Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 6th November 2026
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Dear families,

A very warm welcome back after the half-term break. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful two weeks and is feeling refreshed and ready for the busy weeks ahead. It has been lovely to see the children return to school. They have settled back into their routines brilliantly and have made a fantastic start to the new half term.

I wanted to remind all families that our new School Street arrangements will come into effect from **Monday 9th November**. This means that Arran Way will become a restricted-access road between 8:00 - 9:00am and 2:30 - 3:45pm. Vehicles will not be permitted to enter the restricted area during these times unless they meet the exemption criteria. We appreciate that this represents a change to the usual arrangements, but the aim is to reduce congestion, improve road safety and create a safer environment for children and families travelling to and from school. Please consider using our back gate on Blair Avenue as an alternative entrance to the school.

I would also like to share an update regarding Miss Hamilton, who will be beginning her maternity leave on Friday 20th November. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. We are pleased to confirm that Mrs Figueiredo, an experienced SENCo, has been appointed to provide maternity cover. Mrs Figueiredo will take up the role from Monday 23rd November and will be working at Cranmere from Monday to Wednesday each week. We are delighted to welcome her to the team and are confident that she will provide continuity and support for our pupils and families. As a reminder, any queries or questions relating to SEND provision should continue to be directed through the school office, who will ensure they reach the SENCo.

Although we have only just returned from half term, the weeks leading up to Christmas are always a particularly busy and exciting time at Cranmere! There are lots of events, activities and opportunities for the children to look forward to, and we are already beginning to make preparations for the festive season. Please keep an eye on school communications so that you don't miss any important dates or information. We will share further details as plans develop.

We look forward to another successful and enjoyable half term.

Kind regards,
Mr Gilbert













Cranmere Value Certificates have been awarded to:

	w/c 28th Sept	w/c 5th Oct		w/c 28th Sept	w/c 5th Oct
Rec Red Pandas:	Riley	Lulu			
Y1 Orangutans	Hector	Cleo			
Y2 Hedgehogs:	Isobel	Jaxson	**Y2 Red Squirrels**	Aiden	Andre
Y3 Bengal Tigers:	Oscar L	Joshua			
Y4 Lemurs:	Kley	Max	**Y4 Puffins:**	Immy	Thea
Y5 Sea Otters:	Bertie	Joshua	**Y5 Manta Rays:**	Alice	Callum
Y6 Wildcats:	Christopher	Millie	**Y6 Pangolins:**	Alex	Lexi

Reception (Red Pandas) were our attendance winners last week with very close to 100% attendance and only a few late marks. This week Sam Bear has been awarded to **Year 3 (Bengal Tigers)** with 100% attendance and only a few late marks. Well done to you all



A Happy Birthday shout for the last four weeks ending 8th November, in date order, goes to:
Harry (10,Sea Otters); Harper (5,Red Pandas); Acey (7,Red Squirrels); Parker (11,Pangolins); Ethan (7,Red Squirrels); Theo F (11,Wildcats); Ruby (11,Pangolins); Shyla (9,Puffins); Jacob (10,Sea Otters); Eddie (6,Orangutans); Samuel (9,Puffins); Neri (6,Orangutans) and Tilly (6, Orangutans).

Many Happy Returns of the day from all of us at Cranmere!

Assemblies: This week— Singing Assembly and Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to our Autumn 1 reading raffle winners who were:
Eva (Puffins); Nathaniel (Pangolins): Charlie (Puffins);
Amelia (Manta Rays), Ivy (Orangutans) and Amelia (Hedgehogs).
We hope everyone enjoys reading their new books!

This is a reminder that the School Street starts on Monday, 9th November. From Monday, only blue badge holders who have been issued a School Street permit by Surrey County Council may travel along Arran Way without incurring a fine between the following times:
08:00am—09:00am
14:30pm—15:45pm

The pedestrian gate will be open, Monday to Friday, between the following hours:

- 07:55am—09:10 am
- 15:00pm—16:30pm

At all other times, if you need access to the school site please touch the screen pad on the gate and select Cranmere/Dragonflies. When the buzzer is answered, please identify yourself so we can let you in. Many thanks

This year we are once again participating in the **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**. The children have been encouraged to fill a regular sized shoe box with small items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, sweets, a toy (if it is targeted at a child), scarf, hat and gloves and other goodies. It is suggested that a £4 donation is included to cover the cost of shipping. The boxes need to be decorated with Christmas wrapping paper and brought to school by Monday November 16th. They will then be picked up by the charity and given out to needy, isolated families in Southeast Europe. More detailed instructions and helpful hints are available on the leaflet or at https://houseofopportunity.org/

If you would rather donate just a few items for a shoebox, please bring these items in ASAP. We will then make up boxes ourselves or send the individual items to the organisers to be included in a box. Thank you for your support

Letters home this week

Y3 Ancient Egypt Day; Flu Vaccination Reminder; Cranmere Friends Update;
Reception and Y6 Height & Weight Checks Reminder;
Esher Christmas panto trip for Y2-Y4 and Y6 residential for October 2027

Bulletin Board
New on the board this week are the details of **Sandown Park's 5K Elf Fun Run on 12th December**. For more details please go to https://www.cranmereprimary.org.uk/Bulletin-Board/

DATES FOR DIARY 2026 / 2027

NB. Dates added since last newsletter are in bold

Autumn Term 2026	
Wednesday 11th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Wednesday 11th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 13th November	Children In Need – wear something yellow or spotty
Friday 13th November	Cranmere Friends Cranmere Arms Night
Tuesday 17th November	Y2 Red Squirrels class assembly – 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Thursday 19th November	Flu vaccine (Reception – Y6), National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Y6 only)
Friday 20th November	Bottle Tombola Collection
Friday 20th November	After school cake sale – Y4 Puffins
Tuesday 24th November	Y6 Wildcats class assembly – 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Wednesday 25th November	Y3 Ancient Eqypt Workshop
Friday 27th November	Diabetes Awareness Day – wear something blue or a onesie
Friday 27th November	Winter Wonderland 5-8pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Y6 swimming (last lesson)
Friday 4th December	Y2-Y4 to Esher Theatre for a pantomime, 12pm – 3pm
Tuesday 8th December	Y5-Y6 to Claremont Fan Court pantomime (2pm – 4:30pm)
Tuesday 8th December	Y3-Y4 Carol Service (ends 4:30pm)
Wednesday 9th December	**Rock Band Assembly – parent of band members welcome to attend. 2:45pm in main hall**
Thursday 10th December	Y5-Y6 Carol Service (ends 4:30pm)
Friday 11th December	Y2 to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday 11th December	After school cake sale – Y3 Bengal Tigers
Tuesday 15th December	**KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas performance (2:15pm – 3pm) in Main Hall**
Wednesday 16th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Wednesday 16th December	**EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas performance 2:15pm in Main Hall**
Thursday 17th December	Reception and Y1 pantomime in Main Hall (pm)
Thursday 17th December	Nursery Stay & Play for January 2027 starters 2pm-3pm
Thursday 17th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (12pm finish)
Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	Nursery Home Visits for January 2027 starters (scheduled slots)
Friday 18th December	Last day of term for Reception – Y6 (1:30pm finish)
Mon 21 – Wed 23rd Dec	Funweeks activity camp 9-3pm
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4th January	First Day of Term for children Reception – Year 6, and Nursery children in Indian Elephants class and doing 30 hours.
Wednesday 6th January	First Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class.
Wednesday 6th January	**Swimming Lessons start for Year 4 (pm)**
Tuesday 12th January	Y6 to Junior Citizen event at Sandown Park Racecourse (am)
Wednesday 13th January	Y5 Sea Otters class assembly – 9.10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Friday 15th January	After school cake sale – Y2 Red Squirrels
Mon 18th & Tues 19th January	Life Bus visit for Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5
Tuesday 19th January	Y4 Puffins class assembly – 9.10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Thursday 21st January	Y4 to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 26th January	Y6 Pangolins class assembly – 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Friday 29th January	After school cake sale – Y1 Orangutans
Tuesday 2nd February	Y4 Lemurs class assembly - 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Thursday 4th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Thursday 11th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	February half term holiday (1 week)
Friday 26th February	After school cake sale – Reception Red Pandas

Tuesday 2nd March	Y5 Manta Rays class assembly – 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Wednesday 3rd March	Y3 Bengal Tigers class assembly – 9:10am in Hall, Parents welcome
Thursday 4th March	Mother's Day Gift Wrap
Tuesday 9th March	Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 10th March	Y2 Hedgehogs class assembly – 9:10am in Hall. Parents welcome
Friday 12th March	Cranmere Friends Quiz Night
Friday 12th March	After school cake sale – Y6 Pangolins
Tuesday 16th March	Y1 Orangutans class assembly – 14:45 in Hall. Parents welcome
Wednesday 17th March	**Last swimming lesson for Year 4 (pm)**
Wednesday 24th March	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 25th March	Last Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (12pm finish) and for Reception – Y6 children (1:30pm finish).
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12th April	First Day of Term for children Reception – Year 6, and Nursery children in Indian Elephants class and doing 30 hours.
Wednesday 15th April	First Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class.
Friday 23rd April	Y5 to Racing To School Maths event at Sandown Park Racecourse
Friday 23rd April	After school cake sale – Y5 Sea Otters
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 7th May	After school cake sale – Y4 Lemurs
Wednesday 12th May	Nursery (all Elephants) assembly – 14:45 in Hall. Parents welcome
Friday 21st May	After school cake sale - Y2 Hedgehogs
Wed 26th – Thurs 27th May	Year 4 residential (1 night)
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	May half term holiday (1 week)
Monday 7th June	Inset Day (staff only)
Tuesday 15th June	School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 16th June	Reception Red Pandas class assembly – 14:45 in Hall. Parents welcome
Thursday 17th June	Father's Day Gift Wrap
Saturday 19th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 13th July	Y1 to RHS Garden Wisley
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 22nd July	Last day of term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (3pm finish)
Monday 26th July	Last day of term for Reception – Y6 (1:30pm finish)
Tuesday 27th July	Inset Day (staff only)
Wednesday 28th July	Inset Day (staff only)