

2 May 2025

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

### Year 4 and 5 Residential at Willersley Castle

Our Year 4 and 5 children have returned from a fantastic, three-days-long, residential, where they definitely embraced *Life in all its fullness*. This was our first visit to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire, and it certainly didn't disappoint — nor did the weather! The children had a great time building friendships, working collaboratively, showing resilience and determination — and, of course, having lots of fun.

A huge thank you to the six wonderful members of staff who generously gave up time with their own families (and pets!) to make this experience possible. These opportunities create lasting memories for the children and I am very grateful for the care, enthusiasm and commitment shown by the ABCA team.



### ABCA chess masters compete in international challenge

On Saturday, 26th April four of our chess players took part in a competition against seven other schools and junior chess clubs including one that had travelled all the way from Lithuania.

Our team of Abbie, Grisha, Lenix and Winky excelled themselves and, after six rounds of play, finished joint third out of eighteen, with an average of four wins each, a tremendous result! Abbie and Winky won gold and bronze medals respectively for their individual performances. The overall winners were our young friends from Lithuania. Our Monday morning chess club welcomes all levels of play and if you are interested in joining in September please speak to Mrs Wright.



### Commemorating VE Day – Thursday, 8th May

On Thursday, 8th May, we will be commemorating the anniversary of VE Day with a special assembly. Local resident Tim Chamberlin will be leading the event, and we will share information about the significance of this important day in history. There will be some songs and Year 6 students will be sharing some readings to mark the occasion.

We invite parents to join us for this special assembly and would also love to have older family members attend as well.

The assembly will begin at 9:10 AM and will last approximately 30 minutes. We will look forward to seeing you!



## Feeling Proud – flourishing together



We're so proud of the wonderful achievements our pupils have been celebrating recently!

- 🏊 Oliver is thrilled to have completed Stage 1 in swimming — well done for all your hard work, Oliver!
- 🏊 Isobel has successfully passed Stage 4 swimming – a brilliant accomplishment!
- 🦋 Jake has reached Stage 5 in his swimming journey – fantastic perseverance, Jake!
- 🐾 Bradley has been promoted to Senior Sixer in his Cub Scout group. On Sunday, he proudly represented his group by carrying the standard in the Grantham St George's Day Parade. What an honour – well done, Bradley!
- 🏊 Fenella has proudly passed **Stage 2 swimming** – fantastic determination and progress, well done!
- 📖 Off-by-heart poetry finalists, Henry and Ffion enjoyed spending their book tokens which were generously donated by the Bookcase shop in Lowdham. Staff were delighted with a rendition of Henry's poem too. The Bookcase is a wonderful local resource, and definitely *much* more than 'just' a book shop. Find out [more here](#).

**Congratulations and well done to all the children who were celebrated in our Golden Book Assembly today.**



## Can you help?


We *love* reading at ABCA – and not just in the classroom! Our children often choose to read during break-times too, and we're working on making our outdoor reading spaces even more inviting.

To help us manage this better, we are looking for:



- A few **baskets** that can be easily carried outside, to hold our outdoor library books
- Some **picnic-style blankets** for the children to sit on while they read
- A **manoeuvrable sunshade parasol** (easy to put up and take down) to provide a bit of shade on sunny days

If you have any of these items at home and are happy to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful. Thank you for supporting our love of reading – wherever we are!

Diary Dates 	
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> May	ABCA on Central news 6pm !!
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day assembly 9:10 am school hall – all welcome Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential week returning on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to school for final term
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Book fair commences – until 24 <sup>th</sup> June.
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS2 Nipton Cricket & Countryside Day Y6-Y7 Kings transition day.
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6-Y7 Belvoir transition day
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome Y6-Y7 Toothill transition day
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Show week commences Performance times tbc
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Thomas' a.m. (time tbc)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent/carer 'drop-in' evening following school reports
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for end of school year
Mon 1st Sept	INSET day
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	INSET day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Return to school for AY 2025-26

## MAY REMINDERS

Every day can be the **beginning** of something beautiful

You are capable of **blooming** like May flowers

Celebrate your **wins**, big or small

There are days you harvest and days you plant the **seeds**

Embrace your uniqueness and let your light shine



## Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Webinar for Parents and Carers (Primary age)

This one and a half hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.

Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Workshop  
18th June 2025  
at 5-6.30pm



Parents can join via Web using this link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting> by inputting the Meeting ID and Passcodes from the poster, or by scanning the QR code below. Please note, parents won't be able to join until the day.



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