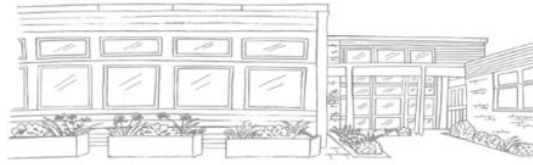




## Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



This week we were pleased to host three visits from staff at other schools, who were full of praise for our classrooms, our environment, the quality of children's work and, most importantly, our incredibly polite and respectful children. Thank you to our whole staff team for everything you do each day and to your wonderful children for representing our school so positively.

We are also very pleased to welcome a new member to our Foundation class. We hope you will all join us in making her and her family feel very welcome as they become part of our community.

### Feeling Proud

We are incredibly proud of Mrs Whiting who has just completed her **8th** marathon in an outstanding time of 3 hours 31 minutes. Remarkably, this is her second fastest time, with a personal best of 3:28 set in 2024.

This is an exceptional achievement, especially given the time she has spent away from running this year due to a stress fracture – and it was such a warm day.

Her commitment, resilience and determination are a powerful example to our children of what can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. I am sure you will agree, Mrs Whiting is a fantastic role model for our whole school community!



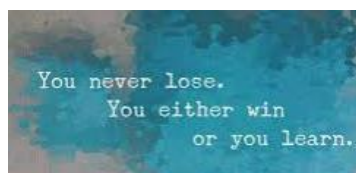
Last weekend Dan represented our school again, travelling to Wolverhampton for the **National Schools Championships**. Having previously won the school's primary County Championships, he earned his place at this national event.

Dan won two matches and faced strong opposition, including an England squad member, where he took a set and pushed another match to a five-setter. Although he did not progress to the last 16 on this occasion, he showed resilience and determination and has taken away valuable experience.

Dan has also been awarded Player of the Week at his East Midlands Performance Development session.



If you are interested in joining our Running club or Table Tennis club – or any of our other enrichment activities on offer, please contact the office.



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*Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated in today's assembly!*

- ★ Eito earned the Beaver of the week award for getting on well with his team. Well done!
- ★ Abbie would like to share her achievements (bronze and silver medals under U12) in regional artistic swimming competition and she also went to the National Age Group Championship in Gloucester.
- ★ Ellie, Millie and Rosie all performed brilliantly at the 2026 Lydia's Academy of Dance Show
- ★ Nelly passed her stage 3 swimming and Jessica Lambert passed her stage 4 swimming
- ★ Keira was star of the week at rugby – great achievement
- ★ Isabelle and Jessica both took part in their dance show with Lydia's Academy of Dance AST weekend and did an amazing job!
- ★ Freya achieved her 1500m swimming badge.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend.