



**19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Academy Newsletter

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



We have come to the end of a busy and high-expectation term and, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas holiday.

We are incredibly proud of the children's many achievements this term. There has been a great deal of high-quality learning taking place across the school and we have continued to live out our Christian vision of *"life in all its fullness."* Over the past few weeks alone, pupils have benefited from a rich range of experiences, including:

- ★ Everyone enjoying our KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert – wonderful performances that showcased confidence, teamwork and some VERY impressive musical talent.
- ★ Year 6 pupils leading and contributing thoughtfully to our Remembrance commemorations.
- ★ Our Rainbow Room hosting a special afternoon tea, alongside continued enrichment opportunities including horse-riding experiences for some pupils.
- ★ Year 3 enjoying their festive residential visit to York, which was both memorable and educational.
- ★ Year 3 taking part in the Rushcliffe Jingle Jog.
- ★ The Mental Health Support Team completing health and wellbeing visits.
- ★ Year 4–6 pupils engaging in an important Black History workshop.
- ★ Foundation pupils visiting Perlethorpe as part of their wider curriculum enrichment.
- ★ Pupil Parliament organising a whole-school Culture Day and Odd Socks Day for Mental Health Awareness.
- ★ KS1 pupils taking part in the Colgate Bright Futures visit.

Please do take a look at our Instagram page to see highlights from the term.



I would like to thank the whole staff team for making this possible. From organising and leading trips and visits, to preparing for performances and special events, the care, planning and commitment shown by staff is exceptional. These experiences make a real difference to children's confidence, wellbeing and sense of belonging. Thank you also to Rev. Tim and Clare for enabling so many class and school visits and lessons at our beautiful St Thomas' Church this year.



Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Daws and her wonderful midday team for providing a delicious festive lunch for pupils, staff and governors – a lovely way to end the term together.

We wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

## Feeling Proud



- ★ Henry earned Player of the Week for Bottesford Blues U10 for a great performance in a 7-4 victory - in defence first half and scoring a hat trick in the second half.
- ★ Teddy played for Aston Villa shadow squad in the Manchester United Academy Christmas cup. They placed third in their group and Teddy scored two goals!
- ★ Jake has achieved a Merit in his ABRSM Grade 4 Piano Practical Exam.
- ★ Noah Smith (Class 4) was chosen as player of the match for his super defending and attacking on the wing

## Final Assembly Celebrations

We had so much to celebrate in our final assembly of the year! We all love to hear about the activities our children enjoy outside of school, which earn them valuable house points. These included swimming (with a special shout-out to Ada, who swam in a national competition!), cheerleading, football, piano playing, rock climbing, rugby, dance, and lots more.



Well done to York Eagles, who swooped into first place by a very small margin of points! The yellow ribbons are now proudly tied to the house cup, and all children in Eagles can look forward to their term reward of an own clothes day (more details coming soon).

Children also completed their Bronze Strive for Five Award – more information can be [found here](#). Please do keep working on your Bronze Strive for Five, as there's still a chance to go for Gold by the end of the year.

Congratulations and well done to our fantastic Running Club members! They have all worked incredibly hard, shown great resilience, and should be very proud of their well-earned



medals. If you're interested in joining the club, please do get in touch – no running expertise required, just enthusiasm! Running Club takes place after school on Fridays, and we'd love to welcome some new faces.



## Online Safety Reminder

We've recently been made aware of concerns shared on social media about unsuitable videos appearing on platforms such as YouTube and YouTube Kids- an important reminder that even age-rated or "child-friendly" apps are not always fully secure. Please take a few moments to check your child's viewing settings, talk with them about what to do if they see something upsetting and report any inappropriate material directly through the app. Further advice for families is available from the **NSPCC** and **UK Safer Internet Centre** websites.

Diary Dates	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School for spring term.
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cranmer Connect – all welcome! School hall 3:30 -4:30
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cranmer pre-school Bingo night 7pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CAREERS WEEK starts – please get in touch if you can help!
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 SATs week 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
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ks2 summer show pm & eve
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 summer show eve
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day

*Where Love Lives*

**YOUR LOCAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

**SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
10.30AM FOR 11.00AM | ASLOCKTON CHRISTINGLE CAFÉ CHURCH

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER**  
7PM | HAWKSWORTH CAROL SERVICE

**SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER**  
4PM | ORSTON CAROL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER**  
LANTERN PARADE & CAROL SERVICE  
4.30PM | PARADE STARTS IN ASLOCKTON  
5.00PM | SERVICE IN WHATTON

**WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER**  
7PM | WHATTON CAROL SERVICE

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER**  
7PM | THOROTON CAROL SERVICE

**SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER**  
4PM | SCARRINGTON CAROL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER**  
4PM | ASLOCKTON CAROL SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER**  
6.15PM | ORSTON CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
11.30PM | MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION, HAWKSWORTH

**THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER**  
10AM | INFORMAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, ASLOCKTON

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Wishing everyone in our school community a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your support, and we will look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

