



Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

This week has been full of wonderful experiences. We loved learning about Chinese New Year, and celebrated by creating crafts, learning lots about different traditions and tasting delicious food.



2025 marks the Year of the Wood Snake, which began on January 29th (Chinese New Year) and will end on February 16th, 2026 (Chinese New Year's Eve). In Chinese culture, the Snake symbolises wisdom, intuition, and mystery. Interestingly, people born in the Year of the Snake are said to possess a sharp mind and a calm, thoughtful demeanour. Did you know that the Snake is also linked to luck in financial matters in Chinese mythology?



To learn more about Chinese New Year and to discover if you were born under the Year of the Snake, [click here](#). 恭喜发财 Wishing you all happiness and prosperity!

Foundation children enjoying their Chinese New Year Restaurant experience

Year 6 London Trip – An Unforgettable Experience

Another highlight of the week has to be our Year 6 visit to London. Our Year 6 pupils had an incredible experience in London, impressing everyone they met with their exceptional manners, enthusiasm, and knowledge. During our Parliament workshop, their understanding of democracy was highly praised, as was their impeccable behaviour throughout the day – they were complimented on three separate occasions!



After a busy and engaging visit to Parliament, we took a quick tour of some of London's famous landmarks before rounding off the day with a well-deserved and delicious meal. This trip is a unique opportunity we offer every child, inspiring them to see that a future in government or leadership could be within their reach.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Strutt for their help in organising the trip, to Miss Miranda for leading it, and to Miss Wilkinson and Mr Green for their excellent guidance throughout the tour. What a fantastic day!



Feeling Proud



Don't forget to add these activities to your [strive for 5 awards!](#)



🌟 Bella competed in a dance festival in Leicester and, alongside her two dance friends, won a bronze medal for their junior modern trio—fantastic teamwork!

🌟 Lucy has achieved her Level 4 swimming award – so proud of you Lucy 🌟

⚽ Jake played for Bottesford U7 Blue. He scored all three goals for his team and was named Player of the Match—amazing effort, Jake! 🙌🏆

🏊♂ Jacob has earned his Level 5 Swimming Award—it feels like only yesterday we were celebrating Level 4! You're flying through these swimming milestones, Jacob! 🐬🏊

🏊👦 Toby has achieved his Level 4 Swimming Award—a brilliant accomplishment, Toby! Keep making waves! 🐬

🏊♀ Pippa has earned her **200m Swimming Award**—what an incredible achievement! 🌟🙌

🏊♂ Henry has earned his **Level 6 Swimming Award**—fantastic progress, Henry! 🌟🙌



Congratulations and well done to all the children celebrated in assembly this week!

Our Values



Our **Christian Value** this half term has been **Courage** and we have seen this reflected in so much the children have been doing. Our children showed courage by planning, preparing and then presenting information on Chinese New Year in front of the whole school; children in all year groups have demonstrated courage in their commitment towards working towards P.E. and sporting goals and lots of children have explored new experiences. Perseverance and courage are really important in developing a positive attitude to learning and this is definitely a strength of our school!

Values are at the heart of our school and guide how we treat each other. This ensures a sense of common purpose and mutual respect within our school community and beyond.

Each half term we focus on one value and help children explore what they represent.

The Six Christian Values link to our Take Care hand:

Kindness (Take Care)
Trust (Integrity)
Courage (Aspire)
Respect (Integrity)
Thankfulness (Be proud)
Responsibility (Work Hard)



All underpinned by our core value of Love



Nominate a child for an award:

Integrity Award



Christian Value Award



Staying Safe

As part of our commitment to keeping everyone safe, we conduct regular fire drills and educate children on a range of key safety topics, including sun safety, rail safety, water safety, and more. You can find further details about how we promote safety at our school on our [website](#).

Another important aspect of ensuring safety is preparing for a range of emergency situations. To support this, we will be conducting a safety drill to help staff and pupils understand what to do in the unlikely event of a security threat.

Teachers will be guiding the children through the procedures for this over the next couple of weeks, with the drill taking place afterward. During the drill, teachers will lead students through the process in a calm and structured manner: our priority is to ensure that the drill is informative without being alarming and we will be reassuring the children throughout this process following educational guidance on how to do this appropriately. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Halfway Through the School Year!

It's hard to believe, but as we approach February half-term, we are now halfway through the school year! The past months have been filled with fantastic learning, exciting opportunities, and great achievements, and we look forward to an equally brilliant second half of the year.

If you're looking for ways to make the most of the break, **Visit Notts** has a fantastic range of family-friendly activities and events happening across Nottinghamshire. From outdoor adventures to creative workshops, there's something for everyone. Take a look at what's on this half-term by visiting: [Visit Notts – February Half-Term Activities](#).

Diary Dates	
Mon 10 th Feb	Careers' Week Commences!
Thur 13 th Feb	Young Voices Choir goes to Sheffield
	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 in the school hall – all welcome, just turn up! Y5 & 6 do not need to be accompanied, Y4 and under to be accompanied by an adult.
Thur 13 th Feb	F&Y6 heights and weights measure
Fri 14 th Feb	Last day of Careers Week and Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Back to school
Mon 10 th March	Class poetry heats
Thur 13 th March	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Sat 15 th March	Rotary Swimathon 1pm onwards at Bingham Arena
Wed 26 th March	Poetry Competition Finale – 9:15 – 10:30 by invitation
Thur 3 rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m.
Fri 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tue 22 nd April	Return to school for summer term
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	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
Thur 10 th July	Cranmer Connect 3:30-4:30 school hall – all welcome
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

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NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the **11th** of February we will launch our **NEW** website. The URL remains: www.price-buckland.co.uk



Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school



Account

If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.



Orders

You can then see previous orders and manage your account.



Any Questions? Call us on 01159 640827

The Rotary Club of The Vale of Belvoir
Charity No 104697

COMMUNITY SWIM

SWIMATHON 2025

For Swimmers of all ages and abilities
Swim as few or as many lengths as you wish!

Take to the water to raise money for a charity of your choice and charities supported by
The Rotary Club of The Vale of Belvoir

When? Saturday 15th March 2025
Time? From 13:00 onwards
Where? The Bingham Arena, NG13 8QX

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

YOU.....decide on the purpose to which the money you raise will be put.
YOU.....create teams of up to 6 people who will get sponsors and take part. Each team will be allocated one lane, for one hour.
YOU.....collect your sponsorship money.

The Vale of Belvoir organize and run the event and look after everything else. We return 70% of the money you raise to you, to be used for your nominated charity. The balance, after deduction of costs, goes to a local charity or charities nominated by The Rotary Club of The Vale of Belvoir.

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