



CROOK LOG NEWS



Believe in a brighter future



The children in Reception were so excited when the duckling eggs arrived but had to wait a long few days before they hatched, with the excitement building every day until they eventually all hatched. The children have absolutely loved seeing them grow every day, cuddling them and teaching them to swim. Other children and staff from around the school have had the opportunity to pay them a visit too. A big thank to Mrs Fossati for taking the ducklings home over the weekend to look after them. The children were very sad to say goodbye to them when they returned to meet their duckling friends.



The children who attend uniformed organisations were invited to wear their uniforms to school to mark St George's Day. They all looked very smart. It was fantastic to see all the badges that they had achieved on their uniforms.



To mark VE Day, our school held a special celebration where students and staff wore red, white, and blue to show their respect and remembrance. The highlight was a fantastic assembly that included a powerful PowerPoint presentation featuring pictures and stories of our relatives who served during World War II. We sang a specially written VE Day song and observed a minute's silence to honour the bravery and sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom. Jarrod and Dylan Bonnewell read a poignant poem written by their Great Grandmother about the war. The day continued with follow up work and activities about VE Day. A fantastic day was had by all.



Year 1 took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for their upcoming trip to Kent Life. All the children showed great enthusiasm and energy as they completed the walk together. Thanks to their fantastic effort and the generous support from families and friends they raised an impressive amount of **£1009.60** to help fund their exciting farm adventure.

A big shout out to Year 2 who decorated biscuits and had a biscuit sale after school. They raised an amazing **£128.89** to put towards the cost of the coach for their trip to the beach. Well done Year 2!

We were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Bexley to our school for a special visit. Accompanied by her chauffeur, Paul, the Mayor spoke to us about her important civic duties, including attending local schools, community events, and street parties across the borough. She shared insights into her role and responsibilities, and even dressed in her official ceremonial gown and white gloves, giving us a glimpse into the traditions of local government. It was an inspiring and educational visit that gave us all a better understanding of public service and local leadership. The Mayor explained how we can help her raise money for her charity 'Counselling Matters Bexley' in order to earn ourselves a Bexley Bear.

We had a fantastic *Break the Rules Day* at school! The children had an amazing time bending the usual classroom rules in safe and fun ways—whether it was wearing non-uniform, swapping healthy snacks for treats, wearing nail varnish to school or having crazy hair! Laughter filled the classrooms as children enjoyed a day full of creativity, freedom, and joyful rebellion (just for a day!). A big thank you to Mrs Gibbs and the school council for organising the day and for everyone who took part and helped make it such a memorable occasion! The school council raised £276.55 to be put towards buying outdoor beanbags and equipment for the playground.



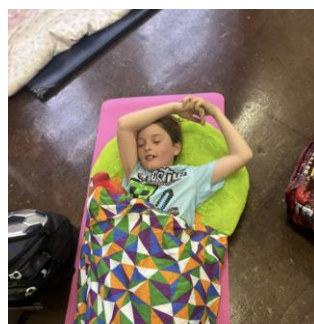
We welcomed the Year 6 children in for a pre-SATs breakfast, giving them the chance to chat with friends and relax before the tests began. It was a great way to ease any nerves and build a positive atmosphere. We are very proud of everyone in year 6 for working hard, showing resilience and for trying their very best in their tests. Well done Year 6!



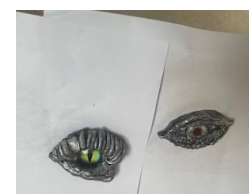
The year 6 May Fair was a huge success, thanks to good weather and the hard work and creativity of our Year 6 children! The annual event was organised to raise money towards the costs of their end of year production, and they certainly rose to the challenge. The playground was buzzing with excitement as the children visited a variety of fun stalls run by Year 6 children, including nail painting, "Duckmania," "Biscuit decorating," and "Beat the Goalie." It was a brilliant day filled with laughter, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit. A big well done to Year 6 for putting on such a fantastic event—and thank you to everyone who supported them!



We hosted our very first Year 4 sleepover at Crook Log Primary School—and what a fantastic night it was! Both staff and children had a wonderful time making unforgettable memories together. The evening was packed with fun, including games on the field, an exciting game of hide and seek around the empty school, a scavenger hunt, group singing, and a cosy movie night. Of course, no sleepover would be complete without tasty snacks and a hearty breakfast to finish. A huge well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, and a big thank you to the staff for making it such a special experience!



We launched our very first *Art versus DT Week* at Crook Log Primary—and creativity was bursting through every classroom! Each year group, made up of two classes, was challenged by Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Rayner to compete against one another to design and create the most interesting and imaginative Art or Design Technology project. There were no limits—projects could be as big or small as they liked, and pupils were encouraged to use any materials or media they wanted. There has been a real buzz of excitement in school and It has been wonderful to see the children collaborating, experimenting and pushing their ideas to create amazing pieces of work. The week ended with a special assembly, where the children proudly presented their creations to the rest of the school. Well done to everyone involved, we enjoyed seeing all of your creations.



Our Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of energy, teamwork, and community spirit! Children took part in a range of fun and competitive races, including sprints, relays, the classic egg and spoon race, a scooter race and an obstacle race that brought big smiles all around. The excitement didn't stop with the children—parents joined in the fun with their own race followed by the annual teacher race, much to the delight of the crowd! After all the action, families were invited to stay for a relaxing picnic on the field with their children.

A huge thank you to Mrs Green for organising sports Day and to FOCLS for keeping everyone refreshed with tea, coffee, and delicious pastries followed by ice creams at the picnic. It was a wonderful day full of laughter, encouragement, and school spirit!



Year 3 had a fantastic day out on their trip to the Science Museum. The adventure began with a train and tube journey into London, where the children showed impeccable behaviour throughout. Once at the museum, they explored the fascinating exhibits and took part in an interactive workshop in the Wonderlab. The hands-on experiments and exciting demonstrations left everyone amazed and inspired. It was a day full of learning, curiosity, and plenty of fun! Thank you to Mrs Straker and Miss Metcalfe for arranging the trip.



Year 4 had a brilliant trip to Deptford Creekside Discovery Centre as part of their work studying 'Rivers'. The children went for a walk in the river Ravensbourne and they saw industry surrounding the river, habitats in and out of the river and the children took part in river dipping where they collected samples. The children enjoyed finding out how to measure the speed of the river flow using rubber ducks!

Back in the classroom, the children studied artefacts that have been found in the river over many years. Everyone had a brilliant day in the sunshine and behaved beautifully on the trip. Thank you to Mrs Barra and to Mrs McGinn for organising the trip.



Mrs Swain and the Eco-committee were presented with a certificate, trophy and £500 for winning a special commendation in the Bexley Schools Green Awards 2025 for their commitment to Eco projects and for making the school a greener place to be. Congratulations everyone!



We are incredibly proud of our Children's University students who have taken part in the scheme this year. By dedicating their time to extracurricular activities, visiting learning destinations across the country, and completing online challenges, they have built up an impressive number of learning hours.

53 children graduated and were invited to a special ceremony at the Civic Offices in Bexleyheath. Dressed in gowns and mortar boards, they received well-deserved recognition for their achievements.

Well done to all our graduates – you have made us very proud and we look forward to more children from year 3 joining us next year.

Year 2 had a brilliant Pirate Day to celebrate the end of their Seaside topic. They began the day by coming into school dressed as swashbuckling pirates. They took part in a range of fun pirate activities throughout the day; such as walking the plank, solving riddles to hunt for treasure, making pirate flags, writing their own message in a bottle and drawing pirate ships. They played pirate games and read pirate stories. What a fun but exhausting day for everyone.



Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating Egyptian Day! The children came to school dressed as ancient Egyptians, bringing history to life with their amazing costumes. They took part in exciting activities including making their own cartouches and designing sarcophagi. To top it all off, they tasted delicious homemade flatbread served with a tasty dip. A brilliant day full of creativity, learning, and fun!



On a beautiful sunny day, the year one children visited Kent Life. The children were all super excited as this was their first ever school trip. They had a fabulous day interacting with the animals. They also wandered through the orchards and green spaces following the nature trail. The children were able to explore the historic houses and learn about the differences between homes in the past and present. The highlight of the trip was taking a tractor ride around the farm, before visiting the play area and coming home. Thank you to Mrs Bignell and Mrs Gibbs for organising the trip. It was a brilliant day.



On Wednesday 16th July, the year 2 children had their annual trip to Minnis Bay. Luckily, the sun did shine and everyone enjoyed building sandcastles and digging in the sand. For some children it was their very first time visiting a beach. The children were lucky to be able to paddle in the sea, look at the colourful beach huts, hunt for shells and to look for sea creatures in the rock pools. They all had a brilliant day. Thank you to Mr Bergamo, Miss Cornell and to all the staff that accompanied them to the beach.

We were fortunate to welcome *In the Net*, a theatre production focused on online safety, to our school. The engaging performance helped deliver important messages to our children about how to stay safe online in an age-appropriate and memorable way.

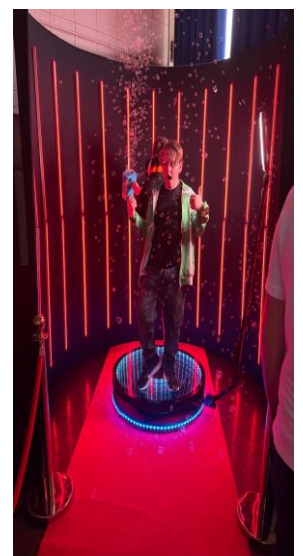


We had an exciting and action-packed Maths Week filled with creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving! Children took part in a range of engaging activities, including outdoor maths challenges, interactive games, and mathematical investigations designed to stretch their thinking in fun and imaginative ways. One of the highlights was creating mathematical artwork, where pupils explored patterns, shapes, and symmetry through art. We also loved seeing everyone dressed up in maths-inspired costumes—there were numbers, dice, shapes, calculators and even a few famous mathematicians walking around school! A big shout out to the teachers for dressing up too, especially Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Hubbard in year 1. It was a fantastic week that showed just how fun and inspiring maths can be!



We have all grown up watching and reading spy stories: franchises such as James Bond, Mission Impossible and Jason Bourne have meant that spies have rarely left our screens over the last few decades, not to mention the hundreds of other films, programmes and books that centre on spies solving mysteries and, more often than not, saving the world. But a spy stage musical? It's not something many of us will have encountered. Until now! Year 6 performed a thrilling musical for their parents and to the school called *Mission Implausible*. It was filled with memorable characters, exciting moments and catchy songs. They all performed brilliantly. Well done to year 6 and to Mrs Hall and Miss Parkes for putting on a brilliant show. We loved it!

Farewell to Year 6





Language Stars Bexley

The summer fair was a fantastic day of fun for all the family, bursting with energy and excitement from start to finish. Children ran around with beaming smiles, exploring the different stalls, jumping endlessly on the bouncy castles, and eagerly lining up for the sizzling barbecue, pizzas and delicious ice cream. The atmosphere was alive with laughter and chatter as families soaked up the bursts of sunshine and community spirit. One of the biggest attractions was the chance to get a close-up look at the police vehicles, with curious children climbing inside and chatting with the friendly officers who were more than happy to answer questions and pose for photos. A big thank you must go to Mrs Green and Cecilia for organising the fair and to all of the parents from FOCLS that give up their time to volunteer to help set up and to run the stalls. We have raised an amazing **£5721.50**



Thank you for all your ongoing support this year and for helping to make Crook Log Primary School such a wonderful place to be. A big thank you to all the parents that support FOCLS to put on such fun events for our children to attend and to raise lots of money for our school. We really do appreciate it. FOCLS have raised over a whopping **£23,000** this year which is absolutely fantastic!

We say a sad goodbye to our lovely year 6 children and wish them lots of luck as they move on to their new secondary schools. We are very proud of you all and know that you will all go on to achieve amazing things in the future. Remember to come back and visit us soon. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.

Mrs Barratt, Mrs Hollidge and all the staff at Crook Log.

The children that attend our KS1 and KS2 French club put on an end of year assembly to their parents and school to demonstrate some of the things that they have been learning in French club over the last year. The children spoke beautifully in French and performed some lovely French songs. Thank you to Ros for putting on a wonderful assembly with the children.



Talk Consent.

Our Year 5/6 pupils recently took part in an *Active Bystander Workshop* focused on understanding harmful stereotypes and sexism. The session aimed to empower students to confidently challenge inappropriate attitudes and comments when they encounter them. The workshop sparked some interesting and thought-provoking discussions, encouraging the children to reflect on how they can be allies in promoting respect and equality. A valuable and inspiring experience for all involved!

Diary Dates

1st Sept- INSET DAY (no children in school)

2nd Sept- Children return to school

8th Sept- After school sport clubs begin

8th Sept- Year 1 parents meeting 9 am

9th Sept- Year 4 parents meeting 9 am

9th Sept- 11 Plus (**school is open to all children**)

10th Sept- Year 5 parents meeting 9 am

11th Sept- Year 2 parents meeting 9 am

11th Sept- 5 Chestnut start swimming

12th Sept- Year 6 parents meeting 9 am

16th Sept- Year 3 parents meeting 9 am

22nd Sept- Year 6 Careers Day

23rd Sept- KS2 Cinema Night