

Friday 4th April 2025

Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

The end of a term is always a time for reflection and looking back at spring term, it has definitely been filled with energy, achievement and opportunity. Our staff have completed extensive professional development, collaborating with colleagues from our Trust and ensuring our school remains at the forefront of best practice. We also welcomed several visiting leaders from schools across the region, to share our expertise.

For our pupils, this term has been packed with enrichment—from World Book Day celebrations and sporting successes to the unforgettable Young Voices concert and inspiring careers events—and much more! Our young leaders have continued to shine, representing our school at the Diocese’s *Listen Up* conference and as part of the National Young Leaders’ Group, while our community partnerships have brought invaluable learning experiences to our classrooms. Thank you to our Governors for the time they give to school and to Reverend Tim and Clare for weekly assemblies, monthly after-school Church and for the Easter poster competition and Easter service.

With so much to celebrate, I thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. We wish you all a joyful and restful Easter break.



Yesterday was a vibrant celebration of colour, creativity, and joy! What a fantastic way to come together as a school community. Thanks to KS1 parents for joining us.



Feeling Proud



Well done to Hawks for topping the house points chart this term! They celebrated their achievement by enjoying a non-uniform day today. A reminder to all pupils to keep recording your physical activities on your **Strive for 5** sheet— every step counts!

A Well done to Noah, Inni, Millie and Yori for their fantastic achievements in gymnastics! They have each earned Bingham Gymnastics Development Awards.

A big congratulations to Jake for being awarded Man of the Match for his U7 Bottesford team in an exciting 6-6 draw at the weekend! Jake created numerous chances, scored a couple of goals and played a key role in the match. Well done to the whole team for a brilliant effort, with special mentions to:

- 🏆 Finley Sb – for confidently scoring his penalty and securing the team’s first goal.
- 🏆 Ollie Chapman – for his strong tackles.
- 🏆 Teddy M – for his relentless energy and determination.
- 🏆 Nico – for his solid defending.
- 🏆 Raff – for his outstanding goalkeeping throughout the match.

A real team effort, with everyone working hard and listening to each other – well done, Bottesford U7s!

Lydia, Matilda, Aurelia, and Daisy had an exhilarating first experience of go-karting this weekend, with Esme cheering them on from the side lines! Esme also achieved a fantastic personal milestone, completing her first-ever Parkrun on Sunday – well done!

Aurelia performed the role of Evelyn in her perform show 'Bluebeard's Bride' whilst Clementine was Hurtle Turtle in her perform show 'Under the Sea'. Well done both.

Eito won an award from his football club for being kind and having a great attitude. We are so proud of all these amazing achievements – keep aiming high! 🏆🏆

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to all the children celebrated in today's Gold Book celebration.

Chess Club (08.00 on Monday mornings) goes from strength to strength. It has a full complement of 24 members who participated in the UK Chess Challenge - a nationwide competition for schoolchildren - during the spring term. Abbie finished first in the school, closely followed by Lenix, Frankie and Matilda.



Yesterday, nine of our chess players took part in an inter-school jamboree at Langar Primary. They

formed two equally strong teams of four - Abbie, Winky, Alex and Connor in the 'A' team; Lenix, Eamon, Billy and Freya in the 'B' team, with Frankie playing in an 'All Stars' team. Playing three games of chess, the B team finished joint second with 7.5 points out of 12, just pipping the A team on 6.5 points. Star performers were Freya and Frankie with 2.5 points out of 3. Special mention also to Abbie, Winky, Connor, Eamon and Billy for achieving two wins each. We will be looking for new members from September.

Lydia's fundraiser



Last week, Lydia had her hair cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust and she has now raised a **whopping £1505!!** Lydia and family are very grateful for the support and generous donations and I am sure you will agree, she is rocking her new style!



Lockdown Drill Practice

This week, we practiced a lockdown drill as part of our commitment to keeping children safe in school. The children were calm and well-organised throughout, demonstrating their understanding of the importance of these procedures. We regularly teach pupils about the different ways we ensure their safety, helping them to feel secure and confident in their environment. For more information on our safety procedures, please visit our [website](#).

ELSA Support

We have had some requests for information about our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) offer at ABCA. ELSA support is a school-led initiative, meaning that referrals are instigated by staff who have a comprehensive understanding of each child's needs within the school setting. Teachers and staff closely monitor pupils in school and identify those who may benefit from targeted emotional support.

ELSA support is only offered after a discussion between the ELSA teacher and the class teacher, ensuring that the intervention is appropriate and beneficial for the child. A formal referral form must also be completed as part of this process. This structured approach helps us allocate support effectively and prioritise pupils who need it most.

If you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being, please do discuss them with their class teacher in the first instance. This allows us to consider the best approach for support, which may include ELSA or other pastoral interventions. [Click here to find out more about our ELSA provision.](#)

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 assembly, but we are particularly eager to have older family members attend, especially those who may have their own memories of VE Day. Grandparents or great-grandparents are especially welcome to come and share their stories with us.

The assembly will begin at 9:10 AM and will last approximately 30 minutes with some refreshments after.

Why Do We Have a Water-Only Policy?

At ABCA we encourage healthy habits that support children's wellbeing, and one of these is our **water-only drinks policy**. We know that hydration is key to concentration and energy levels throughout the day, and water is the best way to keep children feeling their best.

Some parents have asked why we specify water only, so we wanted to take a moment to explain. Many schools adopt this rule because it ensures that all children are drinking a healthy, safe option. Schools that allow other drinks have sometimes encountered unsuitable choices, including high-sugar squash, fizzy drinks and even energy drinks. These can cause spikes and crashes in energy, impact behaviour, and contribute to dental issues. As a school, we are also unable to check every drink bottle's contents, so a water-only policy keeps things simple, consistent and healthy for all.

We do understand that some children require medication that is mixed with juice. In these cases, as long as we are informed, we are happy to support this. If you're looking for ideas for healthy lunchboxes, here are some useful resources:

- **NHS Change4Life – Healthy Lunchbox Ideas:** www.nhs.uk/change4life
- **BBC Good Food – Kids' Lunchbox Recipes:** <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>
- **British Nutrition Foundation – Packed Lunch Guidance:** www.nutrition.org.uk

02 Sep 2024 - 04 Apr 2025	
Registration Form	Present: Marks (%)
Foundation	94.89%
1	97.36%
2	96.86%
3	96.83%
4	97.13%
5	98.09%
6	96.86%
Whole school	97%

97.0%	This year
94.5%	National Average YTD
99	National Percentile YTD

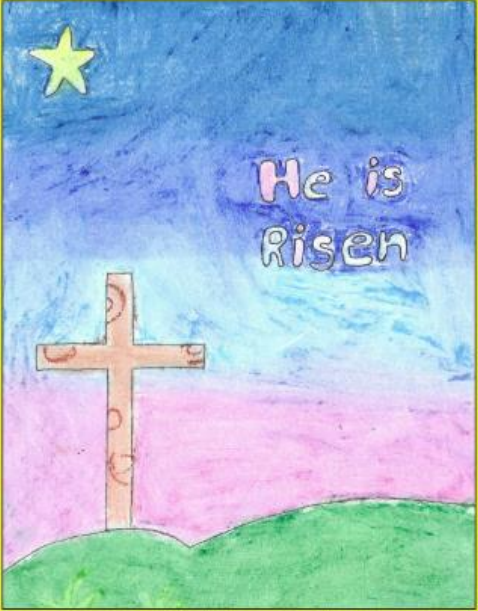
Attendance Update – school year to date.

Our current whole school attendance stands at **97%**, which is well above the national average of **94.5%**. This places us in the **99th national percentile**—a fantastic achievement!

A huge well done to Year 5, which has the highest attendance at **98.09%**, and to all families for supporting regular school attendance. Let's keep up the great effort for the rest of the year!



Diary Dates	
16th April	WE ARE ON ITV News Central at 6pm!
Tue 22 nd April	Return to school for summer term
23 rd April	Toothill talk to Y5 parents 5/6:30pm @ Toothill Link here: http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/transition-talk
Mon 28 th April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30 th April
Thur 8 th May	VE Day assembly 9:10 am school hall – all welcome Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Mon 12 th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19 th May	Y6 Residential week returning on Friday 23 rd May
Fri 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd June	Return to school for final term
Thur 12 th June	Class Photos Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Thur 19 th June	Book fair commences – until 24 th June.
Tue 1 st July	KS2 Knipton Cricket & Countryside Day
Thur 3 rd July	Y6-Y7 Belvoir transition day
Thur 10 th July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Mon 14 th July	Y6-Y7 Toothill transition day KS2 Summer Show week commences Performance times tbc
Fri 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Thomas' a.m. (time tbc)
Mon 21 st July	Parent/carers 'drop-in' evening following school reports
Tues 22 nd July	Break up for end of school year
Mon 1st Sept	INSET day
Tue 2 nd Sept	INSET day
Wed 3 rd Sept	Return to school for AY 2025-26



Artwork by Charlene, Year 5, Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy, Aslockton

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER!

Palm Sunday, 13th April
 9AM - Holy Communion (Traditional), Thoroton
 11AM - Informal Service, with Cranmer Kids, Aslockton

Maundy Thursday, 17th April
 7.30PM - Holy Communion, followed by Bring-and-Share Supper, Aslockton

Good Friday, 18th April
 1.30pm-3pm - The Good Friday Liturgy, with music, readings, prayer, and silence.
 Come with us to our local cathedral, Southwell Minster

Easter Day, 20th April
 9AM - Easter Holy Communion (Traditional), Orston
 11AM - Informal Easter Celebration, followed by Easter Egg Hunt, Aslockton

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Easter Workshop

 **THURSDAY
10TH APRIL**
2 PM TO 4 PM

 **ASLOCKTON CHURCH**

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of Easter-themed arts & crafts.

FREE!

Contact: families@cranmergroup.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/TheCranmerGroup>



Have a lovely Easter break.