



Friday 10th Jan 2025

Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday and a good new year so far. The children have settled in really well to the routines of school. Teachers have been busy planning lots of excellent learning activities and we are all looking forward to an exciting and productive new school term.

Admissions Consultation

We are currently consulting on our Admissions Policy for 2025–2026. A letter with full details has been sent out to parents and carers and we welcome your thoughts on this important matter. You can access the proposed policy [here](#) and share your feedback via our online form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/f7BtdNUfcg?origin=lprLink>. Please submit your comments by 27th February 2025. Your input is vital in ensuring our policy reflects the needs of our community.

Communication system

Our school is transitioning, along with all other school in Aspire MAT, to a new Management Information System (MIS) called *Arbor*. An MIS is the central system we use to manage school data and communications. Adopting *Arbor* will bring all our core data and workflows into one efficient platform.

A new feature with *Arbor* is the *Parent Portal* and *Parent App* similar to the systems used by many secondary schools. Moving forward, all our communications will go via this and parents will need to download the app.

To help parents get started, *Arbor* has provided a guide. See link below:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Parent-App>

Further details about the Parent App and registration process are also attached with this newsletter—please read this information and follow the instructions to register your child. Please note that your username is the email you have registered with school.

Some ‘welcome emails’ are landing in junk folders. Please check your junk folder and add our email address to your safe sender list to avoid missing any updates.

When you receive your first text message from school (from 07520660385) you can save it as ABCA in your contacts!

As with any new system, there may be some ‘teething problems’: please bear with us during this transitional period. School meals will continue to be booked via Parent Pay until half term when further information will come out. Please remember to book on Sunday night.

Uniform

We think it is great when children come to school prepared for the weather – e.g. wellington boots when it is raining/snowy, outdoor shoes for playtimes – do remember to bring spare indoor shoes in a bag and **PLEASE label hats, coats, gloves and scarves with your child’s name.**

We are proud of our school identity and wearing school uniform gives a sense of belonging to our pupils. The high standard we set in appearance is a signal to everyone of our expectations in effort, work and behaviour. Please see [here](#) to find out more about our uniform expectations. Please note that for health and safety reasons, children may wear one pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch (No watches which connect to wi-fi or are able to take photographs are permitted). Makeup may not be worn by the children.

Our Assemblies: Songs from the Heart

At the beginning of a new term and a brand new year, we will be reflecting on the life and writings of King David, who contributed much of the content of the book of Psalms in the Bible. These were, literally, heartfelt expressions of joy, sadness and other emotions, that pupils of all faith (and none) can relate to. We love poetry and song at ABCA and will be looking at how these help us to express emotion. This theme fits perfectly with our forthcoming poetry recital (info to follow!) I will share some links to readings and videos of the psalms, but there are already some [here on our website](#), which you may like to look at. Rev Tim and Clare visit us every week to take assembly and this half term they will be focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Value Awards

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards (kindness, courage, thankfulness, trust, respect and responsibility) Email Mrs Stevens via the office or use our Values Nomination Form on the website. Once the children have earned all six they then receive one of our very special Take Care badges

Clubs

This term we have lots of clubs and enrichment on offer. Staff are also enjoying taking part – we got such great reports from the children on our **Yoga club** (Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30) that staff asked for a club for us too - we are all really enjoying it.

In the Yoga class, children learn physical postures, how to harness the power of the breath and gain a chance to explore their creative side through imaginative play centred around our natural world. To learn more about why children's yoga is so important, read our instructor's blog post [here](#).

There are some spaces left for yoga – please contact the school office for information.

[See here](#), for more information on our enrichment offer.

Please also have a look on Twitter [@AslocktonSchool](#) to see all of this in action!

Winter Wellness

As we move through the winter months, we kindly remind parents of our shared commitment to maintaining a healthy and respectful school environment. With illnesses such as flu, colds, and COVID still circulating, it's important we all take steps to reduce the spread of germs.

Please remind your children of the following:

- **Cough or sneeze into their elbow** or a tissue ("Catch it, Bin it, Kill it").
- **Use tissues properly** and dispose of them in the bins provided.
- **Spitting is not tolerated** under any circumstances.
- **Wash hands regularly** and use the hand gel available throughout the school.

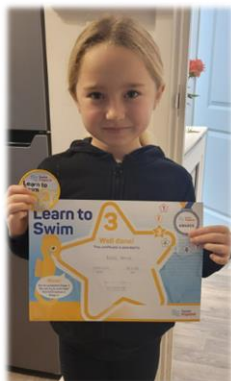
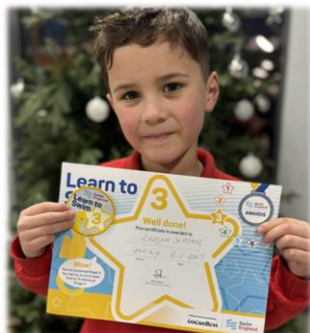
For further advice on managing common illnesses in children and when to seek medical help, please visit the **NHS Children's Health and Wellbeing** page: <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/your-services/childrens-health-and-wellbeing/>.

We also kindly ask parents to reinforce what we teach the children in school by discussing toilet hygiene and etiquette with your children. Suggestions include:

- **Wiping properly:** Teach children to clean themselves thoroughly after using the toilet to avoid discomfort or hygiene issues.
- **Using the flush:** Remind children to always flush the toilet after use.
- **Washing hands:** Emphasis the importance of washing hands with soap and water after using the toilet.
- **Respecting privacy:** Encourage children to respect the privacy of others when using public toilets.
- **Caring for facilities:** Teach children to treat school and public facilities with care, keeping them clean and tidy for everyone.

Feeling Proud

We loved celebrating with all our active students in sports' celebration assembly today!



- ★ Dan competed in the Nottinghamshire county table tennis tournament last weekend. He played in the U11's competition reaching the semi-final on Saturday and the U13s competition on Sunday again reaching the semi-final, but being knocked out by his brother – ex-pupil, Bobby (who we are delighted to report won the Notts School's U13 County Cup)
- ★ Well done to Reuben who is whizzing through his swimming levels –keep up the great work.
- ★ More swimming success for Rosie with her level 3 award.
- ★ Finn is super proud with his level 4 swimming award. Keep up the great work super-swimmers.



Wishing all our table tennis players the **best of luck** at the English Schools' Regional Final which we have been invited to as the **Nottinghamshire County Schools Champions!** We are travelling to Wellingborough tomorrow for this event – update to follow!

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



Congratulations to all our super-stars who were celebrated in today's achievement assembly!

**LET'S FACE IT,
WE'RE AWESOME.**

Our top table diners enjoyed their lunch today – service courtesy of Mrs Lock!

Chinese New Year



A letter has been sent out today with information about an activity the children can do at home and bring on Monday 27th January which is when we start our Chinese New Year celebration with a special assembly.

Parking

Thank you for **not parking** on School Lane and for not parking too close to the **bus stop**. These reminders are to keep our children safe as they walk to and from school. There are bike racks available for safe cycle and scooter storage in the small playground outside the Year 2 and 3 classrooms.

WOW

Did you know that you can raise completely FREE donations for our School EVERY time you shop online. Just use 'Easy Fundraising'.

Staff and approximately 50 parents have already downloaded the app and raised **£700** over the last three years. It does **not** cost you anything and there are just a few simple steps to take to use Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more. Please follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/archbishopcranmerpria>



Diary Dates	
Mon 27 th Jan	Resilience Workshop KS1 & KS2
Wed 29 th Jan	Chinese New Year
Thurs 30 th Jan	Y6 trip to London
Mon 10 th Feb	Careers' Week Commences
Thur 13 th Feb	Young Voices Choir goes to Sheffield
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Back to school
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
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
Tues 22 nd July	Break up for end of school year
Mon 1 st Sept	INSET day
Tue 2 nd Sept	INSET day
Wed 3 rd Sept	Return to school for summer term

