



Kew Woods News

Friday 17th April



Welcome Back - Summer term is here!

On Monday, Mrs Greaves held our whole first whole school assembly of the summer term. She read the book *The Worry Tiger*, which is a magical story that has strategies for helping children to feel calm, relaxed and share their worries. She also talked to the children about the Artemis II's lunar flyby mission and how to use our playground equipment and zones so that we can have happy, fun and safe playtimes. On Friday, Mrs Greaves held an assembly to explain about our mini-marathon event next Wednesday, and who we are raising money for - kNOwknifecrime in this event and next weekend when some of our children and staff take part in the London Marathon. Laura from kNOwknifecrime then delivered a hard hitting, emotive assembly to our Year 5/6 children about the impact of knife crime and why their campaign is so important.



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ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 93.6% which is below national average.

Well done to class RW who had the

highest attendance at 100%

Dates:

April

w/c 20th - 3K Forest School

22nd - Mini marathon and relay - children to come to school in PE kits

w/c 27th - 3W Forest School

28th - RW Farm trip

29th - Class photos

30th - RK Farm trip

May

4th - Bank Holiday

Monday - school closed

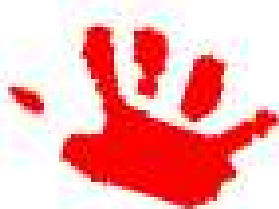
8th - Year 5 to come to

school in PE kits for esports workshops

Year 2 and 6 Children's

University Passports to

be handed in





Dojo Winners!



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Fearghus	NSY
Aris	RK
Lucas	RW
Amaya	1K
Molly W	1W
Richard	2K
Mohammed	2W
Phoebe	3K
Lucas	3W
Isobel M	4K
Lakshya	4W
Maja	5K
Seb	5W
Ava	6K
Rhys	6W

***This Week's Big Question is:
How does sport and movement change the way we feel? This links with the
promotion of well-being and British value - the Rule of Law.***

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - Sport can make you happy and it's fun to play with our friends so we feel good.

1W - Sport makes you feel happy and you can make new friends. It also keeps us healthy and active.

2K - Playing sports and being active can make us feel happy and help us smile more. Movement can also help us with our worries and make us feel calm.

2W- Sport and movement can change how we feel in a good way. When we move our bodies, it can make us feel happy and calm.

3K - Sport and movement change the way we feel because they make our bodies and minds happy. When we run or play games, we feel excited and full of energy. Sport can help us feel confident, healthy, and ready to learn.

3W - When you take part in a sport, you feel proud of yourself. If you are feeling sad, sport can make you feel happy. It is easy to make new friends when you try new activities.

4W - It is good for your mental health and well-being and makes you feel good.

5W- Sport can change how we think and feel by making us happier, calmer and more confident because being active helps our brain release positive chemicals. It also teaches us to be resilient and work as part of a team, helping us think positively and manage our emotions better.

6K - We think sport can make us feel good as it can improve our mood and clear our heads.

6W - Sport and movement can really change how we feel because they help our bodies release energy and our minds feel calmer and happier. Ali and his friends in Karachi use cricket to stay positive, even when life around them in the city is difficult. This shows how being active can support our mental health by helping us feel less stressed and more hopeful. It also links to the rule of law, because sport teaches us to follow rules, be fair, and respect others. Even if people say negative things or we're not the best, what matters most is enjoying the game and how it makes us feel.

**Next Week's Big Question is:
How can people help protect nature in their every day lives?
This links to us celebrating Earth Day in school on Thursday.**



Year 1 Outdoor Learning

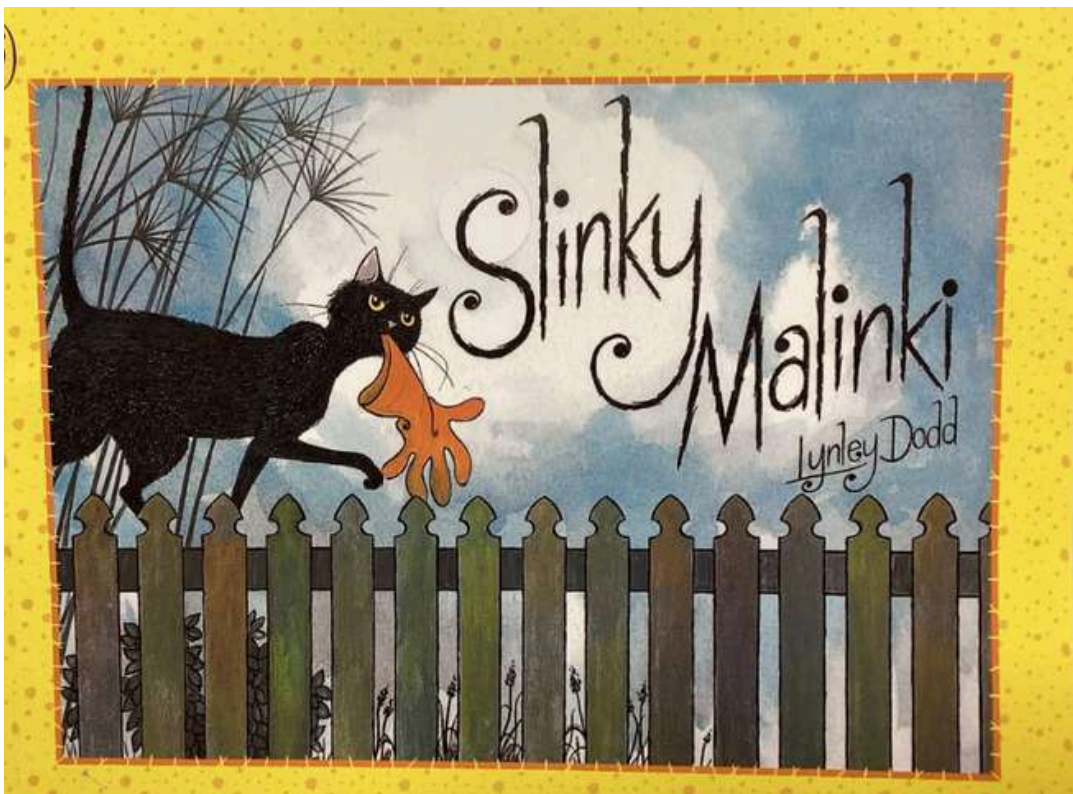


Year 1 have continued developing their growing area. This week, they have planted potatoes and are excited to watch them grow and dig up their crop in a few weeks time!



Developing a Love of Reading

This week, Year 2 have been reading 'Slinky Malinki'. They have been identifying the rhyming words and alliteration used in the book.

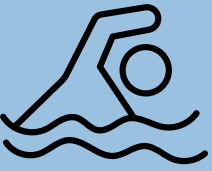




Year 6 RE



In RE, Year 6 are studying Humanism. This week, they looked at the values of Humanism and used their orally skills to discuss which of these values they felt were most important.



Swimming Gala

Before half term, our swimming team competed in the schools Gala this week. They showed great determination and produced some great performances, especially our girls team who claimed an individual gold in the breaststroke and a bronze in the team relay.



NURSERY

newsletter

This week

This week has been a wonderful first week back after Easter! We are enjoying reading *The Very Busy Spider*. The children are doing really well predicting what they think might happen at the start of the week, and as the week goes on, we are describing the characters and their settings. We are also linking our story learning with maths by focusing on sequencing. We are sequencing lots of our favourite stories, such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Incy Wincy Spider*. We are loving learning about different types of jobs! This week, we are pretending to be doctors, nurses, paramedics, hairdressers, and builders.

Next week

Next week in Nursery, we are reading the book *What the Caterpillar Heard*. In maths, we are exploring positional language. We also have a very special activity next week – the Mini Marathon! Nursery will be running around the Daily Mail track to take part in raising money for kNOw Knife Crime. On Thursday, we are also celebrating World Earth Day with lots of fun activities!

Reminders

Please remember to send your home learning to learningselfie@kewwoods.com and ensure you are connected to your child's new Dojo account.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDeloADED BANNED APPS

'Sideloaded' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

When children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

Meet Our Expert

Sean Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.



Tuesday 14th April 2026

Help Us Keep Our Community Safe with #kNOwKnifeCrime

Dear Parents / Carers,

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up again with [#kNOwKnifeCrime campaign](#) and London Marathon 2026 to fundraise for the mini medics' programme - first aid training sessions. The fundraising will support a sustainable programme for Year 5 pupils to be trained each year as mini medics.

Nursery to Year 6 pupils – Mini marathon Wednesday 22nd April 2026

We will be having a mini fun marathon event in our school **Wednesday 22nd April** where all pupils will participate in running/walking 2.6 miles in our school grounds passing the famous London landmarks. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy. Please can pupils attend school in PE kits. We will have fundraising buckets around school in the morning and after school in case families want to make a charity contribution and sponsor their child on the run.

On **Friday 17th April 2026** we will be having an assembly about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for initiatives that will keep our community safe. Younger pupils will focus on life saving facts and how running/ walking can keep us physically and mentally healthy. We will also discuss how we can achieve ambitious goals by setting ourselves the mini marathon challenge.

After the whole school assembly on **Friday 17th April 2026**, **pupils in Year 5 and Year 6** will have an assembly with the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes (who established in Memory of Colin McGinty) a -kNOwKnifeCrime initiative to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime. The assembly will be age appropriate and help children to consider choices they have.

On **Wednesday 22nd April, 20 representatives from Year 5** will be participating in a relay event with schools in our Trust (letters will be sent home this week to pupils participating). Our leg will start at Meols|Cop High at approximately 2:15pm and we should arrive back at Kew Woods at around 2:25pm. Parents are very welcome to come and support our runners on the final leg of the relay event.



On **Saturday 25th April 2026** we are taking 60 pupils across the Trust schools to London to participate in the School Mile Race—a unique chance for young people to cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and earn the coveted Mini Marathon medal.

On **Sunday 26th April 2026**, Ian Raikes CEO of Southport Learning Trust will be running the London marathon to represent our campaign alongside colleagues from other schools in our Trust.

If you would like to sponsor our pupils and staff for any of the above events, we would really appreciate your support. You can either donate cash on Wednesday 22nd April or sponsor via the link below.

Please sponsor our pupils and staff by clicking the link

[Kew Woods School Southport | Charity Champions Lancashire | Lancashire Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids](#)

Yours sincerely,

Christina Greaves
Executive Headteacher Kew Woods Primary School
Director of Primary Southport Learning Trust

Reception & Year 1

During the February half-term, your child will not bring home a phonics book or spellings. Instead, we kindly ask that you spend a minimum of 10 minutes each day watching one or two phonics video with your child. All you will need is a laptop, tablet or a phone, and a quiet space!

Your child will have received a letter in their book bag with a QR code. This QR code will have 10 videos which have been carefully selected for your child to watch.

Here are some additional videos which will be available from the 13th February until the 3rd April.

Reception



Set 1 Special Friends



Word Time 1



Word Time 2

Year 1



Set 2 & 3 Sounds



Speedy Reading



Longer Words



Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl

Help your young child learn to read, and love to read, with our eBook library, containing hundreds of free eBooks. Developed for children aged 5–11.

Oxford Owl for Home



Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl

Find out what Read Write Inc. Phonics is and find eBooks, videos, and kits to help your child as they learn to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics at home.

Oxford Owl for Home

OUR LADY OF COMPASSION FORMBY INVITES YOU TO OUR

Bank Holiday 11:00^{am} - 4:00^{pm} Monday 4th May 2026

Family Fun Day

FREE
ENTRY

TICKET SYSTEM
FOR ATTRACTIONS

INFLATABLES

Inflatable mega slide - Inflatable pirate assault course
Traditional games & prizes - Facepainting - Tombolas

GAMES & PRIZES

ARTISAN STALLS

Local artisan & craft stalls - Plant stalls
Hot dogs - Cakes - Refreshments

PLANT STALL

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



LIVE PERFORMANCE
BY MAKE NOISE CHOIR



Our Lady of Compassion

Parish Centre 74-76 Church Rd, Formby, L37 3NG



Mental Health
Research for
Innovation
Centre

NHS

Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust



Mental health
apps for children,
young people
and families

Are you feeling stressed, anxious or low?

Explore our online library of
safe, approved apps covering
anxiety, low mood, sleep,
eating disorders, support for
neurodivergence and more.

Mental health
apps can help,
but which one
should you
choose?



Scan the QR code to
find out more

EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?
Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

Meet with professionals from Aiming High, Early Help, Sefton Parent Carers and the Autism and Complex Needs Teams.

North Sefton

Southport

Linaker Family Hub,
PR8 5DQ
10am-12pm

7th November 2025
9th March 2026
19th June 2026

Central Sefton

Maghull

Hudson Family Hub,
L31 5LE
10am-12pm

28th November 2025
2nd February 2026
22nd May 2026

South Sefton

Seaforth

South Sefton Adult
Education Centre,
L21 1 EZ
10am-12pm

12th September 2025
12th January 2026
16th April 2026

Take time for you and have a brew! All children welcome.

For more information please contact:

Lauren.Wilding@sefton.gov.uk



Sefton Family Hubs



Tea & Toast at Linaker

LET'S TALK!



Join us for relaxed weekly sessions where you can talk, listen, and connect with others in your community. Whether you're a teenager, parent or carer, everyone is welcome.

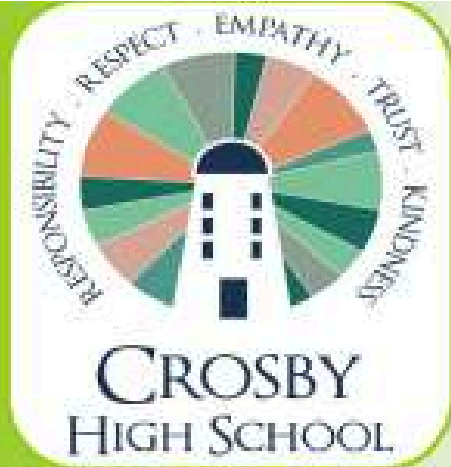
Each week, we chat about topics that matter to you and our friendly staff are here to listen and link you with helpful advice and services.



Scan the QR code or visit www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs to view our Tea & Toast calendar



Drop-in every Tuesday and Thursday
9:15am - 10:15am
0151 288 6765



Open Day Schedule 2025-26

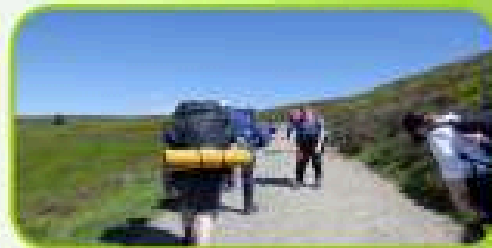
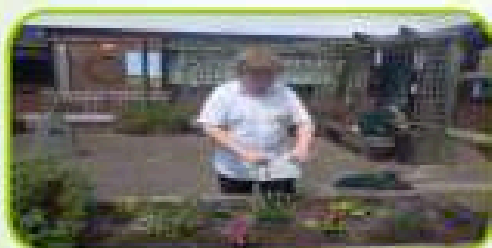
Contact: Paula Morgan

Crosby High School, De Villiers Avenue,

Crosby, L23 2TH Tel: 0151 924 3671

Email: paula.morgan@crosbyhigh.org

If you require further information or wish to book an alternative appointment



30th September 2025

2nd December 2025

19th March 2026

14th May 2026

18th June 2026



**Tours are at
1.00pm and 2.00pm**

