

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

*Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10*

### Celebrating Reading

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day with our much-loved *Breakfast with Books!* A huge thank you to Mrs. Daws and her team for making this special event possible and to Miss Miranda and Mrs Marshall for their organisation and planning. This year, our theme was “*Just Be You*”. We loved seeing everyone arrive as themselves or as favourite book characters and celebrating the magic of books together whilst enjoying a breakfast. It was a wonderful way to remind ourselves that reading is for everyone, every day! Children can use their World Book Day £1 token to get one of these brilliant reads for free between 13 February and 23 March 2025. **Find your nearest participating retailer.**



### Lent

We are three days into the season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday this week and ends at sunset on 17th April. Reverend Tim came into school on Ash Wednesday and led a special time of reflection, marking the children with ashes in the sign of the cross. This ancient Christian tradition symbolises repentance and a fresh start, reminding us to be thoughtful in our actions and kind to others. It was a meaningful experience for the children, helping them to understand the significance of Lent.



The Lenten season can look a little different depending on the person — some might choose things to give up for Lent, others might opt to do something charitable and many people also fast. Lots of us also look forward to the end of Lent unwrapping of chocolate eggs! Learn more about the significance of Lent and Easter to Christians, [here](#).



**Did you know...?** Lent lasts 40 days and the number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. [Noah](#) had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, travelled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

Lent comes from the Middle English word “lente,” which means springtime

## Parent Consultations & Feedback

We hope you found the recent parent consultations useful. These are continuing into next week for some classes. As you know, consultation times are limited to 10 minutes. However, if you still have questions or more to discuss, please do contact the school office or your child's teacher, who will be happy to arrange additional time to talk.

A special thank you to the parents who took the time to express their appreciation— positive feedback makes a real difference to our whole school team and we really appreciate it! We understand that there may be aspects of our policies or approach that you don't always agree with and I am always happy to talk these through and explain our rationale. I am sure you agree, that open conversations are far more productive than negative comments made that cannot be addressed by us!

Previously, we had a Parent Forum, but interest declined and there hasn't been enough interest yet this year. Forums provide an opportunity for open discussion, sharing ideas, and working together to enhance our school community. If you would be interested in taking part, please complete this [form](#).

## Feeling Proud



Matilda—we can't wait to hear all about it! ❄️👏

Matilda is showing great dedication, training hard with her ice skating squad in preparation for the NSSA gala next month. Well done,

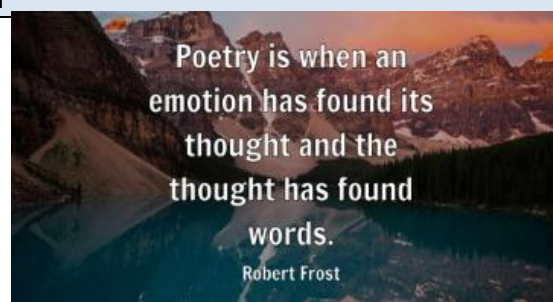
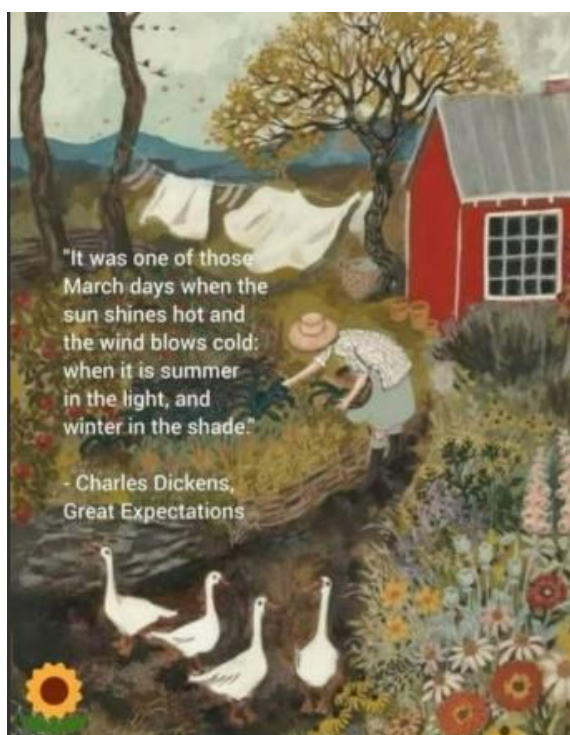


- ★ Ollie was named **Man of the Match** for his fantastic defending—great job, Ollie! 🏆👏
- ★ Aoife has passed her **Stage 1 in swimming** after lots of hard work. We are proud of her! 🏊★
- ★ Keira and Kara took part in a wonderful **dance show** at Melton Mowbray Theatre last Sunday—what an great achievement! 💃👏
- ★ Amelle and Ettie have both passed their latest **swim stage**: Amelle has passed stage 7 and Ettie stage 3 and both are enjoying their new groups. 🏊★



★ Congratulations to all the children who were in Golden Book today. It was a wonderful morning of celebration!

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Class poetry heats
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary Swimathon 1pm onwards at Bingham Arena
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Poetry Competition Finale – 9:15 – 10:30 by invitation
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4/5 residential meeting via zoom(details to follow) 3:55pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Mothers’ Day Afternoon Tea
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m. KS2 Egg Competition Y5 DAaRT Graduation 2:30 pm
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Toothill talk to Y5 parents 5/6:30pm @ Toothill Link here: <a href="http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/transition-talk">http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/transition-talk</a> <b>The deadline for booking a place is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> May	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
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Book fair commences – until 24 <sup>th</sup> June.
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS2 Knipton Cricket & Countryside Day
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers’ Service at St Thomas’ a.m. (time tbc)
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 summer term



Have a lovely weekend.