



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

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

### A note from Mrs Stevens

A huge thank you to all the friends and family who supported our fundraising event this week – and to FACs for the brilliant idea. Thanks to you, our school will receive £1,016! Every child who took part received a certificate and sticker, with extra thank-you gifts for those who secured sponsorship. Special congratulations go to our top prize winners:

- Gulliver's Family Ticket Prize Draw – *to be revealed next week!*
- Highest Fundraiser (Wembley Tour & Gulliver's Ticket) – *Jackson*
- Football Shirt Prize Draw – *Tilly*



### Wellbeing Hub Update

Thanks to your generosity, we are making steady progress with our new Wellbeing Hub. To make the wooden garden-office structure safe and secure, we need to install a concrete base. While this has increased costs (hence the delay) it's an important step to ensure the hub will last for years to come. We're slowly but surely getting there – and it's all thanks to your continued support!

### A Note on School Funding

Many parents are surprised to learn that government funding only covers the basics: staff, classrooms and day-to-day running costs. It doesn't stretch to things like:

- New playground equipment
- Wellbeing spaces (like our upcoming **Wellbeing Hub**)
- Enrichment days, trips, and workshops

That's why fundraising is so important. Thanks to the amazing efforts of FACs and the support of families and friends, we can provide these "extras" that make school life even more memorable for the children. Every raffle ticket bought, every sponsored event supported and every pound raised really does go directly back into making school better for our pupils. Thank you! 🍀

**Feeling Proud** We are so proud of the wide range of achievements our pupils have been working towards outside of school:



- Finley S-B received *Player of the Match* in football for his excellent listening skills and also completed the Mini Marathon at the Robin Hood Half Marathon.
- Sophie ran her very first 5K at *Run With Rich*, having only ever completed 2K at junior parkrun before – Olympic champion Richard Whitehead can even be spotted in the background of her medal photo!
- Dan travelled to Birmingham to compete in both U11 and U13 back-to-back table tennis tournaments, and went on to win his U13 group at the 1\* competition.
- Nelly proudly received her Level 5 Development Award in gymnastics.
- Rosie has successfully passed her Level 8 gymnastics award.
- Olivia, who only started gymnastics a month ago, has already achieved her Development Award.
- Alex enjoyed his first proper fishing trip to the river last weekend and landed his very first Barbel. On top of this, he has been put forward for the *Hoods U10s Basketball* team after impressing coaches at practice.
- Noah's football team won 5-2 at the weekend and was given man of the match.
- Ellie has proudly received her first gymnastics award: the Level 5 Certificate

Congratulations to all the children celebrated in sports assembly today

**Strive for 5 at ABCA**

At ABCA, sport and physical activity are an important part of school life. For several years now, our Strive for 5 Award has encouraged children to get active and celebrate their achievements both in and out of school.

To achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold award, children take part in at least 5 sporting, dance or physical activities each week — either the same activity over five days or a mix of different ones.

**Bronze – after 1 term**

**Silver – after 2 terms**

**Gold – after 3 terms, with a special end-of-year reward!**

Each child has their own Strive for 5 booklet to record activities and collect signatures from coaches or activity leaders.

Strive for 5 has become a much-loved part of ABCA life, motivating pupils to stay active, try new things and take pride in their achievements. Why not get started this term and aim for Bronze?



## Harvest Festival

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

Please send in your donations of toiletries (for both women and babies) plus dry food and non-perishable items Every little contribution helps to make a big impact on the lives of those in need. Thank you for your support!



### **Open mornings – We can't wait to show you around!**

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2026 or you know anyone who is interested in joining our school before then, put a date in your diary to attend one of our Open Mornings, starting at 9:30 a.m. and finishing at approximately 10:30 a.m. on:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Please contact the school office if you would like to have a tour at any other time – I will be delighted to show you around our school.

## **Staying Safe at ABCA**

Y5 took part in an inspiring **Little Life Savers** afternoon, learning essential first aid skills that could one day help to save a life. The session introduced pupils to key emergency response techniques in a fun and age-appropriate way, including what to do if someone is choking or unresponsive, and how to get help quickly. The children showed fantastic focus and enthusiasm throughout, asking thoughtful questions and practising their new skills with confidence. Opportunities like this help our pupils grow into responsible, caring members of the community — and ensure that *Staying Safe at ABCA* is more than just a motto; it's a life skill



## **Reminder – Dogs on School Grounds**

As much as I love dogs, we must ask that dogs are not brought onto school premises. This is for everyone's safety and comfort: some children may be nervous or have allergies. Please keep dogs outside the school gate. The only exception is approved visits from trained therapy or assistance dogs. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Our Careers Week will take place during the week **commencing Monday 9th February 2026**, and we would love you to get involved. While we don't offer formal careers advice in primary school, our aim is to broaden children's horizons and raise their aspirations by giving them real-life insights into the world of work. 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're happy to 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.



Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 visit to Sherwood Observatory
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Toot Hill staff will be at school at 3:30 for Q & A with any parents Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival 2:45pm all welcome
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Until Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> October: Cycle to School Week – bike racks available at school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Break Up for half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	INSET Day
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	KS2 Remembrance Service led by Y6 pupils. St Thomas' Church 9:15. Parents welcome.
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
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<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 Conover 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



Join us this Sunday for  
Harvest Café Church  
11am: Aslockton  
(coffee and cobs from 10.30)

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

Have a lovely weekend.

