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Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

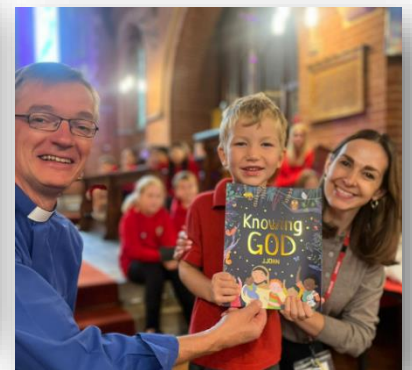
Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

A note from Mrs Stevens

We have had plenty to celebrate at the end of our second full week back of term.

One very special moment was our New Starters' Welcome Service at St Thomas' Church on Wednesday. We were delighted to officially welcome our new Foundation children and their families into our school and church community. Thank you to Rev Tim and Claire for leading the service and to our Year 6 children who walked with our youngest pupils, read with confidence, and helped bring the story of the lost sheep to life.

Our Foundation children sang beautifully and each received a Stories of God book to enjoy at home — we would love to hear which stories become their favourites.



Diversity and Equality at ABCA

This term, we were delighted to welcome Deepa Vasudevan, Achievement and Equality Consultant from Nottinghamshire County Council, who delivered staff training and carried out a school audit on our commitment to diversity and equity. She recognised many strengths in our practice, including:

- Assemblies and lessons in PSHE and RE focusing on British Values and the Protected Characteristics
- Opportunities across the curriculum for discussion, drama, role play and themed days/weeks
- Books and resources which reflect diversity – including some in children's first languages
- Displays around school that celebrate diversity and showcase children's voices and work
- The contribution of pupil, staff and parent voice groups to our inclusive ethos

Deepa also gave us helpful next steps to strengthen our work further. One action we will be focusing on this year is making greater use of Picture News to help children link current events to the Protected Characteristics and British Values, encouraging them to reflect more deeply on their significance in everyday life.



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Horticultural Show

On Thursday we celebrated our 6th Annual Horticultural Show, which has now become a much-loved Archbishop Cranmer tradition. Each year seems to grow in scale and creativity and this time we were more impressed than ever. The photography competition, themed "Nature in Focus", completely wowed our professional photographer judges — you can see the stunning entries on our Instagram page. We had so many impressive fruit and vegetable displays, delicious baking entries and great creations in our arts and crafts section.

A huge thank you goes to the team who generously give up their time and resources each year to put up (and take down!) the marquees, and to Miss Young and Mrs Chilton, who took a small idea born during lockdown — as a way to celebrate what families had been doing in their gardens — and have nurtured it into the wonderful event it has become today.

Well done to all our Photography competition entrants

1st – Thomas

2nd – Harris

3rd - Sophie

Commended: Ellie,
Gwyn, Isabel P, Esther

Highly commended:
Noah S, Gracie, Rosie
, Millie, Dan



🌿 Thank You!

A huge thank you to the wonderful team who kindly loaned us the marquee for our Horticultural Show – and for putting it up for us too! We are also so grateful to all the parents who helped pack everything away at the end of the event. We simply couldn't make this special day happen without your generosity and support.



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Feeling Proud

- ★ Maisie was named *Player of the Week* at girls' rugby – well done, Maisie!
- ★ Isabelle, Jessica and Tilly all received medals from Flintham Cricket Club for their summer training – fantastic teamwork!
- ★ Esme was delighted to achieve her *Learn to Swim* Level 2 award.
- ★ Izzy showed great determination by swimming a whole mile!
- ★ Saanvi has passed Stage 1 in swimming and is moving up to Stage 2 – brilliant progress!



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 2nd October 2025

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Wednesday 12th 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.

Diary Dates	
Mon 22 nd Sept	Individual photos * This year we are taking individual photos only, no groups!
Thur 25 th Sept	Flintham Show KS2 <i>please contact the office if you can volunteer to help!</i>
Sat 27 th Sept	Run with Richard Whitehead MBE @ Holme Pierrepont
Tue 30 th Sept	Y6 toot Hill open evening
Wed 1 st Oct	Y6 toot Hill open evening
Fri 3 rd Oct	Bingo Night – tickets on sale soon!! Save the date!
Fri 10 th	Harvest Festival 2:45pm all welcome
Mon 6 th Oct	Y5 visit to Sherwood Observatory
Thur 9 th 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!
Tues 11 th Nov	KS2 Remembrance Service led by Y6 pupils. St Thomas' Church 9:15. Parents welcome.
Mon 13 th Oct	Until Fri 17 th October: Cycle to School Week – bike racks available at school
Friday 23 rd Oct	Break Up for half term
Mon 3 rd Nov	INSET Day
Tue 4 th Nov	Children return to school
Thur 4 th Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 10 th Dec	Y3 visit to York returning on Friday 12 th Dec
Wed 17 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
Fri 19 th Dec	Games Day Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th Jan	INSET Day
Tue 6 th Jan	Return to School for spring term.
Fri 30 th Jan	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
Fri 13 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Return to school
Thur 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 27 th March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 th April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 th May	Y4&5 residential to Conover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 th May
Mon 11 th May	Y6 SATs week starts
Mon 18 th May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 nd May
Fri 22 nd May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 st June	Return to school
Tue 9 th June	Class photographs
Fri 17 th July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 th July	INSET Day

