



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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shine

Welcome back to the new half term! We are very excited about our upcoming **Book Week!** A few reminders...On **Tuesday**, we will be holding our sponsored 'Bounce for Books' Event. Remember the class with the greatest **number** of genuine sponsors wins a treat! From **2.30pm**, we welcome parents and other family members to a **Reading Café** in the school hall, where you will be able to look at books while enjoying the treats baked by the children.

On **Wednesday** children can **bring in a book** (good condition please) to 'swap' with another one. On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

Don't forget to enter this year's competitions:

- A photo of them **reading in their own way**
- **Bake** a book character or setting

Entries by **Tuesday** for display please.

Remember to liaise with your class teacher to come in and **read a favourite story** to your child's class at a time to suit.

*Finally, please don't forget to send in any junk you have for our junk modelling!*  
**SEE YOU SOON!**



## Calling all Junior Bakers!



I have had a communication from a Series Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind **The Great British Bake Off**.

They have recently opened applications for the 11th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4

programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain and are looking for budding bakers between **9-15 years old**. Filming would take place from July 2025, but our **applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025**.

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

## Choir-tastic!

Our choir have been making us proud again by getting out and about! Here they are entertaining the Home Alone group at St Peter's church. Well done to all!



Interested bakers can apply online at -

[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

For any enquiries, email:

[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

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# PAUSE FOR LOVE

We had a joyful end to the last half term with our RE pause day on the theme of 'Love.' Children learned about St Valentine and how to love themselves, love their 'neighbour' and love the planet.

Year 4 started the day by designing hearts all about the things they



loved to do before discussing where in the Bible love was shown.

Even in Adam and Eve, God shows love because they betrayed God and he forgave them.

Ryan

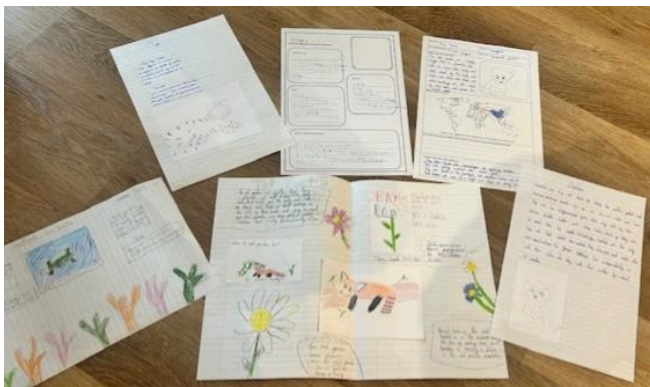
The Easter story shows love because Jesus gave his life for all of us.

Chloe

Every Bible Story has love in because God always shows his love to everyone, no matter what.

Luke

They also discussed the environment and endangered animals, thinking about ways they could save the planet and making fact files and Endangered Animals Top Trumps games from of their research.



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Our Reception class were also thinking about love

and discovered that hugging was a common idea as to how we can show and how hugs make ourselves and others feel good. In an experiment, they all stuck a piece of card with a splodge of paint stuck to their tummies. The paint was acting as their 'love'. As they gave each other hugs, they watched the 'love' (paint!) spread between them.



They also decorated a paper heart and at the end of the day, they picked out (with eyes closed) someone else's heart at random-spreading more love to their friends!



# Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February

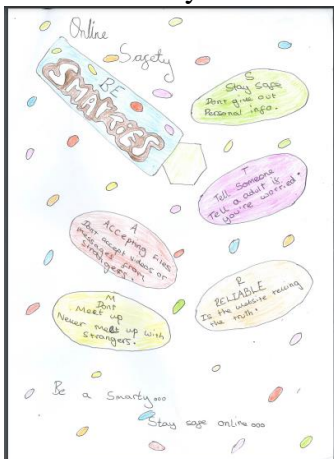
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

Safer Internet Day gave our children another chance to focus their intention on keeping themselves safe online.



Children learned about the 'four Cs' and how to be SMART online. They designed posters to help others to stay safe!



We are also keen to support parents to keep their children safe online. The latest 'Wake up Wednesday' we have sent out to parents is all about **WhatsApp** and what you need to know about the risks your child is exposed to. If you've missed it, you can find this and other 'Wake up Wednesday' articles on our school website. See also further information below in our Parenting Power section!



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# Letting their Light Shine!



Our congratulations to Amelia who recently passed her Musical Theatre medal test with honours! She sang and danced to 'It's a hard knock life' from the musical 'Annie'.

Rupert and Hector had a great time over half term looking around Yateley Police station! Hector wants to be a Police officer so wrote them a letter, and they wrote back inviting him for a tour! The boys also volunteered to help Toad Patrol and manage a whole pond for this year's toad migration! The boys have had great fun and loved helping the toads across the road to prevent them from being squashed by the cars.



# Sustainability



The lady who runs the programme at the Yateley Reptile & Amphibian group (part of the Yateley Society) has asked if our children could keep an eye on our new pond to see if any

frogs/toads/spawn appear. No sign yet though! If you'd like to volunteer email [amphibians@yateleysociety.org.uk](mailto:amphibians@yateleysociety.org.uk).

Don't forget to let us know about any regular volunteering for our community award!



Providing Early Help to our children and families at Cranford Park CE Primary School means we are more effective in promoting the welfare of our children. Early Help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, beginning in the Early Years. This can prevent issues escalating, thus promoting the welfare of our children.

As parents and educators, it's our responsibility to stay up-to-date on the safety concerns around all the apps that our children use online. One of the most popular apps young people are using currently is WhatsApp. It is worth noting that in the UK, **you must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp**. Having said that, we know that many of our children do use this highly popular app, and so it is essential that parents know the risks and how to protect children who are on the platform. Wake Up Wednesday have put together an expert-led free guide, breaking down WhatsApp's most prominent risks and advising you on how best to safeguard the app's younger users. We have sent this out directly to our parents, but if you have missed it, it is also available on our school website.

We are pleased to share with you details of our early help offer, which can be found on our website by following the link below or by searching in the 'Parents' section for 'Early Help.'  
<https://www.cranfordparkprimary.co.uk/parents/new-page>

Our teachers have received 'Early Help' training from Hampshire and of course we will always do our best to support our pupils and families. You are always most welcome to come in to speak to any of us and we will do our best to help. But we all need a little extra help sometimes in life, and so we have also tried to collect together as many ideas as we can of other places you can go when you have any concerns or worries.

Between us, in our school community, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, so if you have used a service which has been helpful, or know of another source of information we can signpost our parents to which we've missed, please do let us know so we can add it to our offer. See also below link to a wellbeing newsletter:  
[Solihull January parent wellbeing newsletter](#)



### Parents Right to Request Wraparound Care

All parents in England have the right to request that the school their child attends, or is due to attend, consider setting up wraparound or holiday childcare if they don't already have it. As part of our regular engagement with parents, we are requested to make parents aware of their right to request wraparound and holiday childcare. The Department for Education's ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm.

Of course, we are very lucky here at Cranford Park to have been ahead of the game and we already have our wraparound provision in place! A reminder that it runs from **7.45am to 6.00pm** and costs £5 per hour or part hour. Please ask in the office for details.

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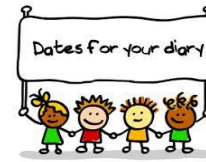
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We are all out of tissues again and would be incredibly grateful to any parents who could throw an extra box of tissues into their trolley this week!

Thank you so much!



**New and changed dates are given in bold**

- w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Book Week begins!
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: Bounce for Books sponsored event
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: 2.30pm Reading Café for parents**
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: 3.30pm PTA Meeting in school hall**
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book swap day**
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: World Book Day – Dress up day
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 Cake Sale after school
- w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Mar: STEM Week
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 Residential Parents' Meeting**
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March: Science workshops for all year groups**
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 Cake Sale after school
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: 8.30am GRT Meet Up – by invitation
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 Road Safety Workshop online**
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Mar: Wellington Chemistry Event – Y5
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March: PTA Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March: Joint school event – STEM (by invite)**
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March: Y2 Nightwalk
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March: PTA Mothers' Day Shopping Event
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March: Y4 and Y6 History Workshops
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: A Walk through Easter Workshops  
Y2 am and Y4 pm
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March: Y2 and Y3 Cake Sale after school
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April: MUFTI Day for bottles for summer fair
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April: **EASTER FUN DAY** with Easter tea for parents
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am Easter Service at St Peter's
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Children return to school
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Y4 Residential Visit to Minstead
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Y5 Swimming
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 Swimming
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 to Wellington – low ropes – 3-4pm**
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Y4 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May: World Culture Day – rescheduled date**
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 Swimming
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 to Wellington – paddling – 3-4pm**
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May: Class Photographs**
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May: GRT parents - Meeting with EMTAS**
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May: YR Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y5 Swimming
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May: MUFTI Day for sweets for summer fair
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May: School breaks up for half term 1.15pm
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May: INSET DAY
- w/b 26<sup>th</sup> May: HALF TERM BREAK
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June: INSET DAY
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Swimming
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June: World Environment Day**
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 SLEEPOVER
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: Rotary Kids Out Event – by invitation**
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Swimming
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Leavers' Service, Winchester
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- w/b 7<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Residential Week
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July: Y1 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July: Sponsored Colour Run Day!
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Service - parents
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm

**Norovirus**

We have heard that there are still reports which indicate high levels of norovirus in the wider community. We are reminding people that if they have been sick with vomiting and diarrhoea, they should remain away from school entirely until 48 hours (2 days) after symptoms have stopped. Hand gels do not kill norovirus, so handwashing with soap and warm water is best. Using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will also help stop the virus from spreading. Many thanks for your support.



**Watch out for our next parent questionnaire on the subject of 'communication' as we really want your ideas!**

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