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Parent Weekly Newsletter

Summary of Autumn 2,
Week 3

20th November 2023

What's going on behind the
scenes at Carcroft School?



Dates for the forthcoming week

Autumn 2 Diary Dates



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What?	When?	<i>Which year groups/crews?</i>
School closed for staff training	Monday 27th November	All school
Assessment Week	Tuesday 28th November - Thursday 30th November	Y1 - Y5
Athletic Tournament 12:30 - 4:15	Wednesday 29th November	Letters previously sent to pupils attending
Science Live Stream	Thursday 30th November	UKS2
Celebration of Learning 2:30 - 3:00 pm	Thursday 30th November	LKS2
Dodgeball Tournament 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Friday 1st December	Letters previously sent to pupils attending
Charity Santa Dash 2:30 - 3:10 pm	Friday 1st December	KS1

Next Week...

Wednesday 6th December - KS1
Celebration of Learning 2:30 - 3:15pm

Thursday 7th December - FS1
Celebration of Learning 11:00 - 11:30am

Thursday 7th December - Christmas
dinner day and Christmas jumper day

Thursday 7th December - FS2
Celebration of Learning 2:30 - 3:00pm



Sharing our Stories as we go...

We understand that life gets busy so parents do not always get the chance to visit our website but we want to share with you all of the amazing stuff we get up to at Carcroft School; we call this sharing our stories.

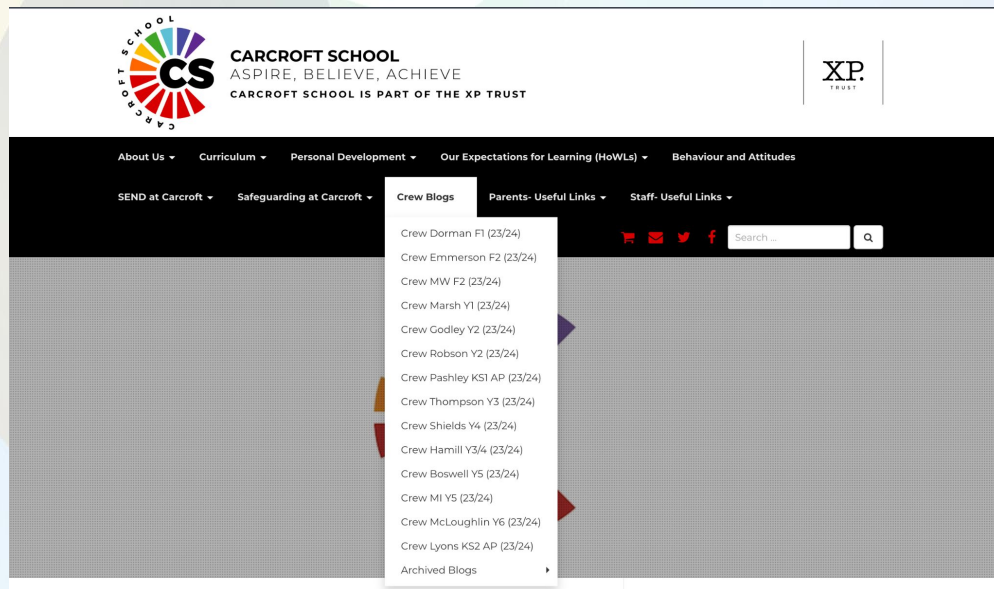
In order to share our stories, as well as blogging on our website, we are also going to provide snapshots via our weekly newsletter.

However, if you wish to see more of what your child gets up to whilst at school, head to our website using this link and head to crew blogs and select your child's crew.

[Website link](#)



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Celebrating the Best Version of You!

At Carcroft School and across the XP Trust we want our children to leave us being the best version of themselves. In order to support our pupils to achieve this, we focus on three key things (3 dimensions):

1. Character Growth
2. Beautiful Work
3. Academic Success

Each week we will showcase how this is done!

Revisiting E-Safety in KS1

Character Growth (Crew)

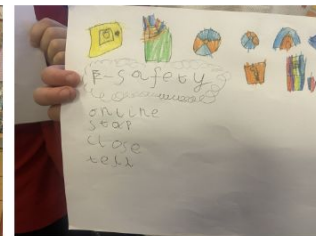


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E Safety

📅 20th November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

In crew today we have been learning about the importance of keeping ourselves online. This is an aspect we have spoke about before as it is essential that we conduct ourselves responsibility online. We thought about how to keep smart online and if we were worried about something then we ~ stop, close and tell someone. We were able to identify some of the issues that we may encounter online and how important it is to speak to others. We then created some posters with ideas of how to stay safe online.





The start of road safety week...

📅 20th November 2023 👤 Emily Ibbotson

This morning we had a great crew discussion about road safety. We talked about how to keep ourselves safe when we are out and about especially about focussing on what can distract us and drivers. We also talked about what we needed to wear, where best to cross the road and explored the green code code. Finally, we played a game at the end to put into practise what we had learnt. Lots of us got 7/7!



Road Safety Week



Character Growth (Crew)



This morning in community crew, Crew MW looked at a lollipop person and what their job is. We talked about how they can help us to cross the road safely, and how we can cross the road safely if there isn't a lollipop person to help us. We had lots of fun going into our outdoor area to practice crossing the road safely!

Remember: stop, look both ways, listen!

**Road
Safety
Week**



Character Growth (Crew)



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Road safety week continues in Crew Godley

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

During our crew session this morning, we continued looking at road safety and the importance of crossing the road safely with an adult. We thought about the safest places to cross and the clothes we should be wearing when we are out and about in the community. We had some great discussions and role play 🚧🚦



Check Crew Godley blog to watch the video!

Road Safety Week

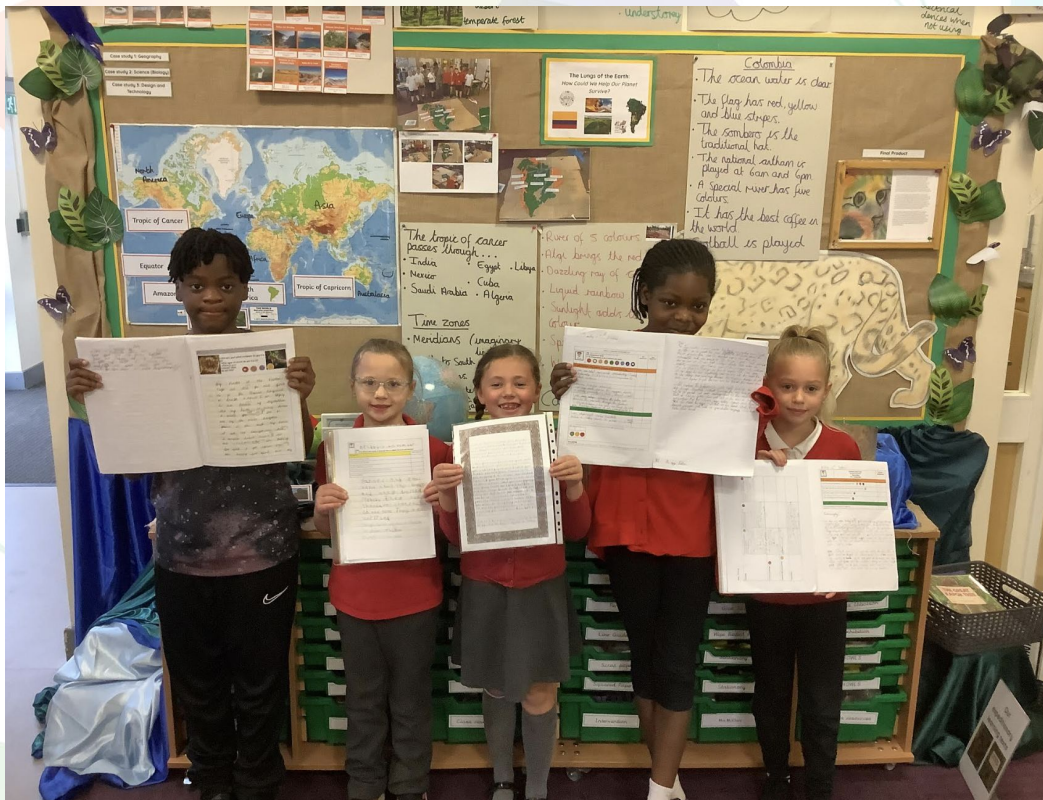
A red heart shape formed by a road with dashed white lines, symbolizing road safety.

Celebrating
Beautiful Work
across school

Character Growth (Crew)



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Another
celebration with
Mrs McClare. She
was very
impressed with the
effort these
children are
putting into their
presentation!



Academic Success- Reading

We aspire for our pupils to leave us achieving the best they can academically across the curriculum.



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Children must bring their book bag into school every day so that their reads can be checked and in case their book gets changed.

It is extremely important that children are reading daily at home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please can we ask that children are reading their book at home for 10 minutes per day and at least 3 x per week/ ideally 4 times a week.



Hansel and Gretel drama

📅 20th November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

In today's experience lesson we read the last part of the tale of Hansel and Gretel. Once they had gone into the house they found out it was a nasty witch who owned it. The witch kept Hansel in a cage to fatten him up to eat and made Gretel do lots of horrible jobs. We loved acting out the different parts of the end of the story. Our favourite bit was when Gretel pushed the witch into the oven and they found all of her treasure so they were rich!

We had some great acting and super listening ears and magnet eyes in the audience!



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Academic Success- Reading

Hansel and Gretel activities continue in KS1. The children are familiar with the text now and becoming more confident retelling it in their own words.

Drama involves so many skills for our children: reading, speaking and listening and role play. This also improves our vocabulary.



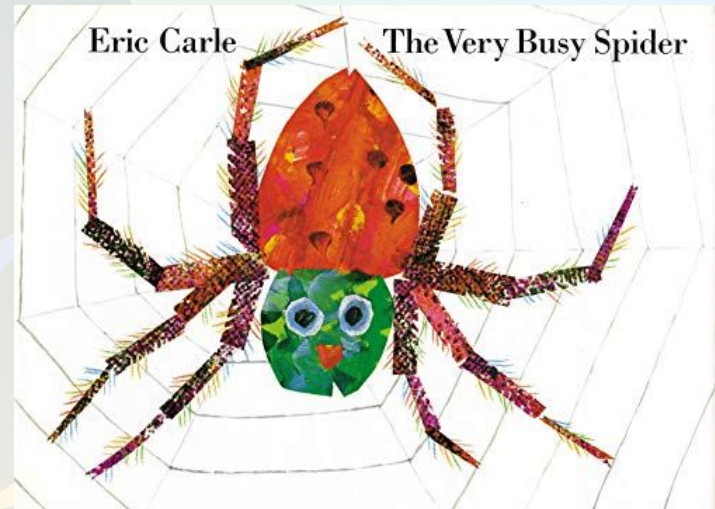
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Crew MW enjoyed their snack and milk in the library today! We voted to read 'The Very Busy Spider' by Eric Carle. We really enjoyed repeating the familiar phrases and looking at the colourful illustrations in this story!



Listen to the story at home [here](#)

Academic Success- Reading

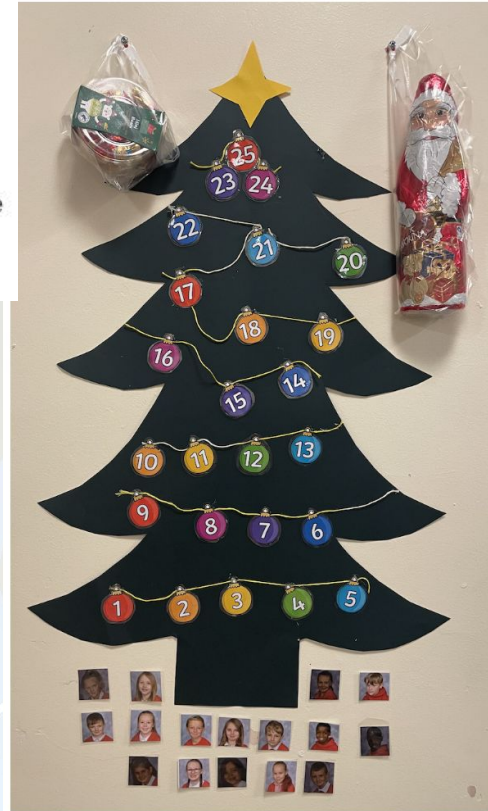
Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree



📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Kate Thompson

Exciting times ahead in Crew Thompson! 🌲 We are introducing a new reading incentive. Each time you read at home you get to go up the Christmas tree. First one to the top of the Christmas tree will get a huge chocolate Santa! Everyone else that reaches the top will get a mini chocolate Santa! Let the reading commence! 📖 🌲

We're looking forward to see who makes it to the top - Get reading Crew Thompson!



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Academic Success- Writing


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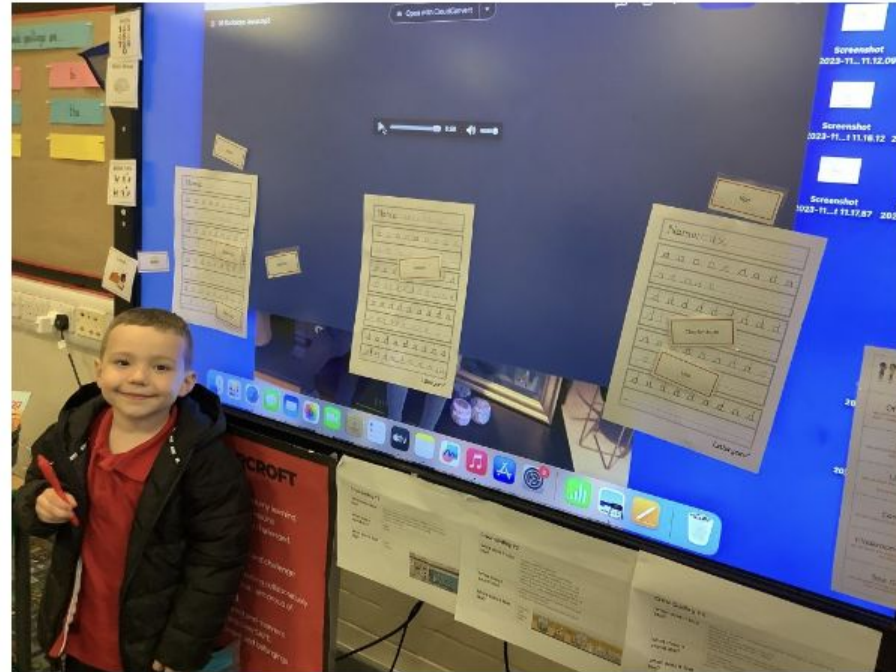
Working hard on presentation in Crew Godley!

Handwriting superstar

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Laura Godley

Today in crew, we continued to develop our handwriting and showed we were working hard to get smart by – sitting our letters on the line, forming them from the correct starting point and ensuring our letters are of a consistent size. We then voted as a crew who had made the most progress to win the magic handwriting pen 

Leo won today, even though he voted for someone else  which also shows just how kind he is.



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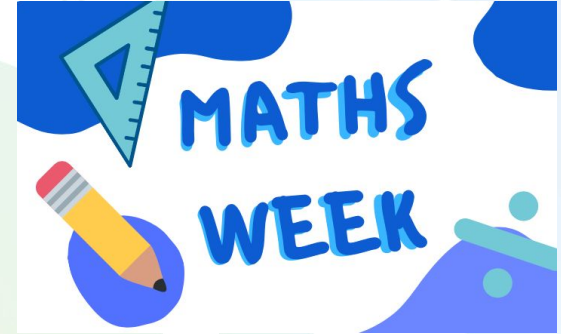


Academic Success- Maths

Shopping time in Crew MI



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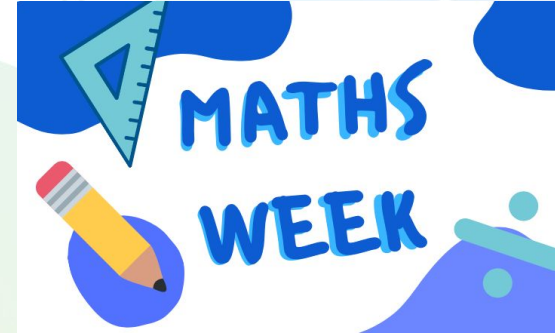
Maths week fun in MI! We had to delay one of the activities from last week and we managed to complete this today! We explored money then went to our classroom shop where we added amounts together. What a fantastic lessons we had! During our debrief we looked at how we would calculate change!

Academic Success- Maths

Some new equipment for EYFS



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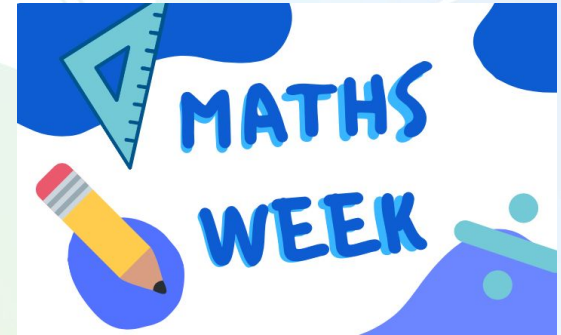
Crew MW had lots of fun working together to build using the polydrons outside! We created a house and a tunnel with a trap door and we followed Miss Welburn's instructions and positional language carefully to make the structures. We even worked out how to rotate the shapes around to make them fit together. The best part was pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs! We huffed, and we puffed, and we blew the house down!

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Expedition in LKS2

Super shadow puppets!

 20th November 2023  Kate Thompson

In expedition this afternoon we investigated how shadows change. First, we made our own puppets. Then, we started our investigation. We wanted to find out what happened when we moved the object closer or further away from the light source. We found out that when the object is closer to the light source, the shadow gets bigger. When the object is moved further away from the light source, the shadow gets smaller.



Science in LKS2 - Exploring light!



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How do we see?

 23rd November 2023  Ruth Shields

During this case study, we have been learning about light and how the eye works. We were super excited this afternoon when we had the opportunity to see how the pupil works. We couldn't believe that our eye does this without us even knowing.



Wider Curriculum

Physical Education

We have two PE lessons each week.

One with Active Fusion, Sports Coach- Luke and one with our Teacher.

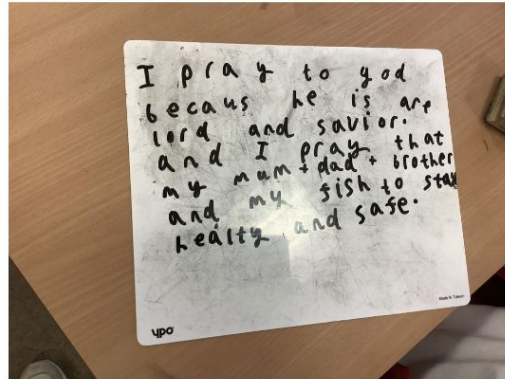
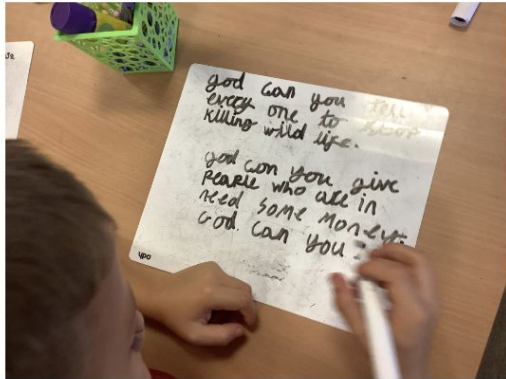
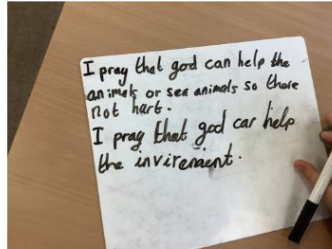
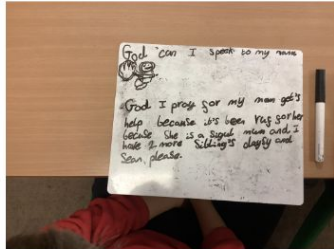
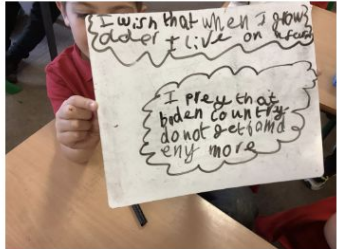
In Scotty's, Crew Shields continued to work on their communication. One partner was blind folded and directed to pick up cones. At the end the points were added together to see the winning team.



Why do we pray?

📅 21st November 2023 👤 Ruth Shields

Today we have continue with our religious education no we discovered why people pray. This included worshipping God, asking for his support as well as looking at different types of prayers. To end the lesson, we wrote our own individual prayers.



Crew Shields exploring why people pray.
Lovely to see children being so thoughtful when writing their own wishes and prayers. Lots of children asking for healthy families and even thinking about the environment.



Painting our diva lamps 🕯️ ✨

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

Now that our diva lamps have fully dried, we have finally been able to paint and decorate them! They all look so beautiful! ✨



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Being artists painting diva lamps from last weeks RE session. I can see children holding their painting brushes with a careful grip making sure they are concentrating and working hard.

Being individual artists and producing beautiful work.



Wider Curriculum Art

Being David Hockney artists..

📅 21st November 2023 👤 Lauren Marsh

We have been studying about David Hockney this week and have created our own Hockney style photography artwork. I have loved seeing the final pieces!

Imitating the artist
David Hockney was
so much fun and the
great think about art
is - it can never be
wrong!



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Wider Curriculum

Music

Music – Crew Marsh 🎵 ✨

📅 24th November 2023 👤 Sarah Mcglone

Continuing our work on Colonel Haithi's march, this week we looked at applying our skills of finding and maintaining the beat to the untuned percussion instruments. We worked hard to keep in time with each other and only play our instruments on the correct beat. Once we had had a go at marching on the spot with our instruments, we went on a march around the classroom! We then decided to go on a march around school, playing our instruments and counting the beat like the elephants did on the original video. It was extremely fun and the further we got round school, the more united we sounded in our time-keeping. Great work Crew Marsh! 🥁

EYFS taking a musical march around school... how fun!



Music in MI

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Stacey McClare

Such engagement in our music lesson this morning 😊



Y5 continuing their
guitar lessons -
working hard!



Music – Crew McLoughlin 🎵

📅 22nd November 2023 👤 Sarah McGlone

This week we have continued our exploration of 'Hey, Mr Miller'. We started by completing a vocal warm up focusing on scales and arpeggios – this helped us to exercise, not only our vocal chords, but also our facial muscles and mouth.



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Crew McLoughlin looked at the word rhythms of select lines from the song, and working in small groups, clapped out the rhythm being sure to think about any pauses, as well as working hard to ensure each member of the group was in time.



Attendance for this week...

Current School Attendance is ...

W/E 24/11/2023	Attendance Figure %
Crew Pashley* (Y1/2)	100
Crew Haigh* (FS2)	100
Crew MI (Y5)	98.21
Crew Thompson (Y3)	97.66
Crew Godley (Y2)	95.45
Crew Shields (Y4)	94.79
Crew Robson (Y2)	93.75
Crew McLoughlin (Y6)	92.50
Crew Hamill (Y3/4)	91.18
Crew Marsh (Y1)	90.95
Crew Boswell (Y5)	88.79
Crew Dorman (FS1)	86.11
Crew MW (FS2)	80.88
Crew Haddock (Y3/4/5)	75.00

Just a reminder of our School Attendance Target- 96%

Autumn 1 Attendance came out as 95% which is great for the first half term.

Just a reminder that to achieve 96% for the year that children must not be absent for more than 6 or 7 days in a year.