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When you are reluctant to change, think of the beauty of autumn

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

We have enjoyed another busy week at school, especially now all our clubs are up and running. There are lots of opportunities for all children to get involved this term, with table tennis, football, chess, gardening, lego, French, yoga, running and choir. There is nothing lovelier than the sound of children singing and Mrs Lock and Mrs Marshall have introduced the new songs (soon to be followed by the dance moves!) to our Young Voices choir, who will be performing in Sheffield on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Do check out our [Instagram stories](#) to see what we are up to!

A highlight of the week has to be our welcome service at St Thomas' Church for our new children in Foundation class. This 'official' welcome to our Foundation children and their families is a happy event and we look forward to building meaningful connections with everyone. This year, the story of the lost sheep once again unfolded, with speedy success in finding our very own lost sheep (well done Daphne!) We hope that the children find joy in exploring the stories within their brand-new Bible story books, gifted by Reverend Tim. **We would love the children to share their favourite story with us – any drawings/pictures will be displayed in school and the TCC.** Big thanks to the assistance of our Year 6 students and to Rev Tim and Clare for the refreshments.



### Our Christian Value this half term is Kindness

Please see [here](#) for some lovely ideas about how to explore this value further at home. We love to receive 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 (see below) Once the children have earned all six they then receive one of our very special Take Care badges.

Follow this link: [Values Nomination Form](#)  
or use this QR code or  
<https://archbishop-cranmer.secure-primarysite.net/nominate-a-child-for-an-award/>



Follow this link: [Integrity Award Form](#)  
or this QR code  
or <https://archbishop-cranmer.secure-primarysite.net/nominate-a-child-for-an-award/>



### Term-Time Holidays and Attendance

I understand that there are many reasons why families may choose to take holidays during term time, and I sympathise with the challenges this can bring. However, as you may know, the government's directives and our Trust's policies are very clear on this matter. Unfortunately, we are not able to authorise term-time holidays, and fines may be issued for absences that exceed the threshold outlined in our Attendance Policy.

While we are required to follow these guidelines, our priority remains ensuring that every child gets the best possible education, and regular attendance is essential to their learning and development. The best place for them to achieve this is in school.

Please refer to the updated Attendance Policy on the Aspire Multi-Academy Trust website for further details.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

### **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>

### **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:

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

CONGRATULATIONS to all our superstar children who were celebrated for their many achievements in today's assembly



## Proud



- ★ Alex was awarded MOTM upon his return to Bottesford F C U9's in what was a tough but well played match where his coach said that he made a real difference with his solid defending giving his teammates the confidence they needed to press forward on the attack
- ★ Dan has passed both stage 8 and 9 at his swimming club in two weeks of moving from stage 7, and completed his first 1600m this week to top it off !
- ★ Finley won player of the match at Bingham rugby this week – great achievement Finley!
- ★ On Sunday Tommy took part in the first of his cross country League races finishing in 5th place of what was an extremely competitive race. He's hoping for a course best time and he's looking forward to the second race next month.
- ★ Following a successful trial Ada recently joined Grantham Swimming Club. She has also taken part in the Club Championships and got a silver medal for 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke in the girls 8 year old category.  
Ada has also passed her Level 7 Swim England Award and is now working towards Level 8, the final stage to complete!
- ★ Noah is feeling proud with his 100m swimming award – well done Noah!
- ★ Well done to Finn who has completed his swimming stage and looking forward to the challenges of the next one.

## Harvest Festival

### **We will be supporting Newark Refuge again this year.**

Your kindness and generosity last year made such a difference, and we hope to do the same again this time. Please send in your donations of dry food, non-perishable items, and toiletries (for both women and babies). Every little contribution helps to make a big impact on the lives of those in need.

Thank you for your support!



## Cranmer Group News

Hello there, This week our Harvest celebrations come to Aslockton as we celebrate God's generosity at our Café Church service. This is a family service starts with bacon cobs, proper coffee, pastries and chat and then moves into a time of all age worship, with band and hands on activities. Doors open at 10.30 and the service begins at 11.00. We invite you bring donations of nonperishable food that will support our Food Hub. We'd love to see you there, newcomers are always welcome. Don't forget it is Connect After School Church this coming Thursday 3.30-4.30. We will have plenty of fun activities planned and refreshments for everyone – and it's all free. You can bring smaller ones with you too. It's a great chance to gather, catch up with friends and relax.

Diary Dates	
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



### Photography Exhibition

We love these photographs taken by Maisie H (4)

If you have a budding photographer, please send in their photographs to feature here.