



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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It has been wonderful getting to know our new pupils and their families at our induction events, be they new families, younger siblings, or returning families who left us previously and have come back! Welcome to you all.

## UKULELE



You may recall that St Peter's Church bought us a class set of ukuleles. Year 4 have recently had their first lesson on learning how to play. It was wonderful to give them the opportunity to play a different musical instrument. They look forward to learning more!



## Rotary Fun Day

I was delighted to be asked to nominate some of our children for the Rotary Fun Day again this year and the children had a wonderful time!

One parent said, "It was... a nice experience to be with parents and children all unique in their own way within a safe space full of people who "get it."



The children also enjoyed a petting farm, fair rides, inflatables, activities, circus acts, Punch and Judy, disco, sensory play, crockery smash, crazy gold, tattoos and a team of fire fighters brought their fire engine to show off!

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# YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

Our year 3 children had a wonderful time at their recent sleepover and the weather stayed fine for us! After a tea of barbecued burgers and sausages, the children made smores and played games until late, before snuggling down in the school hall to watch a film and sleep.



I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the staff who came along to help out

and most particularly to Mrs Martin and Mrs Russell who stayed awake **all night** working in the hall to ensure the children felt safe and happy. Without the goodwill of our wonderful staff, these things would not be able to happen at all.

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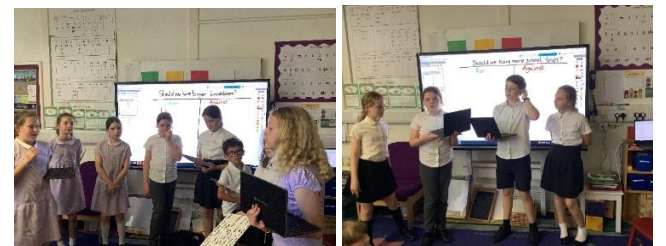
## University Spotlight



The children have been enjoying this half-term's university sessions. In the Faculty of Crafts from around the world, we looked at Koinobori from Japan.



We learnt that Koinobori are carp-shaped kites. They blow in the wind to celebrate Children's Day! As well as making our own Koinobori crafts, we learnt how to say 'Hello' in Japanese 'Konnichiwa!' (こんにちは) and looked at where Japan is on the globe in comparison to the UK.



In the faculty of debate the children debated two very important topics! The

first was, should we have longer breaktimes in school? The second, should we have more school trips? The children researched their side of the argument and then came together for the debate. All teams gave balanced, sensible arguments.

## Letting their Light Shine



We are very proud of Inayah, who recently achieved her grade 1 in artistic (synchro) swimming! As you will know, our growth mindset ethos values effort over attainment,, so we were even more impressed to hear

that she has been working really hard over the past few weeks, practising for 2 hours on a Saturday morning, an hour on a Saturday night, 2 hours on a Sunday morning and 2 hours every other Tuesday! She hasn't missed a single training session and to achieve grade 1 on her first attempt is really positive indeed! We wish her luck in her synchro competition later this month where she is performing The Lion King with her team. We were also delighted to hear that our own Madame Raby is an artistic swimming coach at Inayah's club and has been instrumental in welcoming them into the team. They are both letting their lights shine!



We are also super proud of Mianke and Janco who have been competing again! Mianke received bronze for pattern and a bronze for sparring. Janco was awarded a bronze for special technique and bronze for sparring. Congratulations to them both! Well done to all those who have let their light shine!

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## ATTENDANCE

I was very interested to see the following news report! I know that some of our families have already been subject to these fines, while others have avoided them by improving their attendance. Please do take care to keep your child's attendance above 90% and ideally, above 96%! Well done all those with high attendance!



### Council nets £1.6m from school attendance fines

Published on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025, more of the report is given below:

**Over the past three academic years, a county council has slapped parents with fines totalling more than £1.6m because their children have missed school.**

Hampshire County Council has issued more than 10,000 penalties since 2022, raising £1,666,113 over the three school years since 2021/22, a Freedom of Information request has found.

Hampshire County Council said the increase in fines reflected a rise in absences, both nationally and locally.

It added that any money collected through the system was designated for the administration of the penalty notice system, with any remaining funds used for attendance support.

Data showed that, over the years, penalties in Hampshire had steadily increased.

Parents who take their children out of school during term time without permission must pay £80 per child for the whole absence. If parents do not pay their fine within 21 days, it doubles to £160.

If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within three years, they are immediately charged £160.

In 2022/23, Hampshire County Council generated £363,543 from the fines, while in 2024/25 the figure doubled to £698,403, according to the [Local Democracy Reporting Service](#).



## Online Safety

It becomes increasingly important for parents to supervise their children online. Safer Schools have issued a warning about a character called Jeffy. He is not nice!

**What is Jeffy?**

- Jeffy is a puppet character featured in series of YouTube videos. The channel behind Jeffy has over five million subscribers and each video posted gains millions of views.
- The character of Jeffy has been criticised for portraying an offensive stereotype of someone with unspecified learning difficulties or disability. The creator has argued against this characterisation, saying Jeffy is meant to be funny and does not represent someone with a disability.
- Despite the video's child-friendly animation style, our online safety experts found videos portraying sexual content, nudity, violence, gore, profanity and more inappropriate themes.

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To link to the website for more information:

[Safeguarding Update: Jeffy - Safer Schools](#)

## Toilet Training

Toilet training is an essential milestone for children **before they start school**. It combines all the skills a child is gaining day-by-day, including understanding their feelings, using language to express needs, following instructions, co-ordination and independence. As well as ensuring a smooth start at school, toilet training can help parents/carers build confidence, get into routines, and even save money on single-use nappies.

The Hampshire Public Health Team and Public Health Nursing Service have developed resources for you to share with parents/carers of children starting Reception in September.

[Toilet training made easy: A parent's step-by-step guide - Hampshire | Health for Under5s](#)

[Toilet Training made easy video](#)

If toilet training isn't going to plan, a child is close to starting school, or further support is needed, help is available for families:

- ChatHealth**– Contact a trained specialist nurse in health visiting by texting 07520 615720 or starting a webchat on this page (for parents of 0-5-year-olds).
- ERIC**– Information, advice and a helpline on bladder and bowel issues and additional needs.

## Entitled to Free School Meals?

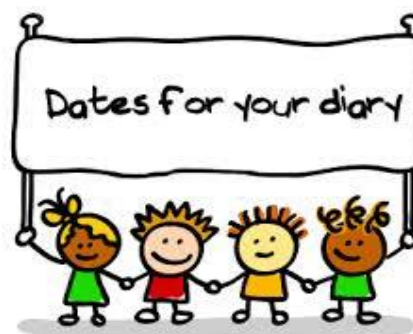
Children and young people from low-income families in Hampshire can look forward to an exciting programme of fun activities and nutritious meals over the summer, courtesy of Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Funded by the DfE, the programme helps local authorities to offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive benefit-related free school meals during term time. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

There are over **180** sites delivering activities across the whole of Hampshire over the summer holiday period. Schools, childcare providers, community groups and sports activity providers are amongst those delivering schemes.

Hampshire are now inviting eligible families to book their free school holiday clubs. Information on available schemes and how to book are on their Family Information Services Hub (FISH), using the following link:

[Family Information and Services Hub | Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)

## [Summer 2025 District HAF Flyer - Hart.pdf](#)



**There are no new dates to share, but watch out for the following key events this term:**

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| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June:   | PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm  |
| Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> July:   | Y5/6 performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' at Yateley school theatre 6pm       |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July:   | Y5/6 performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' at Yateley school theatre 6pm       |
| w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> July:    | Y6 Residential Week   |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> July:   | Display of Work Evening 3.30pm to 5pm                                     |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> July:  | SEN Parent Meetings Y4, Y5, Y6  |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July:   | SPORTS DAY – parents from noon – date change due to clash with transition |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July: | Reserve Sports Day in case of rain!                                       |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July:   | Sponsored Colour Run Day!   |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July:  | Y6 Leavers' Service – parents – 9.30am                                    |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July:  | Break up for summer hols 1.15pm   |