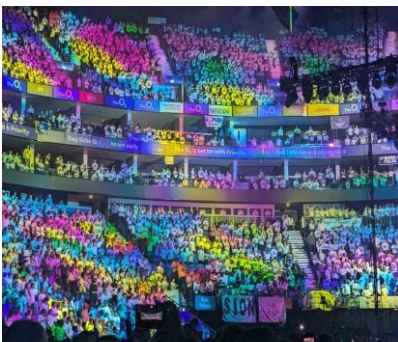




CROOK LOG NEWS



Believe in a brighter future



Back in January, the Crook Log choir had the amazing opportunity to sing at the O2 Arena as part of this electrifying choir and the 30-year anniversary of Young Voices. Young voices mission is to ignite a love for music, empowering children to discover their voices and build their confidence.

It is always such a breathtaking night. This year the children were joined on stage by Aneesa Folds, a vocalist who performs with Freestyle Love supreme and Ruti the winner of the Voice UK. The children sang a wide range of melodies including from 'Wicked', sea shanties and songs like 'All over the world', 'Shackles (Praise you)' and '(something inside) so strong' along with our favourite song 'Power in me'.

We are always extremely proud of our children when we take them out of school on a trip as their behaviour is always impeccable. The children, staff and parents had a fabulous evening listening to over 8000 children performing together with the most amazing sound and lighting effects.

A big thank you to Miss Parkes for a given up her time to rehearse with the children and for given them this wonderful opportunity. We are already looking forward to Young Voices 2027.



The first cinema night of the spring term took place in February and it was a huge success. The children settled into the hall to watch 'In your dreams' and enjoyed a lovely relaxed evening together. All children received a drink and some treats, choosing between either popcorn or some sweets. A big thank you to FOCLS and to Mrs Green for organising the event.





Children's Mental Health Week took place between the 9th- 13th February. The theme for 2025 was 'This is my place', focusing on the importance of a sense of belonging. To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and Mental Health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we **belong**, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

The week started with the children having a 'Come as yourself' Day, where they could come to school wearing whatever they felt comfortable in wearing- cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours or something totally unique. We celebrated what makes them unique. This was followed by an assembly led by Allison from the Mental Health Support Team, supported by our year 6 Ambassadors who explained the importance of feeling like you belong. The Ambassadors shared with the school all of the clubs that they attend where they feel like they belong. The Ambassadors gave the children top tips to try this week such as 'If you see someone left out then ask them to play', 'Put yourself in other's shoes', 'Be Kind' and 'Talk to someone new this week.'

Throughout the week the children took part in a range of activities including artwork, games and circle time discussions. A fabulous week was had by all and our children pledged that this week they will try out some of the Ambassadors top tips so that everyone feels like they belong at Crook Log School.



Silly Scientist Day



On Friday 23rd January, the children came to school dressed as scientists and took part in a range of fun and exciting science experiments. These activities included:

Nursery- Exploring cornflour

Reception- Investigating ice, floating and sinking and magnets

Year 1- Making Alka seltzer rockets

Year 2- Making simple lava lamps

Year 3- Volcanic eruptions and making elephant toothpaste

Year 4- Exploring static electricity and making batteries out of lemons

Year 5- Paper Hovercrafts, raindrops in a cloud and lava lamps

Year 6- Mould experiments and yeast experiments

Dragon Fly- Rising water experiment

It was a fun day full of curiosity, creativity and hands on learning.



In February, we had a brilliant *Break the Rules Day* at school, and the children had a fantastic time! Pupils were able to pay a small fine to break some school rules, including wearing nail varnish, bringing squash in their bottles, bringing a toy from home, wearing a football shirt or their own clothes, enjoying different snacks, and for the juniors, even having an extra afternoon playtime.

We are delighted to share that all the money raised will go towards purchasing new indoor games for wet playtimes, resources for Golden Time, and new reading books for our book corners. Thank you for your support in making the day such a success.



The Year 5 children were finally able to visit the British Museum after an unforeseen closure prevented their visit before Christmas. This time the children were fully able to explore the museum and visit a range of sections. They explored the Greek galleries, where they looked at statues, ancient pots and artefacts. They also visited the Egyptian section, including the mummies, which was a particular highlight for everyone. The children were impeccably well behaved while travelling to London and throughout their time in the museum. They moved around respectfully, admiring the artefacts and generating thoughtful discussions about what they had seen. Thank you to Mrs Green and Mr Thurston for organising the trip and to our parent helpers for accompanying them. A fantastic day was had by all!

WORLD BOOK DAY

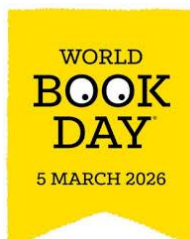
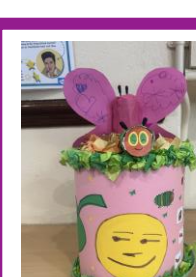
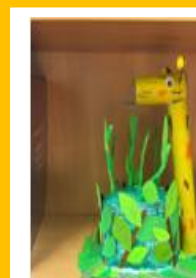
We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day and starting our *National year of reading* celebrations. Everyone looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book characters. We started the day with an assembly by the very scary **Maleficent**. Each class took part in a costume parade so we could appreciate all of the fabulous costumes. We had such a wide variety of characters. The children had been given the challenge of making a hat based upon a book for homework. We all enjoyed looking at their wonderful creations and guessing which book the hats were inspired by. Mrs Barratt celebrated her last World Book Day by doing multiple costume changes throughout the day to transform into different book characters. A fun day was had by all!





WORLD BOOK DAY

Look at a selection of the amazing hats that have been made inspired by our favourite books.





**Safer
Internet
Day**

On February 10th, we took part in Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is **Smart Tech, safe choices- Exploring the safe and sensible use of AI.**

Everyone is talking about AI and with many children hearing about AI and using AI online, it is important that they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we explored the impact of AI on all our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good and what the dangers are. The children learnt about how to use AI safely and responsibly in school and at home.



The Cloggy choir, our Rock Steady bands and children that receive additional in school music lessons were given the opportunity to go to London's West end to watch Hercules the musical. For some children this was their first time visiting a theatre. All the children had a fabulous time and were impeccably behaved. Thank you to Miss Parkes for organising the trip.



Year 3 had a brilliant Roman Day! The day began with the children arriving at school dressed as Romans, which created a fantastic atmosphere straight away. They enjoyed an exciting and fun-filled day creating mosaic pictures, designing Roman shields, researching Roman gods and goddesses, and designing and making Roman chariots as part of their DT work. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and enjoyed sharing their creations with their friends. A big thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Gibbs for organising such an interesting and memorable day.



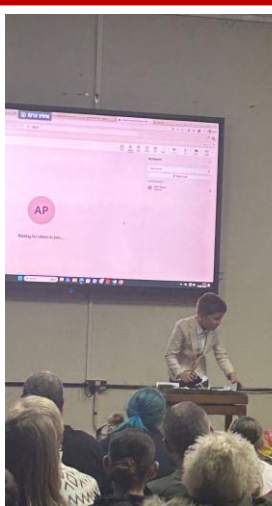
The early morning Crook Log Running Club launched on 26th January and has grown in strength week by week. Everyone is welcome to join us for an early morning run. The cost is £1 per session. For more information, please see Mrs Green. All money raised is going towards year 5 school journey costs.

CROOK LOG'S GOT TALENT



On Friday 6th February, we enjoyed an amazing *Crook Log's Got Talent* show in the school hall. Mrs Green was blown away during the auditions, with over 100 children auditioning for a chance to perform in the talent show. There were so many fantastic talents on display, including singing, dancing, magic tricks, gymnastics and playing a wide range of musical instruments.

It was a wonderful evening that truly showcased our children's talents. The audience were incredible, cheering, clapping and encouraging every act. A huge thank you to Mrs Green for organising such a brilliant event, Miss Parkes for her technical skills and to FOCLS for providing the hot dogs, popcorn, sweets and drinks. We all had a fantastic time and are already looking forward to the next one! Well done to FOCLS for raising **£660.92** from the event.





Multi- Faith Iftar Dinner

On 5th March, we held our very first Multi-Faith Iftar Dinner. This event was thoughtfully planned as an opportunity to come together during the holy month of Ramadan, to share in an important tradition and to celebrate the values of unity, respect and understanding that we hold dear. The evening was a huge success and was open to every member of our school community.

The evening began with a short welcome, followed by a brief explanation of the significance of Ramadan and the Iftar tradition. We then marked the breaking of the fast at sunset by sharing dates and water, followed by the observation or participation in prayer. After this, we enjoyed spending time together as a community, sharing a buffet style meal with food kindly prepared and donated by members of the community and local businesses.

The focus of the evening was on connection, shared experience and celebrating community and it was wonderful to see everyone come together in such a meaningful and inclusive way.

A big thank you to Humayra Ahmed and all the parents and businesses who have supported her in preparing food, donating items or giving their time to make this event possible.

An amazing total of **£340** was raised on the night for charity. Well done everyone!



We were lucky to welcome Ian from the KIC Theatre Company into school this term, where he delivered engaging drama workshops. Ian has a fantastic ability to bring topics to life through the art of drama, making learning truly memorable. The workshops explored a range of curriculum topics. Each session was carefully tailored to the age group and theme, encouraging creativity, imagination, and active participation. The children were fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the experience—thank you, Ian, for inspiring our young learners!



Year 3 had a brilliant time when they visited the Science Museum. They enjoyed exploring the museum and visiting several galleries, including *Making the Modern World*, *Space*, *Technicians*, and the *Clockmakers' Museum*. In particular, the children were in awe of the model of the Earth in the Space gallery. The children also greatly enjoyed taking part in the Wonder Show, where they watched some exciting science experiments and learned about the science behind them. All the children were impeccably well behaved in the museum and while travelling to and from the museum on public transport. A big thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Gibbs for organising such a fantastic trip.



On 25th March, the Year 5 children came to school dressed as Ancient Greeks ready to be transported back in time for their Greek Day. They all looked fabulous in their costumes. The day started with a class assembly to parents. This was followed by engaging in a range of activities inspired by the Greek culture. These activities included making and decorating Greek vases, carving Greek statues out of soap, re-enacting Greek myths and legends and taking part in a mini Olympics. A fun day was had by all, bringing the topic to life.



We all really enjoyed watching this years Easter Production from the CRIBS team who always find new and exciting ways to tell the Easter story.



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Hall place to take part in a plant workshop. They were so lucky with the weather; the sun was shining all day. The day started with the children being seed detectives and investigating a range of different seeds. Annie then explained what plants need to grow and how a seed germinates. The children got to look at a spider plant and identify the parts of a plant before having a tour around the Hall Place garden and learning about all the different plants and trees. The day finished with the children having some free time to play in the fresh air. A wonderful day was had by all and all the children behaved beautifully.

On Superhero day, year one had a fun packed day based on their superhero themed book, Traction Man. The year one children came into school dressed as their favourite superheroes. They all looked super strong when they arrived in school ready to start their superhero training. The day started with the children discussing what makes a good superhero and designing their own superhero characters. They then trained for a secret mission with Ian from KIC theatre. Their training was successful and they all became fully qualified superheroes. A fun, tiring day was had by everyone.



Sadly, we had to postpone our Easter Egg Hunt before the holiday but this is due to take place again on Thursday 16th April. We look forward to the sun shining and having a wonderful time searching for eggs. Thank you for your understanding.

Happy Easter!



THANK YOU

As we come to the end of another busy term, we would like to thank everyone in our school community for your continued support to help make our school such a positive and welcoming place for our children to learn and grow. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable spring break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term.

Mrs Barratt and Mrs Hollidge

Diary Dates:

- 13th April- Back to school
- 15th April- Year 3 Egyptian Day
- 17th April- Year 6 Parent SATS meeting
- 17th April- Year 5 to visit Eltham Palace
- 7th May- Polling Day (school closed)
- 8th May- Year 1 trip to Kent Life
- 11th May- Year 6 SATS Week
- 11th May- Year 5 School Journey week
- 20th May- Class Photographs
- 22nd May- Teddy Bears Picnic
- 22nd May- May Fair
- 9th June- Year 5 Tudor workshops
- 18th June- Year 2 Pirate Day
- 24th June- Year 2 trip to Minnis Bay
- 25th June- Year 6 trip to Margate
- 3rd July- Children University Graduation
- 4th July- Summer Fair
- 13th- 14th July- Year 6 production
- 14th July Bastille Day celebration