Highlight that there's no 'one way' children respond.

4 AVOID RETELLING OR RELIVING TRAUMA

Children sometimes get asked to explain or report their experience multiple times. Striving a balance of when to listen and when to gently redirect can help to avoid unnecessary re-traumatisation. Acknowledge, but don't probe for detail unless safeguarding procedures require it.

5 AVOID DISMISSING OR MINIMISING FEELINGS

Seemingly well-meaning comments like 'It's not that bad' or 'You're okay' may shut down children's emotional expression and are often not helpful. Instead, acknowledge what they're feeling, even if it seems small. Validating a child's emotions helps them feel seen and encourages open communication in future.

6 UNDERSTAND HOW THEY'RE FEELING

Many children don't have the words to express their emotions, especially during distress. Supporting them to name what they're feeling – such as angry, scared or sad – builds emotional literacy. Tools like emotion charts, drawing, or storytelling can help externalise feelings in a safe, manageable way.

7 BE AWARE OF YOUR OWN RESPONSES

Children pick up on adult emotions and reactions, often mirroring them. Staying calm, even in challenging situations, helps children feel more secure. Practising your own self-regulation is an important way to model healthy stress management and encourages children to do the same.

8 SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

While many children benefit from everyday emotional support, some will need more specialised help. If symptoms persist, worsen, or disrupt their daily life, consult with a school safeguarding lead, a GP, or a mental health professional. Early intervention can prevent long-term difficulties and support healthy recovery.

9 MAINTAIN CONNECTION

Isolation can worsen the impact of trauma. Encourage involvement in group activities, praise their efforts, and ensure they feel like a valued part of the school or family community. Meaningful connection with trusted adults and peers builds resilience and a sense of belonging.

10 BE PATIENT – HEALING TAKES TIME

There's no quick fix for emotional recovery. Children may have good days and setbacks, and progress may not always be visible or linear. Your ongoing support, patience, and presence can help them move forward at their own pace, knowing they are not alone.

Meet Our Expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school by integrating mental health into the curriculum, school culture, and systems. She has been a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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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.



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School and Academy places September 2026

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31 October 2025

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