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Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. The children look very smart and have started to settle into their new classrooms and routines. A special welcome to our youngest learners in Foundation and to all the new students and families joining us this year: we are delighted to welcome you all to our school family.

As you know, due to extensive boiler pipe works over the summer, our teachers couldn't access the school site during the break and as a result, we had two additional INSET days at the start of this term to allow staff to prepare classrooms. Your patience and flexibility have made a significant difference and while the work is not yet fully completed (work is expected to be completed by October half term) the school site is safe and we are very excited to start this new academic year. As always, we have lots of activities, projects and learning experiences planned for this term. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for more detailed updates and important dates.

Thank you once again for your support. We are all looking forward to making this a memorable and successful year for all our students and for our parents and carers.

Our Vision

Our vision statement outlines the aspirations we have for our school and its children. Jesus said *'I have come that they may have life in all its fullness'* John 10:10

At Archbishop Cranmer we strive for life in all its fullness, for all our children, staff and school community.

We aim for our pupils to have a lifelong love of learning and to be confident, mature thinking, articulate individuals, with both a positive 'take care' attitude to work and a social 'take care' conscience.

We are proud of our exceptional Culture of Opportunity for all of our children so they can live 'life in all its fullness' and we aim for profound personal development of all.

Please take the time to read the attached document which gives more detail about our Vision, Mission and Values including how we educate the children about British Values.

Safeguarding

All staff have updated their safeguarding training. As part of this we look at the biggest issues around keeping our children safe. One of the main concerns is the role of influencers on social media. Please be careful with your children using devices. In a recent survey, with our children as young as year 1 and 2, it was clear that they have unmonitored access to the internet through seemingly harmless games. If you need any advice, please log onto <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/> There has been so much in the news recently about the issues around children and phones. The children at ABCA are not allowed a phone in school. If they walk home in year 5 or 6, they must leave the phone in the office.

Uniform

We pride ourselves on the consistency and smartness of our uniform. We have a strict jewellery policy: please can you make sure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school other than one pair of stud earrings. FACs will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale again soon.

Wellbeing

We are committed to putting the emotional and mental health and well-being of our children, staff and parents first: we know that taking care of our mental wellbeing is just as important of looking after our physical health. Our school pledge is to *'Take Care of ourselves, each other, the world and with our work'*.

We have a dedicated mental [health and well-being page on our website](#) . All teachers talk to the children about where and how they can share any concerns or worries in their classrooms and the children have been made aware of the [Worry-box](#) on our website. [Click here](#) for lots of information on mental health from the Gov. platform Every Mind Matters.

Contact and information

- If you have any questions or concerns please do catch me in the play ground or contact me through the office.
- Please check your child's class page on our website
- You can contact your class teacher directly via the form on the class page.
- Telephone the school office on 01949 850627: leave a message and teachers will get back to you.
- Follow us on Instagram @archbishopcranmerabca and X @AslocktonSchool to see photos of all the extraordinary things we get up to. We also have a Facebook page. We love it when you give us positive comments on our posts!

You are always welcome to come and look at your child's work or have a conversation with us. Please coordinate with your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time, preferably after school rather than the morning drop-off when teachers need to be available to greet and assist children at the door.

Parking and Gates

Please do not drive up School Lane or into the staff carpark. Thank you for supporting us in reducing traffic here and on Abbey Road We encourage an Active School Run and this reduction of traffic means our children can walk and run, cycle and scoot safely to school. Don't forget that there are bike racks available for safe cycle and scooter storage in the small playground outside the Year 2 and 3 classrooms.

Horticultural Show 17th September

We are busy planning for our Horticultural show and hope you are too! All the information you need [is here](#). Parents, carers and members of our local community will be welcome to join us from 3pm – more information will follow.

Year 2 – 3 Pupil School Meals Universal Free School Meals cease for pupils when they are in KS2. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply online [Here](#)

Proud

Congratulations and well done to all those children who took part in the Inspire Library Summer Reading Challenge. Every child has been celebrated and rewarded in class. There are too many photos to share here but if you would like your child to be part of a reading challenge group photograph then we will take one on Monday – certificates and medals welcome but not essential!



- ★ What an incredible 25m swimming achievement for one of our youngest pupils! Well done Sophie!
- ★ Esther earned 1st place as 'Best Child Dog Handler' at the Whatton Dog Show. Pawsome!
- ★ More swimming success for Dan with his stage 7 award and Ollie with stage 4.

FACs

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024



Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

We have earned over £60 already!

Open mornings –

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2025 or know someone who is interested in joining our school this academic year, here are the diary dates to attend one of our Open Mornings, starting at 9:30 a.m. and finishing at approximately 10:30 a.m. on:

Tuesday 24th September

Wednesday 23rd October

Tuesday 5th November


We can't wait to show you around!



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

Please keep an eye on our [website calendar](#) which will have all the important dates on. You can subscribe to this calendar too (details on the website).

Diary Dates 	
* new additions to these dates will be highlighted in blue so you can spot them!	
Wed 11 th Sept	Deadline to hand in photographs for Horticultural Show competition
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Mon 16 th Sept	Deadline to hand in arts and crafts entries for Horticultural Show
Tue 17 th Sept	Horticultural Show – bring in produce and baking categories
Fri 20 th Sept	Individual photos
Tue 24 th Sept	Open Morning: show round for new parents
Thur 26 th Sept	Flintham Show (KS2)
w/c 30 th Sept	Parent/carer consultations
Tue 15 th Oct	Y5 trip to Space Centre
Thur 17 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed 23 rd Oct	Open Morning: show round for new parents
Friday 25 th Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	INSET day
Tue 5 th Nov	Back to school
Thur 21 st Nov	Open Morning: show round for new parents
Thur 5 th Dec	F visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas jumper & Christmas dinner Children break up for Christmas holiday
Thur 19 th Dec	INSET day
Friday 20 th Dec	INSET day
Mon 6 th Jan	Return to school for spring term

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



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**THE WINDOWS ARE OPEN, ADMITTING
 THE SEPTEMBER BREEZE: A MONTH
 THAT SMELLS LIKE NOTEPAPER AND
 PENCIL SHAVINGS, AUTUMN LEAVES
 AND CAR OIL. A MONTH THAT SMELLS
 LIKE PROGRESS, LIKE MOVING ON.**
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