



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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We have had a busy couple of weeks, with school productions, lots of school trips and a visit from Ofsted! The heat has made things difficult at times, but our children have 'soldiered on' in true Cranford Park style and I have been really proud of them. They have truly 'let their light shine' in so many ways! Our KS2 production was another superb performance, despite the overwhelming heat. One grandparent wrote:

Congratulations a superb production!! The pupils' performance, notwithstanding the intense heat conditions, was simply marvellous. Great dialogue and marvellous singing. The musicality and the stage movement so well organised and executed. There are some wonderful singers and actors in the making. I hope everyone involved takes away happy memories... Thank you,

A parent wrote:

We have just got home from the year 5 and 6 production of Aladdin Trouble and I am completely and utterly blown away! ...to see it all come together was amazing! The children were incredible; there is some real talent at the school, I felt really proud!

Well done to all our children! 😊 We look forward to sharing our Ofsted report with you once this is received.

Upcoming events

Hopefully you have now received the letter with details of our Sports Day event on Wednesday next week.

Don't forget also our **Display of Work on Monday after school**. For those new to us, this is an opportunity for you to view some of the work our children have been doing this year, as well as to visit the other classrooms to see what the rest of the school have been up to! Don't forget to pop in to your child's new classroom and also to visit their new teacher to say hello! 😊.

Thank You!



Our new P.E. shed, purchased for us by the P.T.A., has now arrived. We would like to extend a huge **thankyou** to Annie Cooper, Sam

Cheyney, Emma Russ and Scott Penny for the massive amount of work they did demolishing the old PE shed for us! Along with our fabulous team of staff, who I also thank, they did a phenomenal job.



We could never have done this without them, as evidenced by this photo of me attempting to make a dent in the wall of it with a handsaw!



Well done and thanks also to Mrs Rees and Holly,

who gave up their spare time to put all the equipment back into the new shed!

A thought...

A positive attitude brings much gratitude. Think positive, be positive, speak positive. Do it every day, make it a HABIT.

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SCHOOL TRIPS!

Our children have had lots of fun lately going on their school trips. Years four and five enjoyed a 'local history' visit to St Peter's church, where they learned about the fire which destroyed most of the church and the caring community who helped to rebuild it. We were also fascinated to hear the legends of the nun behind the wall and the highwayman vicar!



Our Year 3 children took a visit to Butser Ancient Farm, where they enjoyed a range of hands on experiences to learn about the past.



Our year one and year two classes loved their visit to Jake's Playbarn and Minifarm, where they enjoyed feeding the alpacas and goats, handling some rabbits and chickens and having lots of fun in the play area!



Year R and Year 1 also enjoyed an exciting dinosaur workshop, learning how a fossil is formed, fossil hunting and even meeting some young dinosaurs that had come to visit!



First was Poppy the Parasaurolophus, who was only a week old and very shy! Then Patricia the Triceratops came out, and finally Rex the T-Rex, who the children avoided in case he nibbled their fingers!

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Letting their Light Shine!



Our children are being amazing and letting their lights shine all over the place at the moment! I am so proud of them all!



Felicity had the opportunity to showcase her acrobatic skills on the Aerial Hoop and Sling recently. Felicity has only been learning to do all this since the middle of February but she looks fabulous up there!



Pippa, who is still only in Reception, was quite rightly very proud to be awarded her Stage 2 Swimming award!



Chloe was awarded a trophy for gymnast of the month, as her teachers were not only really impressed with the progress made in every area of gymnastics, but also with her fantastic attitude!



Rupert, who many of you will have heard play, has been at it again and has now passed his grade 4 piano exam with a Distinction. He's come a long way since his first lesson! 😊



Sophia has been letting her light shine by taking her Primary Ballet Exam and receiving a Merit!! She worked so hard and made everybody very proud.

Our Year 4 class have also been letting their lights shine and making their teachers proud by

creating some wonderful landscapes as part of their Art work. They used watercolours to create their own mountain landscape paintings. Pop in on the display of work evening to see the finished results!



Don't forget to let me know if your child has done something out of school to 'let their light shine.' This might be a good deed that they have performed for somebody in the community?

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Reception Class Adventures

Our Reception children have been very busy with their learning lately! After learning about the life cycle of butterflies in their mini-beast topic last half term, they were excited to have their very own caterpillar pets to look after.



Over 3 weeks, they watched them change and grow from tiny caterpillars to larger spiky caterpillars, then making their chrysalises before emerging as beautiful butterflies. The children were very excited when the time came to release the butterflies in the garden!



Then as part of our school local history week, the class thought about "Life for our parents and grandparents." They enjoyed looking at old photographs and toys and hearing about what life was like in the 'good old days'!



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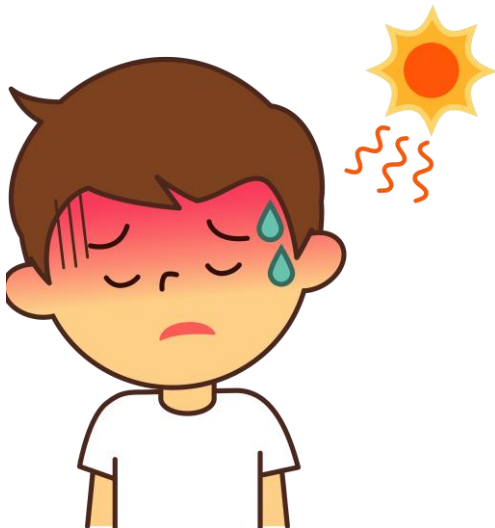
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Dealing with the hot weather!

During this hot weather, we will do our best to keep children in the shade and cool, but there are other things that you can do to help us protect children from overheating and dehydration.

- **Dress your child appropriately:** Dress them in lightweight, loose-fitting clothing. We will allow any sort of plain white or team coloured T-shirt, or a lightweight white shirt and any black shorts.
- **Provide a sun hat:** Ensure your child has a suitable sun hat. If possible, provide a cap with a neck cover to protect their neck too.
- **Ensure they have a water bottle:** Encourage children to drink water or other fluids throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty. Avoid any sugary drinks, as they can lead to dehydration.
- **Provide hydrating snacks:** Provide fruits and vegetables with high water content, like watermelon, cucumbers, and berries.
- **Apply sunscreen:** If your child will be exposed to sunlight, apply sunscreen liberally.
- **Watch for signs of dehydration and illness:** Check for dark urine, decreased urination, and dry mouth. Be aware of the symptoms of heat exhaustion, heatstroke, and heat cramps. If you notice any signs of heat-related illness, seek medical help immediately.



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New and changed dates are given in bold

- 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
- 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

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

- Wed 3rd Sept: INSET Day
- Thurs 4th Sept: Children return to school
- Tues 9th Sept: PTA AGM – all welcome to attend
- Wed 10th Sept: 3.30pm and 4.00pm: Y1 – Y6 'Meet the teacher' meetings for parents
- Wed 10th Sept: 2.30pm and 3.30pm: YR parent meeting: Reading and Writing
- Fri 12th Sept: PTA 'Cranka Bar' Event
- Tues 16th Sept: PTA Meeting
- Fri 19th Sept: Jeans for Genes Mufti Day**
- Mon 29th Sept: Evening Online Meeting – Parents in the Digital World – *please try to attend!***
- Thurs 9th Oct: Open Morning for Prospective Parents**
- Tues 14th Oct: NHS Assembly – 'Horrid Hands'**
- Wed 15th Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Wed 22nd Oct: Nasal Flu Immunisations – *details follow***
- Wed 22nd Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half term holiday
- Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school
- Fri 7th Nov: Open Evening for Prospective Parents**
- Thurs 27th Nov: Open Morning for Prospective Parents**
- Fri 19th Dec: Break up for xmas hols 1.15pm

2026

- Mon 5th Jan: INSET Day
- Tues 6th Jan: Children return to school
- Wed 4th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Wed 11th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Thurs 12th Feb: Y5 Bikeability**
- Fri 13th Feb: Y5 Bikeability**
- Fri 13th Feb: Break up for half term holiday
- Mon 23rd Feb: Children return to school
- Mon 23rd Feb: Choir to Young Voices at the O2**
- 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 26: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm