



24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

*Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10*

### A note from Mrs Stevens

It's hard to believe how quickly this first half term has flown by. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines and it's been wonderful to see them living out our core values—taking care of themselves, one another, their learning and our school environment. We've welcomed quite a few visitors into school recently, all of whom have commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere in classrooms and the children's stunning work displayed throughout the classrooms and corridors. We are so proud of the effort and progress the children have made already this year.



*Some snippets from this week: Y1 have had lots of fun learning outdoors this week; Foundation have been celebrating Diwali, Y3 have been creating delicious savoury tart recipes & Y4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Church*

Please follow us on [Instagram](#) to see what we get up to – we love it when you share or comment on our posts

### Poppy Appeal

Our Year 6 leaders will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal after half term. Poppies will be available before school and at morning break in the playground. Donations are welcome (suggested 50p–£1), and a small selection of other items such as wristbands and reflectors will also be available. Thank you for supporting our pupils as they "Take Care, Be Proud" and help our community remember.

We will also be holding a **Remembrance Service** for children in KS2, at St Thomas' on 11<sup>th</sup> November aiming for a 9:15 a.m. start. All parents and carers are welcome.

### Careers Week – Can You Inspire Our Pupils?

Our Careers Week will take place during the week commencing **Monday 9th February 2026**. We really need more parents to get involved! This is always one of the most inspiring weeks of the year for our pupils — and it wouldn't be possible without your support.

We are looking for parents, carers, friends or family members who could:

- Talk to children about their job or career – whatever it is!
- Run a short workshop or hands-on demonstration.
- Share interesting experiences, equipment or stories from their line of work.
- Sessions can be any length of time and we can support with planning.

You can speak to a single class, several, or even deliver something for the whole school—it's completely flexible.

If you can offer any time at all during Careers Week, we'd love to hear from you. **Please get in touch** to let us know your availability and what you might be able to share. *Your involvement really does make a difference – inspiring our pupils to dream big and see themselves in exciting futures.*



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## Feeling Proud



This week we celebrate:

- ★ Noah and Emma for gymnastics achievements
- ★ Lucy for gaining her Stage 6 swimming award.
- ★ Eito, who received a trophy for his hard work and teamwork, leading his team to victory with a last-minute winner
- ★ Ettie for being named Rugby Player of the Week for excellent listening and participation.
- ★ Reuben and Anaya for completing an incredible 21 park runs (the equivalent of running a marathon!)
- ★ Aarav for receiving man of the match in his football match last week for his constant running and great goal.
- ★ Sami for passing stage 2 in his swimming class.
- ★ Congratulations to Gwyn for being the main prize winner in the Soccer Darts competition. Gwyn has won a family ticket to Gulliver's Kingdom!



We are so impressed with all the children who were celebrated for their physical activity achievements in assembly today. Many pupils have also earned an extra 10 house points for completing a half term of *Strive for Five* – awesome effort! There will be another 20 house points up for grabs for those who complete a full term. It's never too late to start recording in your *Strive for Five* booklet. Which house will earn the ribbons on the cup at the end of term?

## Consent form

Please could all parents check their consent options on Arbor and make sure these are up to date. It's important to either give consent or decline as applicable, rather than leave any sections blank. This helps us ensure we have the correct permissions for your child.



## Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal 📦

This Christmas, One of our parents, Sophie is supporting Operation Christmas Child, a project that sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world who might not otherwise receive a present and she would love our school community to get involved.

Instead of filling whole shoeboxes, we're inviting families to donate small items that can be used to fill the boxes.

Suggested donations include:

- ✓ Small toys, games or puzzles
- ✓ Stationery (pencils, crayons, notebooks, etc.)
- ✓ Toiletries (no liquids, please)
- ✓ Cosy accessories such as hats, gloves or hairbands

📦 A collection box will be placed in school for donations. Sophie will then gather everything and pack the shoeboxes ready to spread some Christmas joy. Look out for the poster in school for more details. Thank you in advance for helping to make a difference this Christmas! ✨

## Open mornings

Put a date in your diary to attend one of our Open Mornings, starting at 9:15 a.m. and finishing at approximately 10:15 a.m., Wednesday 12th November 2025. We have spaces **currently** available in **Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4**. Please contact the school office if you would like to have a tour of our lovely school at any time – we will be delighted to show you around.

Diary Dates	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	INSET Day
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>KS2 Remembrance Service @St Thomas' Church 9:15</b>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Flu Vaccinations
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 visit to York returning on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Concert Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Games Day Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School for spring term.
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>CAREERS WEEK starts – please get in touch if you can help!</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Return to school
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4&5 residential to Condover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 <b>SATs week</b> starts
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day

