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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and joyful term, summer has brought with it sunshine, laughter, and some very special memories at Crockham Hill CE Primary School.

Acorns



We were thrilled to host a special Teddy Bear's Picnic to welcome our new Reception intake, alongside our current Reception children. It was a joyful afternoon full of smiles, laughter, and teddy bears of all shapes and sizes! Children enjoyed getting to know one another while sharing their picnic blankets and favourite snacks. We had a wonderful time playing parachute games, which brought lots of giggles and excitement, and the children joined in beautifully with group activities.

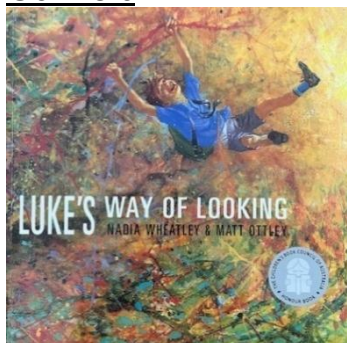
The afternoon also included some lovely Storytime sessions under the shade of the trees, helping to create a calm and welcoming environment for our newest pupils. Everyone enjoyed the chance to relax with their teddies and listen to some favourite tales.

Bluebells

This term, we have been learning all about Mugurameno village in Zambia. As part of this exciting topic, the imaginative artists in Bluebells class have been busy bringing the African wildlife to life through clay! The children sculpted a range of animals- from towering giraffes and roaring lions to playful elephants and speedy cheetahs. They carefully shaped, smoothed, and added fine details to their models, showing fantastic focus and creativity. The finished animals look brilliant on display, and the class should be incredibly proud of their amazing work!



Conkers



This term, we explored the inspiring book Luke's Way of Looking, which celebrates individuality and artistic expression. The children wrote their own narratives based on similar themes and enjoyed bringing scenes from the story to life through drama and character interviews. Inspired by Luke's experiences, they also wrote persuasive letters to his teacher, showcasing their growing confidence with emotive and persuasive language. Our focus for PE has been Athletics and endurance, I have noticed a vast improvement during our Wednesday afternoon runs. Additionally, it has been fantastic to see so many of the class participating in after-school Athletic events. It has been a joy to teach Conkers class this year.

Dandelions



Dandelions have been working incredibly hard on their end-of-term writing project about Victorian slums. Inspired by the book *Street Child*, the children are drawing together all areas of their learning to create one final piece of exceptional work. Using their history books, handwriting books (where they have copied key facts), and additional research notes, the class has remained focused and committed to producing something truly special.

This project has taken several lessons of preparation and study. Each piece has been written out at least twice, and pupils are now peer marking their work—an important expectation in Year 6. An immense amount of dedicated effort has gone into this, so a big well done to Dandelions!

Elders



Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Dorset. The weather was incredible all week and the Cumulus team, who run the camp, took such good care of us. We took part in a whole range of activities, from bushcraft to axe throwing, kayaking to mackerel fishing, high ropes to a fieldwork study of the coast... and our all-time favourite: the waterpark! The children were a credit to themselves and our school, with staff and camp leaders all commenting on what a good week they had with them. We hope they have all made memories to last a life time.

End of Year Round-Up: 2024–2025

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting school year, we reflect on the many memorable moments, achievements, and enriching opportunities that have shaped our time together at Crockham Hill.

Welcoming the New Year

- We started the year by warmly welcoming our new Reception children and families.
- Meet the Teacher meetings helped build strong home–school connections right from the beginning.

Curriculum Enrichment & Trips

- Children enjoyed a variety of workshops including:
 - *Toys and Ancient Greece* (KS1/KS2)
 - *Victorian Life* at The Amelia
 - *Knole House Portraits* for KS1
 - *River Studies* at Horton Kirby
- Year 5 returned to **Hindleap Warren** and Year 6 spent time at **Cumulus**, enjoying challenging and character-building residential trips.
- All classes took part in **Enrichment Days**, exploring school values, first aid, and maths in creative, engaging ways.

Performance & Creativity

- We hosted fabulous Nativities, Class Assemblies and our annual **Year 6 Production** at Hazelwood – a true celebration of talent and confidence.

- Children took part in **Young Voices at the O2 Arena** – a magical musical experience.

Sporting Success

- We competed in cross-country, football, swimming galas, and **District Sports**, showcasing great sportsmanship and team spirit.
- PE has been wonderfully supported by Mrs Gibson – a huge thank you to her.

Community & Celebration

- Events like the **May Fair, Christmas Fair**, and our **Jumble Sale** were brilliant community successes – thank you to all involved.
- Our **Prayer Club, Parent Council**, and PTA events (including Wreath Making, Secret Room, FUDGE & MANGO gift shops) brought families together throughout the year.
- The **Secret Room, Easter Service, Harvest Festival**, and **Remembrance Service** were wonderful ways for our children to reflect, celebrate, and give back.

Transition & Looking Ahead

- Transition sessions for new Reception children and our Year 6 leavers have helped children feel confident and excited about their next steps.
- Prize Giving and Leavers' Service will mark a heartfelt farewell to our Year 6 pupils – we are proud of all they have achieved.

A Year to Remember

This year has been filled with laughter, learning, resilience, and growth. A huge thank you to all our staff, families, governors, and volunteers who work tirelessly to make our school such a special place.

As we wrap up another wonderful year at Crockham Hill CE Primary School, we want to thank all our families for their continued support and enthusiasm. It's been a joy to watch the children grow, learn, and thrive together. We wish you all a restful, happy, and sunny summer holiday - filled with fun, adventure, and plenty of time to recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 3rd September, ready for another exciting year ahead!

Mrs Higgs