



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

### *A note from Mrs Stevens*

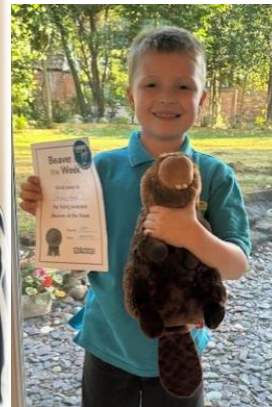
As a Platinum School Games Mark school, we are committed to providing a wide range of sporting opportunities – including cricket. This week, KS1 pupils enjoyed specialist coaching from Chance to Shine, while KS2 took part in a brilliant morning of cricket at Knipton Cricket Club. At a time when the future of cricket in schools is under national discussion, we're proud to be keeping the game thriving in our curriculum and enrichment offer. [Read more about the national picture here.](#)

Our trip to Knipton for the Cricket and Countryside Day offered children in KS2 a varied educational experience. Alongside enjoying cricket, the children took part in activities exploring the role of gamekeeping, learning why population control of certain species is necessary for maintaining ecological balance and protecting habitats across the UK.

A local dairy farmer gave a fascinating talk about dairy farming and brought along a model cow for the children to try milking! We discovered that her herd of 600 cows, which rotate across 17 fields and supply milk to Colston Bassett Dairy, will be featured on this weekend's BBC Countryfile. The day also included a fantastic falconry display, where children met a Harris Hawk called Scooby, and learned about the role of birds of prey in countryside management. A valuable and thought-provoking experience for all.



## Proud



★ Jessica and Isabelle braved the rain for a brilliant bike ride along the Monsal Trail! They cycled through tunnels and across a viaduct, enjoying the adventure despite the weather.

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- ★ Ffion successfully completed her first 5K Parkrun after lots of practice at junior Parkrun and running club – a fantastic achievement!
- ★ Annabelle took part in the Bottesford Village Fair, performing a lovely tap dance. She then went straight on to perform at the East Bridgford Village Show, alongside Madelaine and Ellie.
- ★ Jessica, Ellie, Nelly and Isabelle all performed beautifully for Lydia's Academy of Dance at the East Bridgford Village Show. Even the Year 1 class mascot, Geraldine, came along to cheer them on!
- ★ Noah has earned his Level 3 Swimming Award – well done!
- ★ Lily achieved her first 5-metre swimming badge this week – a brilliant step forward!
- ★ Isabel is rightly proud of swimming a full mile – that's 64 lengths in one go!
- ★ Finley has had a very sporty few weeks. He completed the muddy 5K Race for Life, raising money for Cancer Research – a great cause! He also took part in Drowning Prevention Week during his swimming lesson.
- ★ Aimee delivered an amazing performance at the East Midlands Regional Competition, winning 1st place in the Under-12 Hoop Routine and 3rd place in Ribbon. A fantastic achievement showing real talent and dedication!
- ★ Clementine performed in a dance show at Bottesford – a lovely celebration of her hard work.
- ★ Esther has officially made her Brownie Guide promise and is now a full Brownie – congratulations!
- ★ Finley is super proud after being made Beaver of the Week! Great achievement, well done!

Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated in today's assembly



### Reading update and library appeal

- 📖 Please start looking for any school books at home and return them to school —our library shelves are looking a little depleted!
- 📖 We're on the lookout for a *basket with handles and a lid* to help us carry books outside for our outdoor library sessions. If you have one you no longer need, we'd be very grateful!
- 📖 We'd also appreciate any spare *picnic blankets* you could donate.

Diary Dates 	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Thank You Tea (by invitation)
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Activity Day Out for Strive for Five children
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Drumming assembly – <b>ALL parents</b> welcome to watch 9:15-9:35
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6-Y7 Toothill transition day KS2 Summer Show week commences Performance times tbc
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Dress rehearsal
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Show 2pm/6pm
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Show 6pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Thomas' a.m. 9:15
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent/carer 'drop-in' evening following school reports Y6 moving on session at TCC
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Games day Break up for end of school year
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET day
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Return to school for AY 2025-26
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Horticultural Show
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Flintham Show
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Run with Richard Whitehead MBE @ Holme Pierrepont
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 toot Hill open evening
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y6 toot Hill open evening
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Bingo Night – tickets on sale soon!! Save the date!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Until Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> October:Cycle to School Week

Have a lovely weekend