

Friday 14th March 2025

Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

What a wonderfully varied week it's been in school! From our young leaders taking the stage at a conference to a whole-school pyjama day—led by our courageous Year 1 advocates in support of the YMCA and Emmaus Trust—there's been plenty to celebrate. Science Week brought exciting visitors (including some fluffy chicks!) and the chance for every child to explore the human body through VR (thanks FACs for funding this). We've also cheered on sporting achievements, welcomed work experience students from Belvoir Academy (lovely to see some of our super ex-students!), and, of course, kept up with lots of fantastic teaching and learning.

Young Leadership

On Wednesday, we attended the *Listen Up Conference*: an inspiring event where every speaker was a child or young person—no adults taking centre stage! The conference brought together young leaders from across secondary and primary schools in Nottinghamshire, to share their passions and the actions they are taking to make a difference.



Representing our school were Isla (Prime Minister), Bella (Deputy Prime Minister), and Ada, Isabelle, Isabel, and Amelle (Worship Committee). I cannot express how incredibly proud I was watching our inspirational young leaders command the stage with confidence and clarity. They delivered their message with poise, presence, and conviction, captivating their audience and demonstrating the skills we work so hard to nurture: communication, public speaking, and leadership—skills that will empower them to thrive and succeed as they continue through life.

Our pupils stood out—they were so deserving of the applause they received and they proved that young people can be powerful agents of change. What an unforgettable experience!

[Watch and be inspired](#)

Science Week

The theme of Science Week, "Change and Adapt," encouraged our children to explore how the world around us evolves— in nature, technology or our own learning. Of course, we study science all year round, not just for one focus week, but the purpose of Science Week is to spark curiosity, inspire creativity and highlight the real-world impact of scientific discovery. It's a chance for children to see themselves as future scientists, engineers and innovators. Look at what we've been up to on [Instagram](#)—you might spot the next great innovator in action! Big thanks to Mrs Wicks and all the staff for planning and implementing such a fantastic array of practical learning opportunities.



Courageous Advocacy at ABCA

Why are we Wearing Pyjamas? A report by Y6 Young Leaders: **Holly** (Courageous Advocacy Team), **Elsbeth and Evie** (Equity and Diversity Team)

Year 1 organised a Pyjama Day on Friday 14th March where everyone in the school was invited to wear their pyjamas to raise money for the Newark Emmaus Trust and the YMCA, who are two local charities who help young, homeless people. Every student wishing to wear pyjamas was asked to bring in a pound to go towards the Emmaus Trust charity. The (YMCA) staff have been working hard to create a better life for these young people, and have even slept in a cardboard box to raise money. They slept in the cold and dark feeling the same depression as those who sleep in the cold day and night. Sleeping outside is only a fraction of what the homeless face each day in their daily lives. We couldn't have done it without year 1 with their beautiful posters and all of their hard work to organise this event. We have made a whopping 200 pounds and ABCA are proud to accept an amazing donation from a member of our community who was kind enough to double our achievement leaving us with 400 pounds.



We are tagged as supporters in [this Newark advertiser article](#)



Lydia's Brave Fundraising for The Little Princess Trust

We are incredibly proud of Lydia in Year 5, who has made the courageous decision to have her hair cut short on **29th March 2025** to donate it to *The Little Princess Trust*. This amazing charity provides wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or alopecia.

Lydia says she has wanted to do this for several years, and I am sure our whole school community will support her in taking this incredible step: her distinctive hair has always been a part of her identity, making this an especially big moment for her.

Alongside donating her hair, Lydia is also fundraising to cover the cost of a wig and contribute to vital cancer research. She has already raised an incredible **£1,200** through her **JustGiving** page! [If you would like to support Lydia in her efforts, you can donate via her fundraiser here](#) Well done, Lydia—we are so proud of your kindness and generosity! 🍷



Feeling Proud



- Lydia took part in her first swimming gala for CABSC, competing in two races. She smashed her time target in the 50m freestyle event, finishing 2nd in her heat!

- Daphne joined the Belvoir Hunt for the closing meet of 2025 at Belvoir Castle. She rode for three hours around the Vale of Belvoir with over 120 other riders and was the second-youngest participant. Her confidence is infectious and she is doing incredibly well – we are super proud of her!

- Ross successfully completed Stage 4 swimming last week – a fantastic achievement!


- Lucy received another *Runner of the Week* award – well done!
- Tilly – who is only 5 - proudly completed a Parkrun at Rushcliffe Country Park last weekend – great effort!
- Finley has worked so hard to earn his stage 4 swimming award. He's been trying so hard with his breaststroke and it's paid of .

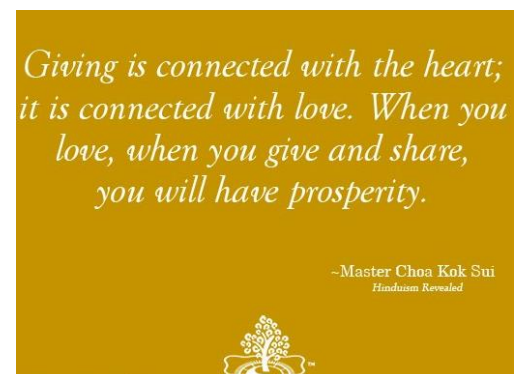
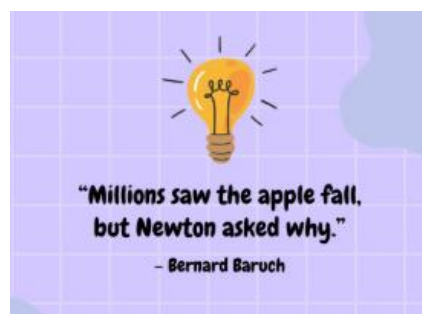


Congratulations to all our children celebrated in today's assembly. We are super-proud of you all.

World Poetry Day

This week, the children performed the poems they have learned for the 'class heats' of our *Off by Heart* poetry competition and it has been an incredibly challenging task to select those to go through to the whole school grand finale. We have been **so** impressed: the children's performances have been captivating and outstanding, and show how hard they have worked to not only learn these challenging poems off by heart but to prepare them and perform them with confidence in front of an audience. Thank you very, very much indeed for supporting us with this project and for helping your children learn their poems. We are so **enormously proud** of them and are sure that you are too.

Diary Dates 	
Wed 26 th March	Poetry Competition Finale – 9:15 – 10:30 by invitation
Thur 27 th March	Y4/5 residential meeting via zoom(details to follow) 3:55pm
Fri 28 th March	Foundation Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Thur 3 rd April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m. KS2 Egg Competition Y5 DAaRT Graduation 2:30 pm
Fri 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
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 The deadline for booking a place is Friday 28th March.
Mon 28 th April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30 th April
Thur 8 th May	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
Thur 19 th June	Book fair commences – until 24 th June.
Tue 1 st July	KS2 Knipton Cricket & Countryside Day
Thur 10 th July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Fri 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Thomas' a.m. (time tbc)
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 summer term



Have a lovely weekend