



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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shine

We have reached the end of another summer term and another year. We have thoroughly enjoyed our end of term activities which included a fun sports day. As always, our children impressed us with their teamwork, compassion and the care they showed for each other throughout the day.



The red team came up tops in the morning, but the yellows stole the show in the afternoon, leading to their success overall. Team captain Oliver shouted, "Finally!" as the captains raised the cup to the school.

	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
Morning	201	186	177	197
Afternoon	146	176	185	188
TOTAL	347	362	362	385



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to **Year 2** who had the best class attendance again for July! They will start off with the trophy in September.

Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 5	91.5%
Year 1	91.2%
Year R	90.1%
Year 4	89%

Congratulations also to Ralph, Charlie, Max, Maria, Grace, Ethan, Reggie, Lara, Eva, Emily and Amy who had **100% attendance** in the last academic year!

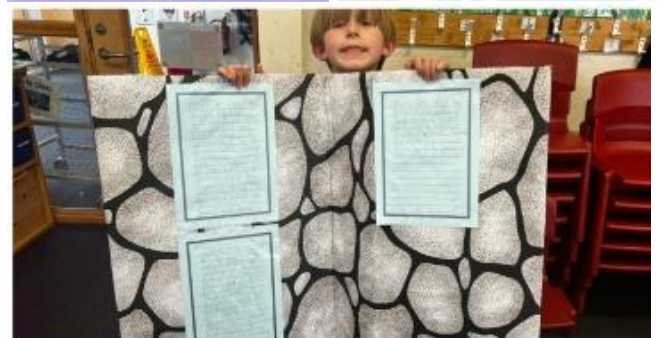
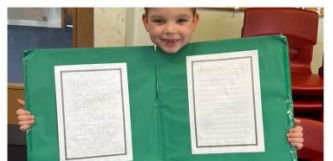
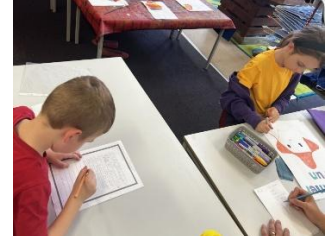
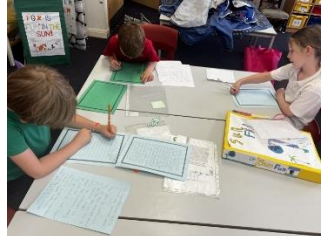
Moving Up Day

Our children recently enjoyed a morning with their new teacher on our 'moving up' day. The current year 4 had a fantastic morning - we completed some team building activities including stacking 10 cups as high as possible within one minute and keeping a balloon up with a partner for one minute. We were very impressed with the team work of the children and resilience they showed.



Book Club Creations

Children from across the school have proudly completed their Giant Books in After School Book Club. They explored the features of fiction texts before planning, writing and illustrating their own stories, bringing them to life in giant book form. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing their finished books and celebrating each other's creativity.



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Letting their Light Shine!



I had the pleasure of seeing several of our pupils performing in the KJ dance show last weekend at the Princes Hall Theatre in Aldershot.

Congratulations to

Emmy, Faith, Grace, Elizabeth, Albie, Brody, Bonnie and Princess. You were fabulous! Bonnie also received the 'Mini Ballet Trophy.'



We are very proud of Josh and Edie who have been 'letting their light shine' when they completed 'Walk for Wishes.' They walked 30 miles in total, raising £195 for Make-A-Wish UK. Well done to them both and their brother!



There were some fantastic throws, jumps and runs even though it was still very warm! We finished with a medal ceremony for the winners and all children received a keyring to celebrate their dedication to athletics for the term! We're already looking forward to next year and showing our skills in the District Sports competition.



Not District Sports!

As we couldn't do district sports this year due to the heat, we decided to have our own athletics competition in the final athletics faculty of the term. The children showed great team spirit and fantastic sportsmanship as they competed against each other in each of the different categories.



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SUMMER ARTS =FESTIVAL 2026=

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Summer Arts Festival on Tuesday 14th July. I was really proud of our children, who played, sang, danced and acted superbly. Thank you to all those who supported us by buying their child's artwork.



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World Cup Fever!

As the World Cup was upon us and we were all cheering England on, Royal Mail offered the

opportunity to write to the England Team or to specific players. The letters will be read by the players and some children will be chosen to



win money towards sports equipment for their school. Year 5 took on the challenge with great excitement, and

Chloe and Amelia later posted the letters to the freepost address. Here are a few of the fantastic letters written by some of the Year 5s!

10th July, 2026

Dear the best team in the world England

Hi my name is Ayden, I am 10 years old and I live in a small town called Yateley.

I play for a team called the Yateley Warriors. You're probably wondering why I am writing to you, I am sending you this letter to tell you that I love football and the England team. I want to say good luck at your next match. I will be watching at home, My advice is that you should go out there with confidence versus Norway we know that you can do it! So far, my favourite match you played in the World Cup was the Mexico game. I even stayed up (even though I shouldn't have!!) to watch it at 2:00am! You played with confidence and as a team throughout the whole match, even when it got difficult.

You all showed so much determination but no offence to all the rest of you but Harry Kane is my favourite player. I have watched Harry Kane all my life! From when he was in Tottenham and I support Tottenham (and so does all my family) to when he now plays for FC Bayern Munich.

I have watched all the World Cup games. Sorry this letter is getting kind of long but I am just so excited that you're really reading my letter, even though you get hundreds every day. Just remember that if the matches get hard, I will be cheering you on all the time! Some more advice that my coach has given me, "Even if you're losing 10-1, don't quit don't give up and definitely don't walk off that pitch with your head down! Walk off that pitch with your head held high and with pride for your team and your fans!"

I am going to go now but the last thing I think you should know is that you're my idol Harry Kane and my inspiration and that you have inspired lots of young people like me and my dream is to be like you even though it seems so far away right now! I will never stop trying

Well that's it from me bye,

From Ayden (Your biggest fan!)

It's coming home



If you are interested in writing your own letter, it's not too late! You can find more details at <https://www.royalmail.com/worldclassletters>.

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Dear England team,

My name is Chloe, I am supporting England and watch all the matches and the highlights of all your matches. I think we have done so well to get into the quarter finals.

I am 10 years old and haven't really been into football, but you inspired me. I'm from a small town called Yateley. I hope you win the World Cup. Good luck on your next game. You're doing such a good job and keep going even when things get tough. Before your next match remember to be strong and don't give up.

When I watch football, I feel excited because you don't know who's going to win. I also feel determined because I want England to win. Although you must face so many challenges, I am inspired by your skill and courage to succeed. In my opinion you are the best football team in the world. Even if you don't win you will still be England's heroes. Before the match, it must be exciting not knowing your future, you could be the winner, you could not. I hope you feel proud of yourselves because you have come so far and are such amazing people. When I watch the football in the morning, I will feel proud even if you didn't win. Although I would rather you won 😊.

I'm so excited for you guys to win or lose if you have fun, it doesn't really matter. My advice is play with confidence as you have been doing and be the best you can. Stay positive even if something happens.

Although football can be challenging, I think your team shows determination no matter what. I would say my favourite player, but I don't have one I think you all are amazing. But someone who inspires me is Harry Kane because he always keeps going no matter what even though you're all amazing. You show courage, dedication and support. Everyone of you should be proud of yourself and deserve victory. We are rooting for you England, good luck!

From Chloe. 😊

10th July, 2026

Dear Harry Kane

My name is Louisianna I am 10 years old and I live in a small village called Yateley in the UK, I am writing this letter because I just wanted to wish you the best luck in your upcoming matches. I am a huge fan of you because in every game you do your best! Especially when you score so many goals to beat every team. When I watch the England games I feel so excited and inspired. Although I didn't watch the Mexico vs England game at 2 AM, I still watched the highlights after I woke up and you did an absolutely perfect goal and lead the whole team.

Although football can be so challenging, I think your team and you shows determination and amazing skills. Also in my opinion, your team is special because all of you guys have made it through all the matches still winning and not getting tired at all. To be honest I have been a really big fan of Harry Kane for a long time and even my family are a huge fans too! Even if you lose your team are still the best in the World cup. Also I am so grateful if you actually read this because you get hundreds of letters a day. It just shows that everyone love you so much and they all come to the game to watch you in real life. Even on social media platforms because they make edits of you because you really just the best and amazing. Before your next match, remember that you're the best footballer in the whole world and you do amazing.

Good luck and I hope you enjoy every moment of the tournament

From

Louisiana Cole

LETS BRING IT HOME!

UNIFORM REMINDERS



After our relaxing of uniform rules during the summer term, a reminder that we expect **all** children to be back in **full school uniform** in September, complete with school logo'd jumper or cardigan and black school shoes. Key Stage Two should wear a shirt and tie or a blouse with black trousers or knee-length skirt. **No jewellery** should be worn, no nail varnish, fake nails or tattoos. Hair should be natural in style and colour and long hair tied back with school or hair-coloured simple fixings. For full details see our website at: <https://www.cranfordparkprimary.co.uk/parents/school-uniform>. Please NAME **everything**! Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils looking smart.

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Butser Farm Visit



As part of their learning about the Romans, year 3 visited Butser Ancient Hill Farm. They looked at the round houses which would have been in Britain prior to the Roman invasion before exploring a replica

Roman villa. They learned how to play Roman board games, made Roman jewellery, were archeologists and learned about the Roman way of life. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the Roman toilets! 😊 They learned that it was the origin of the saying, "Don't get the wrong end of the stick!"



The Romans had sticks with sponges on the end to wipe after using the toilets! If you were poor, you used a stick from the communal pot! You certainly did not want to pick up your cleaning stick from the wrong end!

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COLOUR RUN 2026

Thank you to all who participated in our colour run and to the P.T.A. and all the helpers for making it possible! I'm already looking forward to next year!



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Splendid Results!

Congratulations to our Year 6 children for their SATs results this year. We were in line with, or above, National figures for Reading, Writing and Maths this year, which is wonderful. Congratulations also to our Year One children for achieving above the National average in their phonics tests this year and to our Year Four pupils who did really well in their multiplication tables check this year too, leaving us 20% higher than last year.

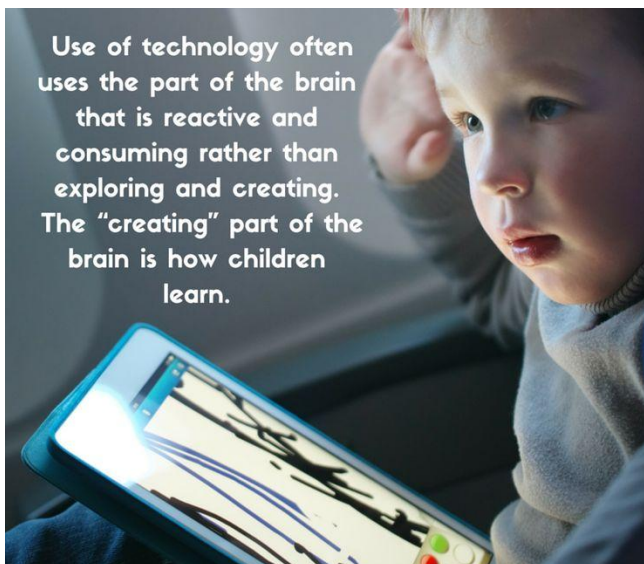


Following the tragic death of 5-year-old Benedict Blythe from a severe allergic reaction at his school in 2021,

we now have a new **Allergy Policy**, an **emergency epi-pen** in school and all our staff have been **trained** in the management of allergies and anaphylaxis. In September, parents of children with allergies will be contacted to work with us to create **Individual Healthcare Plans** for at-risk pupils.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the army of volunteers who have helped and supported us this year, including those who come in to hear readers, help with spelling, help on the P.T.A., come from the church, help with school visits and activities and all others! We are very grateful for the time you give. If you have any free time, please do volunteer in September!



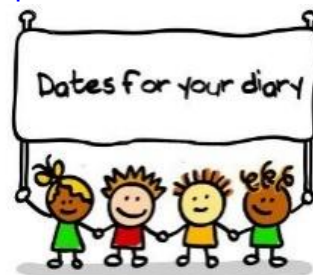
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The school now has an Amazon Wishlist where donations of gifts can be made. We are always desperate for things, from paper and paints to reading books and tissues. All donations are gratefully received, thank you! The list can be found at: <https://amzn.eu/04fVX5EH>



New events or changes are given in bold

Tues 1st Sept: INSET DAY
 Wed 2nd Sept: Children return to school
 Tues 22nd Sept: Yateley Secondary Taster Day for Y6 **(Parents need to book online)**
 Wed 23rd Sept: Y5/6 Football at Yateley Manor t.b.c.
 Thurs 24th Sept: Individual Photographs
 Fri 25th Sept: Frogmore Secondary Taster Day for Y6 **(Parents need to book online)**
 Fri 23rd Oct: Break up for half term
 Mon 2nd Nov: Children return to school
 Fri 13th Nov: Y3/4 Football at Yateley Manor t.b.c.
 Thurs 10th Dec: Family trip to Camberley Theatre Panto
 Fri 18th Dec: Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
 Mon 4th Jan: INSET Day
 Tues 5th Jan: Children return to school
 Wed 13th Jan: Y5/6 Netball at Yateley Manor t.b.c.
 Fri 22nd Jan: Y3/4 Netball at Yateley Manor t.b.c.
Tues 2nd Feb: Choir to Young Voices at the O2
 Wed 3rd Feb: Y4 Golf at Wellington – t.b.c.
 Fri 12th Feb: Break up for half term
 Mon 22nd Feb: Children return to school
 Wed 10th Mar: Y5/6 Escape Room at Wellington t.b.c.
 Wed 17th Mar: Y5/6 Escape Room at Wellington t.b.c.
 Thurs 25th Mar: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
 Mon 12th April: Children return to school
 19th – 20th April: Y4 Residential Visit 2027
 Wed 28th April: Y5 Paddling at Wellington College t.b.c.
 Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
 10th to 12th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
 Tues 25th May: Break up for half term at 1.15pm
 Wed 26th May: INSET Day
 Thurs 27th May: INSET Day
 Fri 28th May: INSET Day
 Mon 7th June: Children return to school
 12th – 17th July: Y6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell 2027
 Wed 21st July: Break up for summer holidays 1.15pm



We wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and we will see you all on Wednesday 2nd September. Have a good holiday!