



20 September 2024

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

As you know, our school vision is rooted in the words of John 10:10 – *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* This vision of *"Life in all its fullness"* guides everything we do here at ABCA and this week we have continued to put this into practice across a range of activities and experiences. Our aim is always to nurture the children's academic progress and personal development.



A highlight of this week has to be the KS2 visit to Flintham Show on Thursday. This visit connects our children to local history, traditional farming and the origins of their food, also fostering appreciation for hard work and rural life. Aren't we fortunate to call this lovely place our home?

Big thanks to our parent/carer volunteer helpers – we couldn't have done it without you and we hope you enjoyed the trip as much as we did!

We are also very grateful to our Friends or Archbishop Cranmer Team for funding this unique experience and to Mrs Wright for organising everything. FACs are always looking for new volunteers to support with fundraising for our school – please speak to Mrs Wright in the office for more information. Without your help we would not be able to afford activities like this.

Do check out our [Instagram stories](#)



Congratulations to Gracie for her highly commended poem and to George and William for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the eggs and wonky vegetable horticultural show categories. Well done all of you!

## Attendance

Following my recent letter, I want to share more information about updates to the Aspire Attendance Policy. As many of you know, one of the Government's recent headline changes, is the decision to remove a school's discretion as to whether fines will be imposed for families who take holidays during term time or who have poor 'irregular' attendance.

- The threshold for penalty notices is **5 days** (which is 10 sessions) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks.
- The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years.
- This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks. These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not.
- Please see the updated attendance policy on the Aspire Multi-Academy Trust website.

**ATTENDANCE**  
WHAT THE NEW STATUTORY RULES MEAN FOR OUR FAMILIES

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes have come into force for all schools and academies from the 19th August 2024. You can find out more about these changes online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>. Thank you, as always for your support.

**WHAT IS IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE?**  
If your child is absent for 10 or more unauthorised sessions in a 10 week period, this is classed as irregular. Work with your academy to help understand and address the reasons for absence and any barriers.

**WHAT IS A SESSION?**  
2 sessions is equal to 1 day! Attendance is recorded as AM and PM sessions daily.  
**10 IN 10!**  
If your child is absent for 10 sessions in a 10 week period (5 days) and these are unauthorised, our academies have to consider referring for a Penalty Notice to be issued.

**PENALTY NOTICES**  
With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after 19th August 2024. Penalty Notices will continue to be issued by the Local Authority, they are not issued by the Trust or our Academies.

**PER PARENT PER CHILD**  
Penalty Notices will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. Example: a penalty notice issued for 2x siblings resulting in both parents receiving 2 fines, one per child, 4 penalty notices in total for the family.

**THE FUNDS RAISED FROM FINES ARE PAID TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NOT OUR ACADEMIES. IT CAN BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND TOWARDS ATTENDANCE SUPPORT BY THE LA. ACADEMIES DO NOT DIRECTLY BENEFIT.**

**FIRST OFFENCE**  
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:  
**£160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD REDUCED TO £80 PER PARENT PER CHILD IF PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS.**  
What if I am a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week in term time?...  
**YOUR REQUEST CAN NOT BE AUTHORISED FOR ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! A WEEK IS 10 SESSIONS THAT YOUR CHILD WILL MISS AND YOU WILL BE ISSUED A PENALTY NOTICE. THE FINE WILL BE £160 BUT REDUCE TO £80 IF PAID WITHIN 21 DAYS. HOLIDAY ABSENCES CAN NOT BE AUTHORISED.**

**WHAT IF IN A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS YOUR CHILD HAS A 2ND AND 3RD LEAVE OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OR PATTERN OF IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE?...**

**SECOND OFFENCE**  
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. No Reduction.

**THIRD OFFENCE AND OTHER FURTHER OFFENCES**  
(Within 3 years) A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

**ABSENCES REPORTED AS ILLNESS**  
All absences reported as illness will be monitored. All academies have to refer to the Local Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council once they total 15 days absence collectively. Please don't worry if your child is ill and please don't send them to school if they are not well enough, please do communicate openly with your academy to enable us to support and work together. Not sure if they are well enough for school? Check out <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our Trust wide updated Attendance Policy can be found at: [www.aspire-mat.co.uk/policies](http://www.aspire-mat.co.uk/policies)

## Secondary School Admissions

If your Year 6 child lives in Nottinghamshire and requires a secondary school place in September 2025, you must apply through Nottinghamshire County Council. Year 6 parents are reminded that the window for secondary school applications closes on 31st October 2024. It is absolutely essential that parents complete and submit the application for their child by this date. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/schooladmissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september>  
Factsheet:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/hltpitb4/primarytosecondaryinitialfactsheet2025.pdf>

## Packed Lunches

We are a nut free school! Please do not send your child to school with any snacks or lunches containing nuts/coconut. We would appreciate it if kiwi fruit was not brought into school either. Please cut up foods which could potentially cause choking eg grapes, cherry tomatoes.

Eating a well-balanced lunch provides children with the energy and nutrients children need to thrive throughout the day. We encourage parents to pack healthy meals, as this supports your child's development and learning. While some parents might say their child won't eat anything else, remember that introducing healthier options *gradually* can help. We always recommend our school dinners, which follow the balanced Nottinghamshire County Council menu options and are very reasonably priced at £2.75. Menus and booking information are available on ParentPay. For packed lunch ideas, you can explore [this resource](#).

## Safeguarding Update: Join the Smartphone-Free Childhood Movement!

We recently highlighted the importance of a smartphone-free childhood and this topic has been receiving a lot of attention in the media. We encourage you to explore the resources available on the Parent Pact website and consider joining the movement to delay smartphone use for young children.

Over 34,000 children are now committed to waiting until at least age 14 to receive a smartphone, with pacts signed across 20% of UK schools (including us!)

By participating, you'll see exactly how many children in your child's school are joining this movement, making it easier for you and your child to resist peer pressure. You can view near-live data, see how your county is doing, and even connect with other parents through your school's WhatsApp group.

By signing up, you're helping to make a difference for others. Find out more and join the movement here: <https://parentpactresults.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

## Young Writers 500 Word Competition

Children, do you believe you have what it takes to write a story in 500 words or less? Whether it's about adventurous animals, magical worlds, or super-powered children, the possibilities are endless. Be creative, have fun, and showcase your storytelling magic.

Teachers will be introducing the competition to each class in the upcoming week to give every child a chance to get their creativity flowing.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year olds and all children need to do is write a story that they would love to read in **500 words or less**.

Closing date is **Friday 8th November 2024 at 9pm**. Parents/carers will need to submit their children's story using the entry form [here](#). Each Story has to be typed up – please email us a copy of the story entered so we can celebrate in school.

## PRIZES

All finalists receive a **£20 National Book Token**. Winning stories will also be read out by a superstar celebrity! Previous ABCA WINNER, Lucy, had her story read out by Nicole Kidman! Each bronze, silver and gold winner in both categories will win a bundle of books to take home. Both gold winners will also win **500 books for their school library**. **We will look forward to reading your entries.**

## Proud



- ★ Ollie played his First 5 matches for his team and did really well. What a great start Ollie!
- ★ Henry was awarded 'Player of the week' for Bottesford U9 blues on Saturday. He's shown good improvement since the start of the season and has made extra effort with teamwork skills.
- ★ Willow is very proud of her accomplishment – she has passed stage 1 swimming!
- ★ Winky had accomplished an impressive 8 miles cycling journey last Saturday.
- ★ Daisy was looking for a new challenge and has started cheerleading at EMCA. We look forward to following your progress Daisy.
- ★ Congratulations to George and Harry who achieved the Level 6 swimming grade over the summer. Superb achievements.



**Congratulations to all the children celebrated in our Golden Book Assembly today!** 🎉

We are incredibly proud of the wide range of achievements showcased, from excellent work and great conduct to impressive teamwork and settling into school life so well.

A special mention to Holly who was recognised for her outstanding **integrity** and a special mention to Madeleine and Amelle, who were awarded their **Take Care Ambassador badges** after earning all their value awards. Additionally,

So much to celebrate – well done to everyone! 🙌🌟

## Exciting News for Aspiring Photographers!

Following the success of our recent photography competition at the Horticulture Show, we are excited to launch a new feature in our weekly newsletter. We would like to invite the children to send in their photographs to be featured in a special weekly photography slot.

It's clear we have some budding photographers among us, and this is a wonderful opportunity for them to continue honing their skills and share their creativity and talent. Photos should have an apt title.

## Please Help Us Achieve Our Well-Being Hub

We are so grateful for the generous donations we've received so far towards our Well-Being Hub. The



Well-Being Hub is an essential project that will benefit all our children and school families, and we are committed to seeing it completed this year.

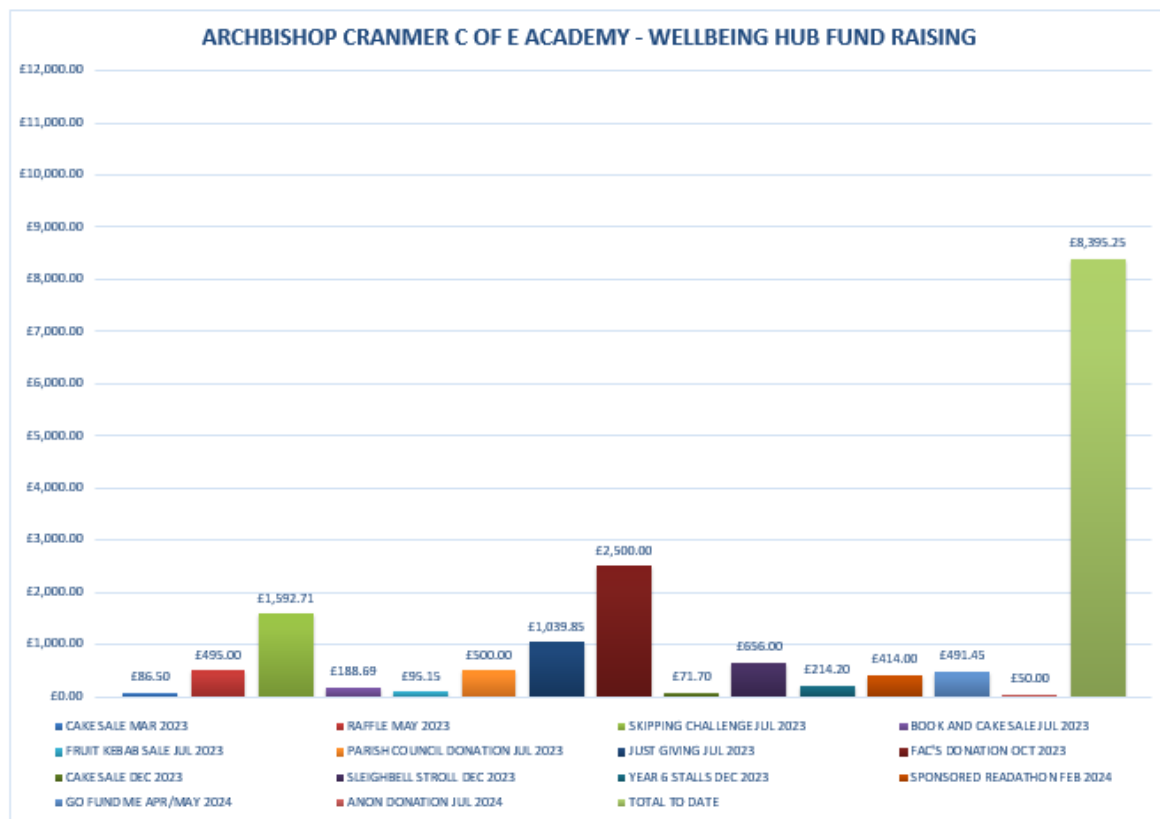
Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen issue with GoFundMe, some donations were refunded without our control. GoFundMe have resolved this for us and apologise for any inconvenience it may have caused. In light of this, we kindly ask that if your donation was

refunded, or if you haven't had a chance to donate yet, please consider re-donating to help us continue with this important initiative.

You can send your donations to the following details:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/children-of-archbishop-cranmer-ce-primary-academy>

Below you can see how close we are to achieving our goal !



The Dunster House Titania Insulated Garden Room (pictured above) is what we would love to be able to afford. On top of the cost, we would need to add a concrete base and electrics = Price with the rapid grip base £10293.17

## Cranmer Group News

Hi there, we hope you've had a good week so far. With the weekend approaching we'd like to let you know what's going on at your local church. We have two services each Sunday across our six parishes. This week we have traditional service at 9.00 Scarrington, and then our informal service with kids' activities at 11.00 in Aslockton – this week we plan to get competitive with some ultimate tower building. Come along and join in we'd love to see you! Our Harvest celebrations are also in full swing - see below for details. Take care and God bless – Clare Chambers

*Other Dates and Events ...*

A fun, warm and friendly place for all under 5s and their grown-ups

# Tot Spot

**Future Dates Autumn 2024**  
Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday at 10am  
Thomas Cranmer Centre, Aslockton  
5th, 19th Sept  
3rd, 17th Oct  
7th, 21st Nov  
5th Dec

Facebook Scan me!

families@cranmergroup.org.uk - Or find us on Facebook - Aslockton Tot Spot

**Tot Spot** is our baby and toddler group – a perfect place to meet other parents, and for your young ones to socialise and play. Come and join us this Thursday 10-11.30.



## Join us for your CRANMER GROUP HARVEST SERVICES

**Sunday 29th September:**

**9am: Scarrington - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**3pm: Orston - Harvest Festival (Harvest Tea after)**

**Sunday 6th October:**

**9am: Whatton - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**11am: Aslockton - Café Church (coffee & cobs from 10.30)**

**Friday 11th October:**

**7pm: Hawksworth - Harvest Festival (Harvest Supper after)**

**Sunday 13th October:**


**9am: Thoroton - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**Please bring donations of non-perishable foods & household goods for our collections during the services, in support of local charities.**

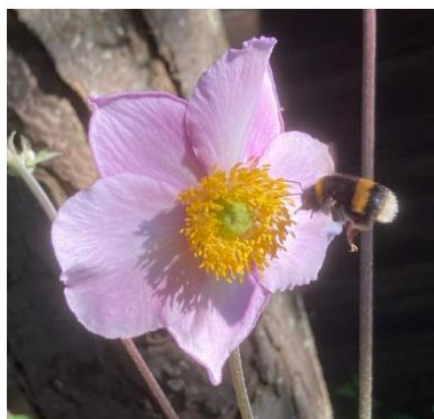
**THE CRANMER GROUP - WE ARE ONE, GROWING COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES,  
WHO SEEK TO LOVE JESUS, ONE ANOTHER, OUR VILLAGES AND GOD'S WORLD**

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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 	
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent/carer consultations (continuing w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Please bring in donations of dried/ tinned foods, and/or toiletries, cleaning products, wipes etc for Harvest Service. Donations will be given to Newark Women's Refuge.
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	New Starters' Welcome Service 9:15 St Thomas' Church
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu immunisations for all pupils
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 trip to Space Centre
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival p.m. (time tbc)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Deadline for returning Christmas card orders
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Open Morning: show round for new parents considering joining our school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aspire INSET day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to school
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Morning: show round for new parents considering joining our school
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner Children break up for Christmas holiday
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school for spring term
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices Choir goes to Sheffield
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
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
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for end of school year

**Have a lovely weekend everyone.**



Bella Smith  
Year 6