



Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 9th October 2026
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Dear families,

It has been an incredibly exciting and event-filled two weeks across the school, packed with memorable learning experiences, fantastic trips and wonderful news to celebrate as a school community.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our school wraparound provision, Dragonflies, has been nominated and successfully shortlisted as a finalist for the Wraparound Provision of the Year award at the nasen Awards 2026! The nasen Awards celebrate outstanding individuals and organisations making a real difference across the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) sector, so to be recognised nationally in this way is a huge honour for our school. A massive thank you and congratulations to Wendy and her amazing team of staff, who show outstanding dedication every single day to providing such exceptional, inclusive care. We would also like to thank our wonderful children and families who make up the vibrant Dragonflies community. We are keeping our fingers crossed for the finals!

This afternoon, we welcomed back a tired but triumphant group of Year 6 pupils from their residential adventure on the Isle of Wight. Throughout their adventure, the children truly embodied our core school values - showing kindness, curiosity, self-belief, resilience, and responsibility in everything they tackled. We could not be prouder of how they represented our school. A huge thank you goes to the staff members who gave up their personal time to make this trip possible: Mr Kennerson, Mr Gilbert, Miss Etheridge, Mrs Nebuloni, and Mr Cunningham. We also extend our thanks to our dedicated office team behind the scenes - with a special shout-out to Mrs Dumonde - for ensuring the organisation of the trip ran smoothly from start to finish. We hope all of Year 6 enjoy a well-deserved rest over the weekend and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures next week!

Alongside the Year 6 residential, our pupils in other year groups have also been taking their learning beyond the classroom over the past two weeks. Last Friday, Year 5 traveled to the Winchester Science Museum. The pupils had a fantastic day exploring interactive STEM exhibits, diving into hands-on space experiments, and sparking their scientific curiosity. On Wednesday this week, Year 3 visited the Rose Theatre, where they participated in immersive, exciting workshops linked to their topic on the Stone Age. Thank you to all of the parent helpers who gave up their time to support on the trips.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Rugg from All Saints Church, who led an inspiring assembly introducing our Harvest Festival theme. We are currently collecting Harvest donations to support our local Food Bank. If you wish to donate, please ensure all non-perishable food and essential item donations are dropped to the table in the foyer (opposite the main office) by Wednesday, 14th October as items will be delivered next Thursday. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support for families in need.

We have another action-packed week coming up. We look forward to welcoming families into school next week to discuss your child's progress and learning targets. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair returning next week. This will be open for browsing and purchases after school every day, as well as staying open late during Parent/ Teacher Consultations. It's a great opportunity to stock up on new reads while supporting our school library. On Wednesday, we are excited to host Bigfoot Arts Education, who will be leading interactive Black History Month workshops for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms Cashman

 Kindness  Respect  Curiosity  Resilience  Self-belief  Responsibility						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:	Lila	Poppy					
Y1 Orangutans	Marcus	Ruby					
Y2 Hedgehogs:	Edek	Arjhin	Y2 Red Squirrels	Grayson	Eleanor		
Y3 Bengal Tigers:	Franco	Sophia					
Y4 Lemurs:	Harry	Emy	Y4 Puffins:	Sophia	Katie		
Y5 Sea Otters:	Jacob	Hudson	Y5 Manta Rays:	Harley	James		
Y6 Wildcats:	Ryan	Alice	Y6 Pangolins:	Violet	Shafia		

Year 5 (Manta Rays) 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 two weeks ending 11th October, in date order, goes to:

Pippa (11,Wildcats); Esmee (6,Orangutans); Arthur (9,Lemurs); Freddie (5,Red Pandas); Nova (5,Red Pandas); Milo (9,Lemurs); Joshua (8,Bengal Tigers); Lucie (9,Lemurs); Jimmy (11,Pangolins); Imogen (10,Manta Rays); Joshua (10,Manta Rays); Xavi (11,Pangolins); Elianna (11,Wildcats) and Freddie (4,Indian Elephants).

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

Assemblies:

Last week—Singing Assembly

This week— Singing Assembly and Celebration Assembly

Due to parent teacher meetings next week, some clubs are not running. Please note that the ones not running are listed below:

Monday

Scratch club

Tuesday

Games

Reading

Dodgeball Y4-Y6

Wednesday

Boys' Football Squad

Code Club

Thursday

Taekwon-Do

Active Skills

Lego

Parent/Teacher consultations are going ahead next week and there will be a book fair. If you have not already booked to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office who will help you book in a slot. Many thanks

Letters home

Last week

New active skills club Y1-Y3

Letter to all families—attendance, punctuality & penalty notice

Reminder for Y6 to apply for secondary schools by 31st October

This week

Photo proof cards from Pret-a-porter

Harvest Festival

EYFS and KS1 Phase Leader

Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

Halloween Costume Swap Shop

Early closure of Dragonflies Friday 16th October



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Teddy Bear's Picnic – it was a wonderful day! We had lovely weather and raised just under £200, which is being spent on one of the two new gazebos we are purchasing for school use.

Cranmere Arms evening, Friday 13 November, 7.30-10.30pm

The Cranmere Arms is opening its doors once again for a well-deserved night out just for

the grown ups! This time, we're adding a little festive competition...  Get your team together, decorate a Christmas tree for the school and be in with a chance of winning a festive prize and a FREE drink! So get your creative hats on and come along for a fun night of drinks, festive cheer and a bit of friendly competition. Entry & participation is FREE, but if you'd like to reserve a table for your team, drop us a line!

Winter Wonderland - Friday 27 November, 5-8pm

Plans are well underway for our annual Christmas event, and we need your help! We will have over 20 stalls and we rely on the kindness of parents and carers to volunteer their time. Class reps will be distributing polls next week about stalls so please sign up for as much as you can to help make it the best Winter Wonderland ever!

We're also running a fun competition for **children to design the front cover of our Winter Wonderland brochure!** Entries to be drawn on a single sheet of A4 and portrait sized, to include the wording 'Winter Wonderland'. Hand your entries in to the school office by **Friday 6th November**, and all entries will be displayed at Winter Wonderland.

We really appreciate any time you can give to help make these events a success!

This year, for Harvest Festival, we are once again collecting on behalf of East Elmbridge Food Bank. They have asked in particular for :

- Toddler pouches (meals, veggie and fruit)
- Crisps
- Children's snacks (raisins etc)
- Washing Up Liquid
- Ladies deodorant (spray)
- Cleaning spray (general purpose)
- UHT milk—semi skimmed if possible.

All items though are very welcome. Please send in donations up to **Wednesday 14th October**. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Bulletin Board

New on the board this week are the details of **free SHOUT! Stay and Play sessions during October half term** at Lower Green and Coronation Recreation Ground. Also **free junior hockey trials at Old Kingstonian Hockey Club**. 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	
Thursday 8th October	Y3 to Rose Theatre for Back to the Stoneage Workshop (am)
Wednesday 14 th October	Bigfoot Arts Black History Month workshops day
Friday 16th October	After school cake sale – Y6 Wildcats
Mon 19 th Oct - Fri 30 th Oct	October half term holiday (2 weeks)
Mon 26 th Oct – Thurs 29 th Oct	Funweeks half term activity camp 9-3pm
Wednesday 4 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 4 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 6th November	Sweet tombola collection
Friday 6th November	After school cake sale – Y5 Manta Rays
Wednesday 11 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Wednesday 11 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 13 th November	Diabetes Awareness Day – wear something blue or a onesie
Friday 13th November	Children In Need – wear something yellow or spotty
Friday 13 th November	Cranmere Friends Cranmere Arms Night
Thursday 19 th 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
Wednesday 25 th November	Y3 Ancient Egypt Workshop
Friday 27 th November	Winter Wonderland 5-8pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	Y6 swimming (last lesson)
Friday 4th December	Y2-Y4 to Esher Theatre for a pantomime
Tuesday 8th December	Y3-Y4 Carol Service (pm)
Tuesday 8th December	Y5-Y6 to Claremont Fan Court pantomime (pm)
Thursday 10th December	Y5-Y6 Carol Service (pm)
Friday 11th December	After school cake sale – Y3 Bengal Tigers
Wednesday 16 th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 17 th December	EYFS (Reception and Y1) pantomime (pm)
Thursday 17th December	Nursery Stay & Play for January 2027 starters 2pm-3pm
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (12pm finish)
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term for Reception – Y6 (1:30pm finish)
Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18th December	Nursery Home Visits for January 2027 starters (scheduled slots)
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	First Day of Term for children Reception – Year 6, and Nursery children in Indian Elephants class and doing 30 hours.
Wednesday 6 th January	First Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class.
Tuesday 12 th January	Y6 to Junior Citizen event at Sandown Park Racecourse (am)
Friday 15th January	After school cake sale – Y2 Red Squirrels
Mon 18th & Tues 19th January	Life Bus visit for Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5
Thursday 21st January	Y4 to Natural History Museum
Friday 29th January	After school cake sale – Y1 Orangutans
Thursday 4 th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Thursday 11 th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Mon 15 th Feb - Fri 19 th Feb	February half term holiday (1 week)
Friday 26th February	After school cake sale – Reception Red Pandas
Thursday 4 th March	Mother's Day Gift Wrap
Tuesday 9 th March	Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum
Friday 12 th March	Cranmere Friends Quiz Night
Friday 12th March	After school cake sale – Y6 Pangolins
Wednesday 24 th March	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 25 th 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 15 th 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
Friday 21st May	After school cake sale - Y2 Hedgehogs
Wed 26 th – Thurs 27 th May	Year 4 residential (1 night)
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	May half term holiday (1 week)
Friday 4th June	After school cake sale - Nursery
Monday 7th June	Inset Day (staff only)
Tuesday 15 th June	School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 17 th June	Father's Day Gift Wrap
Saturday 19 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 13 th 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)