



Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather during last week's break – and hopefully there will be more to come!

We have already made a fantastic start to the term, with Year 3 enjoying a Roman re-enactment day at Bestwood and Year 6 visiting London today. Final assessments are now underway and we have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead. Upcoming events include Potted Sports, Sports Day, transition activities for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for secondary school, celebration assemblies, World Music Day and much more.



The stage is now up and rehearsals for our Key Stage 2 production of *Peter Pan* are well underway. From what I have seen and heard so far, it promises to be a spectacular performance that showcases the creativity, confidence and talent of our pupils.

We are also beginning to welcome our new families who will be joining us in September. We currently have a small number of places available in some year groups for a September start. If you know of any families who may be considering a move to our school, please encourage them to contact the school office for further information or to arrange a visit. Staffing arrangements for the new academic year are still being finalised and I will share further details as soon as they are confirmed.

Thanks A huge thank you to parents Will Smith and Tim Fisher who have been absolutely fantastic in helping to transform our Wellbeing Hub. They have given up a considerable amount of their time plastering and painting and the decorating is almost complete.

Our next challenge is making the hub comfortable to use throughout the winter months. Installing a full electrical supply is proving quite costly, so we are exploring alternatives such as rechargeable USB lighting. The room already has plenty of natural light so we now need to think creatively about heating! If you have any ideas, expertise, materials or would like to offer support, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Community support has already made such a difference and we cannot wait to open the hub and see our children benefiting from this wonderful space.

Please Nominate Us

Help us be in with a chance to win £1,000 for our library
Nominate our school using this [form below](#), and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also **win a £100 National Book Token** for yourself **to spend in your favourite bookshop**.

The charity [Read for Good](#)[®] reports that it's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children. But reading for pleasure is in decline. In 2025, just 1 in 3 children and young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoy reading in their free time – a sharp drop over the past two decades.



If you have any outdoor blankets or rugs, we would love to use them to sit on the grass for outdoor reading!



Feeling Proud



- Dan recently competed in the first Performance Pathway Cup national competition. He was selected as one of just two Under-11 players from his regional Performance Pathway group to compete against teams from across England. Dan and his teammate, Kush, played five matches, winning four and losing one. Each match consisted of two singles games and a doubles game. Overall, Dan and Kush finished an impressive second place out of the six regional teams. Well done, Dan!
- Sophie is delighted to have passed her Stage 8 swimming award and continues to go from strength to strength in the pool. Congratulations, Sophie!
- Esther was awarded Rugby Player of the Week for her excellent tackling and determination on the pitch. Well done, Esther!
- Ezra recently swam the full length of the swimming pool and achieved his 5-metre swimming badge. We are so proud of his determination and perseverance. Fantastic achievement, Ezra!
- Sophie has been awarded Star of the Week at rugby training for her hard work and commitment. Well done, Sophie!
- Alex has recently been selected to play for the Nottingham Hoods Under-12 National League team after successfully completing a series of trials. He will now represent the club in National Basketball League fixtures across the Midlands next season. We are incredibly proud of Alex's dedication, hard work and commitment throughout the trial process and look forward to following his progress. As an added inspiration, the children were also visited during the trials by former Nottingham Hoods player Amari Williams, who shared his journey to professional basketball.
- Rainna has completed her first Aquathlon and earned her stage 6 swimming award – well done Rainna!





Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated in today's assembly for amazing achievements.

Chess Club Online – Weekly Sunday Tournament

Children who enjoy chess may be interested in taking part in a weekly online chess tournament run by Chess in Schools and Communities. The tournaments take place every Sunday at 6:00pm through ChessKid and are a great opportunity for children to practise their skills, play against other young chess players and develop their confidence and enjoyment of the game.

To join the tournament, use the following link:

<https://www.chesskid.com/play/fastchess#t=2371423>

Families can also sign up for a free ChessKid account through Chess in Schools and Communities:

<https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/chesskid>

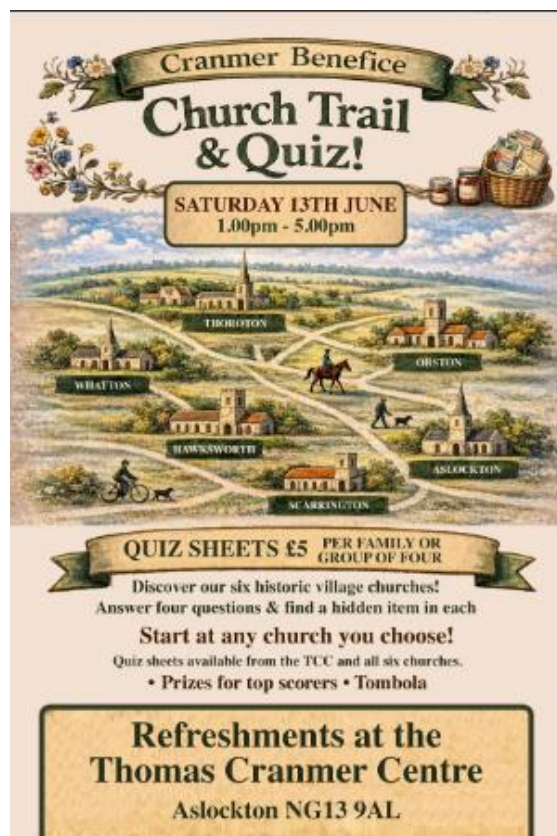
If you have any questions, please contact Chess in Schools and Communities directly. They are happy for parents to get in touch and can provide further information about getting started.

Join the Cranmer Group Church-to-Church Challenge!

Individuals, families, and groups can take part by starting at any of the participating churches. Purchase a quiz sheet at your starting church and take it with you as you visit and explore each church along the route.

Refreshments and a tombola will be available at Aslockton Church.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Fundraiser

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club is hosting its second annual Swimathon on Saturday 20th June at Bingham Arena, following last year's fantastic event which raised over £6,500.

The Swimathon is open to all ages and abilities, with teams working together to swim as many lengths as they can during their allocated time. It's a great community event and a fun way to stay active while raising money for good causes. A proportion of the funds raised can be donated to a charity of your choice — we would love for our school to be one of them. Please scan the QR code on the flyer for more information and to sign up.

