



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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shine

Thank you to all those who attended our Easter events at the end of last term. That seems so long ago now! I was so impressed by our wonderful Spring Fair entries - the quality was amazing and our children really did let their light shine! Congratulations to the winners who were as follows:

Category 1

1st Place: Lara, Violet, Willow
2nd Place: Amy, Evie, Sophia
3rd Place: Oliver, Amelia, Ava
Highly commended: Liza, Alexa, Sophie



Category 2

1st Place: Chloe, Sophie
2nd Place: Eva, Hannah Violet, Cleo
3rd Place: Rae, Summer, Pippa
Highly commended: Reuben, Fern



Category 3

1st Place: Liza, Reuben, Noah
2nd Place: Violet, Sophie, Willow
3rd Place: Evelyn, Sophie, Sophia
Highly commended: Joshua, Liam, Charlie



Category 4

1st Place: Sophia, Joe
2nd Place: Lottie



Category 5

1st Place: Gray
2nd Place: Sophie



Category 6

1st Place: Lottie, Lola, Pippa
2nd Place: Hannah, Chloe, Sophia
3rd Place: Lara, Emily, Violet, Willow
Highly commended: Bella, Fern



Category 7

1st Place: Hannah, Tyler, Sophie
2nd Place: Sophia



Category 8

1st Place: Sophia
2nd Place: Sophie



Category 9

1st Place: Liza, Cleo
2nd Place: Lottie, Sophia
3rd Place: Lola
Highly commended: Hannah



Category 10

1st Place: Bella, Sophia, Maria
2nd Place: Lottie
3rd Place: Mark
Highly commended: Hannah

Well done to everybody who took part for your creativity and effort. All the items we saw were absolutely fantastic and I look forward to another Spring Fair next year! 😊

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We are very excited about our upcoming VE Day celebrations. Children can wear **red**, white and **blue** mufti for the day. We will be opening our gates to parents at **12.15pm** for a family picnic in the grounds. Children can be collected from classroom doors in the usual manner and once collected, they are **your responsibility**. You should note that the school grounds will be OPEN that afternoon. If you cannot make it along yourself and are sending a friend or relative we don't know, please let the class teacher know. Some of you will be quite used to this by now, but for those new to us, you can bring your blankets or deckchairs along with your picnic and just find a spot on the field somewhere.

Children whose parents can't make it along will stay with the group of class teachers but will still have their picnic outside from **12.30pm** so as to join in the fun. Alternatively, they can be 'adopted' by another family, but the class teacher will need to be told about this in advance. You can either send them with a packed lunch, or **pre-order a packed lunch from the school kitchen**. A separate email will be sent out with details of this.

At **1pm**, we will be calling all of the children back to the playground, as they have prepared some **songs** for you! After this, we will ask you to join with us to sing together the **National Anthem**. The PTA will be selling **cold drinks and ice creams**. Cash is preferred if possible. A price list is given below and cream teas need to be **ordered in advance**.

After the singing, you are free to either stay and play, or you can take your children home. We would invite you to bring along any suitable **garden games** you have to play and we will put out some of our playtime equipment too. **PLEASE** make sure you take all of your litter with you, checking the area before you leave.

FRIENDS OF CRANFORD PARK PTA PRESENTS...
A FAMILY VE DAY
CELEBRATION PICNIC

Friday 9th May 12 noon *Bring your picnic lunch, blankets & chairs and enjoy a fun afternoon with the children*

Pre order your cream tea using the button below:
[Cream Tea Order Form](#)

Afternoon Tea for 1 £4 **Afternoon Tea for 2 £6**
Add fruity fizz for £1 **Add 2 fruity fizzes for £2**

Pre order online by Wed 7th 12pm
 Refreshments and ice creams will be available to buy on the day
 Charity no. 1207283

We are having a **DIY day next Saturday** and would be really grateful for as much help as possible! Please sign up using the link below.

FRIENDS OF CRANFORD PARK PTA
 Charity number 1207283

CAN YOU HELP?

Saturday 10th May 9am - 1pm

The school has some little jobs that need doing around the school.



Please sign up using the link or just turn up with willing hands, gloves, gardening and DIY tools, if you have a skill or profession let us know.
 Thank you.

✓ Sign up today – it's easy!
 Sign Up
[DIY Day signup.com](http://DIYDay.signup.com)



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COMPETITION REMINDER!



A reminder about our competition to **design the centre for a wreath** which the winner will then be asked to lay at the War Memorial at 11am on Thursday 8th May. There is

still time to get your entries in and we haven't had any yet!

The centre of the wreath is 8" / 20cm in diameter, so that should be the size of the design, although it can be on a bigger piece of paper. We can reduce the design if you want to do it bigger, but try to make it a circle! We are looking, of course, for something which represents our school, but at the same time is themed for the VE celebration. Bold designs with bright colours are preferable. Please bring your designs to the school office by **Tuesday 6th May**. Happy designing!



Communication Questionnaire

A huge thank you to all those who returned the spring term questionnaire on the theme of 'communication'. Responses were overwhelmingly positive, but also gave some really good suggestions. As a result of your feedback we will be making the following changes:

- Children who go into the 'Headteacher's honour book' will also receive a certificate or postcard to take home so that parents know about it.
- The bulk of office emails will come as one on a Friday. Obviously, there may be some more urgent messages which we need to send straight away. But anything not urgent will wait.
- Our class pages will be updated half termly with news, plus curriculum and family learning information. We will remind you that these are there and will also send you the planning documents by email/dojo.
- We will ensure that you receive any messages about bumps and bruises as soon as possible and before 3pm.
- We will set up a 'helping hands' tree in the office area so that parents can choose to buy additional items we need to support us.
- We will set up an official school Whatsapp group to use this for messaging. We will need to acquire a school mobile phone for this, so it may take a bit longer to organise.

If you didn't manage to return the questionnaire, it's not too late to let me know your ideas, as I am always keen to hear them! Thank you for helping us to make our school even more fantastic! 😊

easyfundraising

Shopping online?
Raise free funds for
us at the same time

We now have **42** supporters! Well done to those who have joined! **Please follow the link below to join in!**

Friends of Cranford Park

Yateley, Hampshire

£578.30 raised

42 supporters

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focpyateley/>

April Attendance

Year	Present
6	96.1%
5	85.9%
4	88.5%
3	87.3%
2	85.2%
1	90.4%
R	91.7%

Congratulations to Year 6 who have the strongest attendance yet again by a long way! But our attendance has slipped this month! Please ask if you are concerned about your child's attendance. Congratulations to all those who had 100% certificates for April!

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Minstead Fun!



21 of the children in Year 4 were lucky enough to attend a residential trip last week. They stayed in an activity centre called Minstead,

where they learnt about how to keep our climate safe and ways we can look after the environment.



They did so many different activities, but some of their favourites were pond dipping, orienteering, exploring the plants and creating a rainbow colour palette as well as escaping the teachers in a game of Goshawk! They even made their own beds and sandwiches to build their independence and resilience during the trip too! The school heard all

about it in a wonderful Year 4 assembly and the Y3 children can't wait 'til next year! 😊 My thanks to all the staff who gave up their free time to go along!



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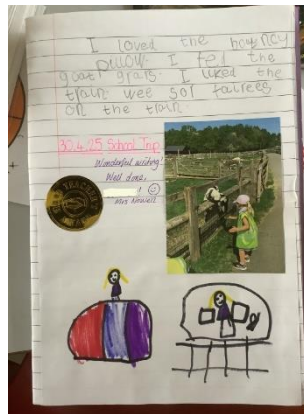
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YR to Wellington Country Park



Year R had a fun filled first school trip to Wellington Country Park recently! They enjoyed being Bug Detectives in the forest and learning about the bugs they found. They made memories with their friends bouncing on the bouncy pillow, climbing aboard a pirate ship, exploring adventure parks, going on a train ride, seeing lots of animals, feeding goats and stroking some guinea pigs! What a busy day they had! They certainly had some memorable moments that day!



World Culture Day a huge success!
 We had a wonderful time going around the world at our world culture day! More details and photographs will be in our next newsletter, as this one was getting a bit long!

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Letting their Light Shine!



Our congratulations to Fraser, Talia, Elliot, Janco and Mianke who have been shining their lights in self-defence! Mianke achieved her 6th Kup - Green belt in Adult International level, while Janco achieved his 5th Kup Green belt



blue tag working towards Blue belt in Adults International level.

Fraser, Talia & Elliot took part in their first judo competition in the Easter holidays. They came away with a very impressive 2 golds and a silver. They thoroughly enjoyed it and are planning on taking part in another completion next month. Fraser and Talia also each completed a 1500m swim in their last distance assessment.



Pippa has also been letting her light shine! She is proud to have achieved her 5 metres aided award at her swimming school! Our parents can let their light shine too and we



are super proud of Felicity's mum for running the London Marathon recently! Very impressive! Well done to all of them! Don't forget to let us know about any successes you or your children have outside of school!



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

[Uniformerly](https://uniformerly.co.uk/) – Buy, sell and give away outgrown school uniform to other parents at your school

Our school is already on the site, so you can start listing items now. Sell your outgrown, pre-loved uniform online for free – no fees, no commission. Save money buying quality pre-loved school uniform, that's just as good as new! Easy to use – you'll only see listings from our school. – Year-round access to our school's pre-loved uniform. Click the blue link underlined above to get started, or go to:

<https://uniformerly.co.uk/>

Register now to see what's available!



Since Covid, we have seen an increase in the number of children displaying anxiety and this can be a worry for parents and carers!

Parent/Carers

are invited to join us for an

Anxiety Workshop

When: 19th May 2025 at 2pm

Where: Cranford Park School Hall

For who: Anyone struggling with their child's anxiety who may need help with practical tips and advice.

Delivered by: Miss Portch

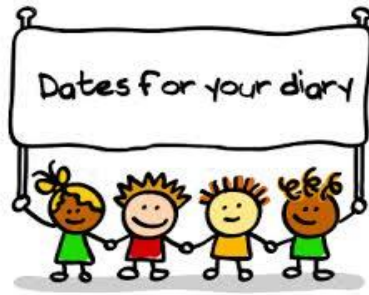
Come and pick up some Portch pointers!



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New and changed dates are given in bold

Mon 5th May: Bank Holiday Monday
PTA stall at the Yateley May Fair

Tues 6th May: 3.30pm PTA Meeting re Summer Fair

Wed 7th May: Y5 to Wellington – paddling – 3-4pm

Thurs 8th May: Class Photographs

Thurs 8th May: GRT parents - Meeting EMTAS 2.30pm

Thurs 8th May: VE Day in Yateley – competition winner to lay wreath at memorial

Fri 9th May: 80th VE Day Celebration with parents
Children wear red, white and blue

Sat 10th May: Parents and Friends DIY Day – please come and help if you can!

Mon 12th May: Y6 SATs Testing Week

12th – 14th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End

Thurs 15th May: 7pm: Stay Safe Initiative – online meeting for parents about online safety

Fri 16th May: YR Class Worship 8.50am – parents

Fri 16th May: Y5 Reward Day for Bounce for Books

Fri 16th May: DONUT Sale after school - £1 each

Sun 18th May: Choir singing at Fundraising Concert at St Peter's – all welcome

Mon 19th May: Scouts assembly

Mon 19th May: **2pm** Workshop for parents – supporting good mental health – managing anxiety.

Tues 20th May: 3.30pm PTA Meeting re colour run

Thurs 22nd May: MUFTI Day for sweets for summer fair

Thurs 22nd May: Think Safe Event for Year 6 (morning)

Thurs 22nd May: School breaks up for half term 1.15pm

Fri 23rd May: INSET DAY

w/b 26th May: HALF TERM BREAK

Mon 2nd June: INSET DAY

Tues 3rd June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks – 2 wks

Tues 3rd June: Children return to school

Tues 3rd June: 5pm Induction Evening for new parents

Wed 4th June: Y5 Swimming – start of 6wks swimming

Thurs 5th June: World Environment Day

Fri 6th June: Y5 Class Worship 8.50am - parents

Fri 6th June: Y3 SLEEPOVER

Fri 6th June: PTA 'Freezy Friday' sales begin

Fri 6th June: New Reception Intake Induction 1

Mon 9th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

Mon 9th June: PTA Fathers' Day Shopping

Mon 9th June: Safety Day

Wed 11th June: Rotary Kids Out Event – by invitation

Wed 11th June: Y5 Swimming

Wed 11th June: New Reception Intake Induction 2

Fri 13th June: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am – parents

Fri 13th June: 'Freezy Friday' sale

St Peter's Church Event at school

Tues 17th June: P.T.A. Meeting 3.30pm – all welcome

Tues 17th June: 1.30pm Summer Arts Festival – parents welcome to attend our outdoor event

Wed 18th June: Y5 Swimming

Thur 19th June: KS2 Athletics Event – cross school

Thurs 19th June: New Reception Intake Induction 3

Fri 20th June: Y6 Leavers' Service, Winchester

Fri 20th June: 'Freezy Friday' sale

Wed 25th June: Y5 Swimming

Fri 27th June: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am – parents

Fri 27th June: PTA Mufti Day for £1 donation

Fri 27th June: PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm

Mon 30th July: Y5/6 evening performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' at Yateley school theatre

Tues 1st July: Y5/6 evening performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' at Yateley school theatre

Wed 2nd July: Y5 Swimming

Wed 2nd July: Y6 transition day to Yateley

Thurs 3rd July: Y6 transition day to Yateley

Thurs 3rd July: Moving Up Day – new classes info. out

Thur 3rd July: Barnados School Readiness workshop for prospective parents.

Fri 4th July: 'Freezy Friday' sale

w/b 7th July: Y6 Residential Week

w/b 7th July: Local History Week – YR to Y5

Wed 9th July: Y5 Swimming

Fri 11th July: Y1 Class Worship 8.50am – parents

Mon 14th July: SEN Parent Meetings Y1, Y2 & Y3

Mon 14th July: Magic Show Assembly

Mon 14th July: Display of Work Evening 3.30pm to 5pm

Tues 15th July: SEN Parent Meetings Y4, Y5, Y6

Tues 15th July: P.T.A. Meeting 3.30pm – all welcome

Wed 16th July: SPORTS DAY – parents from noon – date change due to clash with transition

Thurs 17th July: Reserve Sports Day in case of rain!

Fri 18th July: 'Freezy Friday' sale

Mon 21st July: Sponsored Colour Run Day!

Tues 22nd July: Y6 Leavers' Service – parents – **9.30am**

Tues 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm

Wed 3rd Sept: INSET Day

Thurs 4th Sept: Children return to school

Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half term holiday

Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school

Fri 19th Dec: Break up for xmas hols 1.15pm

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Mon 5th Jan: INSET Day

Tues 6th Jan: Children return to school

Fri 13th Feb: Break up for half term holiday

Mon 23rd Feb: Children return to school

Fri 27th Mar: Break up for Easter 1.15pm

Mon 13th April: Children return to school

11th to 13th May: Y5 residential to Runways End

Wed 20th May: Break up for half term 1.15pm

Thurs 21st May: INSET DAY

Fri 22nd May: INSET DAY

Mon 1st June: INSET DAY

Tues 2nd June: Children return to school

9th/10th June 26: Y4 residential to Minstead

w/b 6th Jul 2026: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell

Wed 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm



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