

Newsletter

October 2024



Oak Class

The year ones have settled really well into routines in Oak class and are working very hard. Along with the year twos, each morning they complete reading, spelling, phonics, writing and maths activities and in the afternoons, after some number work, they enjoy learning in different subjects. The year twos have helped year one to settle into our routines and they are also working really hard and making progress - especially with their handwriting. All of the children have been demonstrating our school value of perseverance. One highlight this half term has been the construction of our fire engines. The children were really excited to use junior hacksaws to saw wood to create their wheel mechanism.

Birch Class

Birch class have settled in very well and have enjoyed some interesting topics this half term. They learnt about the Human body in Science and the Gospels in RE. They have also developed their word processing skills in computing and their drawing skills in Art. Recently, they have been very enthusiastic about the World War II topic in history and enjoyed the visit to Martlesham Heath Aviation Museum. They are currently reading Goodnight Mr Tom in Literacy which is closely linked to the World War II work. Well done to all of the pupils for settling in so quickly.

Sports & Clubs

A team of 21 children competed in the Gipping Valley Cross Country competition. Overall, the team finished third and all of the children showed great determination. A team of year 5 and 6 children competed in the Gipping Valley Tag Rugby festival. The team won one match, lost one match and drew three matches. Well done to the whole team for playing with determination, honestly and with a smile on their face. Next half term we are looking forward to football and dodgeball events.

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new school year! Please keep an eye on the class pages on our website to see what we have all been up to. It's been a busy few weeks and the children have all settled in well to their new spaces and classes.

See you in November!

Chestnut Class

Chestnut class have been working incredibly hard this half term as they settle into their new year groups. We have explored a range of fascinating topics, and the children have created incredible pieces of homework which has brought our windowsills to life! The children have had lots of fun learning and making muscles, creating detailed observational drawings, posters, and expressing themselves through music. Our English writing wall has two fantastic pieces based on the Stone Age. In maths the children have been exploring three and four digit numbers. Well done for all of your hardwork and showcasing kindness in your daily interactions... our mole is very pleased with the amount of cake he's received!

Ash Class

What a busy half term we have had, with 16 new pupils settling into Ash Class remarkably well! The children have all been learning how to separate confidently from their carer and walk in to Ash Class each morning, putting away their belongings and answering the register with their lunch choices. They have been learning all the daily routines. The children have begun learning Phonics and have been practising these sounds so far: s, a, t, p, i and n. They have read their reading scheme book with an adult every day. In Number work, they have begun reading, writing and ordering numbers and counting out quantities up to 5 initially. The children have been learning how to write their names with correctly formed and orientated letters and an effective pencil grip. They have had lots of opportunities to practise cutting out simple shapes safely. They have been managing changing for P.E. and organising their kit. The topics covered in lessons have been 'My Family and I' and 'Harvest/Autumn'. Most importantly, the children have been making friends, playing together, learning together, thinking about sharing, taking turns and working as part of a team. In the words of Mrs Friar, the children have been truly 'INCREDIBLE' and have all made a wonderful start to their school days here at Creting St Mary. Congratulations!

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Morton

Mon Nov 4 th	Back to school
Fri Nov 15 th	Children in Need
Fri Dec 20 th	End of Term
Fri Nov 29 th	Enrichment day
Sat Dec 7 th	PSA Christmas Fair
Thurs Dec 12 th	Values Morning
Fri Dec 13 th	Fun Day Friday
Mon Dec 16 th /Tues 17 th	Nativity 9.30am
Mon Dec 23 rd – Fri Jan 3 rd	Christmas Holidays
Mon Jan 6 th	PD Day
Tues Jan 7 th	Back to school
Fri Feb 14 th	End of term
Mon Feb 17 th – Fri Feb 21 st	Half term
Mon Feb 24 th	Back to school
Fri Apr 4 th	End of term
Mon Apr – 7 th – Mon Apr 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tues Apr 22 nd	Back to school
Wed May 14 th – Fri May 16 th	Thorpe Woodlands (Year 3 & 4)
Fri May 23 rd	End of term
Mon May 26 th – Fri May 30 th	Half term
Mon Jun 2 nd	Back to school
Fri Jul 18 th	End of Term



PSA

I can't believe it's half term already, we seem to have had a jam packed few weeks. Our AGM was held on 23rd September where our new committee was voted in. We are looking forward to trying some new things over the next year, and welcome all input and help along the way.

We have now sorted out all our preloved uniform to make it easier to access, and will be having regular sales going forward. Please chat to us if you ever need uniform.

Our first official event of the year was our Spooky Disco, and what a hit it was! So many amazing outfits, not to mention the dancing, and I even spied a few moves from Mrs Friar so it's safe to say a good time was had by all! Thank you to all the parent helpers who make these events possible.

Looking forward, we now have our recipe book in the works, but we still need more submissions of your favourite foods to make. Please send these in by 3rd November, which gives you half term to get cooking. Our wreath making workshop is on 28th November, there's still a few spaces so get signed up soon. And finally, the big Creeping Christmas Fair will be on 7th December, so get the date in your diaries as it's one not to be missed.

You may wonder where our funds raised go over the course of the year, and this year we have something quite special planned for the children. This will be announced after half term, and we're so looking forward to it!

Have a wonderful half term, and don't forget to follow us on our socials to keep up to date with what's happening.

Creeping PSA

Drawing Club

Drawing club has been incredibly popular with 25+ children joining from across the school. Each week we've completed different activities which have included following an online drawing tutorial to draw Gregosaurus, drawing natural objects, continuing patterns and mark making, a free choice week and the 'party game' of draw and fold. There have been some incredible drawings and the older children have supported the younger ones really kindly. I'm looking forward to continuing the club next half term - don't forget to sign up!

Absence

New Dfe rules regarding absence came into effect from August 2024.

Reminder:

Ash and Oak classes should arrive between 8.40 & 8.45am. Chestnut and Birch classes should arrive between 8.30 & 8.40am.

Younger siblings can arrive at the earlier time.

Attendance & Lates from 4/9/24 – 18/10/24

Ash	98.2%
Oak	98.7%
Chestnut	97.3%
Birch	97.6%
Ash	20 Lates
Oak	9 Lates
Chestnut	10 Lates
Birch	22 Lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**
*Monday Nov
4th*