



Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

18th September 2026

It has been another busy and happy week at ABCA, with two occasions that have brought our school community together and reminded us just how many special traditions we have to enjoy.



On Wednesday, we gathered at St Thomas' Church for our New Starters' Welcome Service and officially welcomed our new Foundation children and their families into our school and church community. It was a lovely occasion and our youngest children did us proud.



Thank you to Rev Tim and Claire for leading the service and to our Year 6 children who walked with their Foundation partners, read with confidence and helped bring the story of the lost sheep to life.

We also celebrated our 7th annual ABCA Horticultural Show this week. The show first began during Covid as a way of celebrating all the growing, gardening and outdoor activities that families were enjoying at home. Seven years later it has grown into one of those lovely ABCA traditions that we now look forward to each year.



Once again we had a fantastic array of home-grown produce, flowers, baking and wonderfully creative entries. We also enjoyed guessing the weight of the pumpkin and loved taste-tasting the jams and pickles made by Miss Young (using produce from our school garden).



Thank you to every child and family who entered, joined in or came along to support us and a huge thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes to make the show possible.



Important – Free School Meals (FSM)

Thank you to everyone who has signed up since the start of term. We are asking **ALL** parents to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) if you have not already done so. This applies to children in ALL year groups. **Please apply even if you think you may not qualify.** Once you have accessed the portal and applied, the system will automatically check your eligibility in the future if your circumstances change. *There is entry into a free prize draw for everyone who applies during September 2026!*

Please note that FSM is separate from Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), which children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive.

- You only need to apply once for each child.
- Applying ensures that every child and family receives all the funding and support they are entitled to.
- The application process is confidential. There is no stigma attached to applying, so please don't be embarrassed to do so.
- Please see the attached flyer for further information and details of how to apply.
- Every application helps us make sure that our school receives the funding it is entitled to and that families receive the support available to them.
- Mrs Strutt in the school office will answer any of your questions

<http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

Help us spread the word!

We are very proud of our wonderful school and we know that some of our strongest ambassadors are our families.

We currently have a small number of places available across school in classes 2,3,4 and 5

If you have friends, neighbours or family members who are looking for a school place or perhaps considering a change of school we would love you to tell them about Archbishop Cranmer Academy.

We are always very happy to welcome prospective families for a personal tour so that they can see our school in action, meet our staff and children and find out what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Please help us spread the word by sharing our school with families you know. Sometimes a personal recommendation is all it takes!

If you could share our flier (attached) on social media, that would be appreciated.

Interested families can contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Open mornings

If your child will be starting school in September 2027, we would love to welcome you to Archbishop Cranmer and show you what makes our school such a special place.

Our next Open Morning tour is at 9:30. on **Thursday 1st October**.

We are also holding Stay and Play sessions at 10:45 a.m. on **Wednesday 14th October** and **Thursday 5th November**, followed by an opportunity to look around the school at 11:20 a.m.

If you can't make any of these dates, please contact the school office to arrange a visit at another time. I will be very happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have.



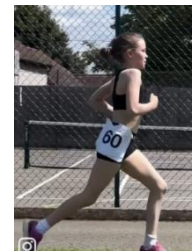
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Lots to celebrate this week! 🎉 Well done to our avid readers who took part in the Read to the Beat summer library challenge and received prizes from Miss Miranda.

📷 Congratulations too to our Horticultural Show photography entrants whose work was judged by professional photographers – look out for their display in school soon!

🐍 Jelly snakes all round for our footballers featured in the end-of-season brochure – (publication = jelly snake at ABCA!) And finally, congratulations to everyone celebrated in today's Active Achievement Assembly. Miss Robinson launched Strive for Five and children have brought their booklets home today – ask them all about it!



More amazing celebrations

Harry climbed (and mostly ran!) to the top of Mount Snowdon via the Pyg Track and earned a well-deserved medal. Noah achieved his Level 4 swimming badge while Penny moved up a swimming stage, started gymnastics, returned to dancing and completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Sami completed his 25th junior parkrun and earned his milestone wristband.

On the sports field, Jake scored a fantastic hat-trick in his team's 9–4 win and was named Player of the Match. Teddy was also named Player of the Match in his first football game of the season while Barney earned U6 Rugby Player of the Week. Aniya and Fifi were in action with Bingham Wildcats where Fifi was awarded Wildcat of the Week for her brilliant team spirit.

Finally, Immy has been busy competing in swimming, triathlon, dressage, show jumping and eventing alongside her dancing and Esther was very proud to be chosen by Brown Owl as a Secondar at Brownies. Well done everyone!



Thank you

🦋 £725 raised already through Easyfundraising!

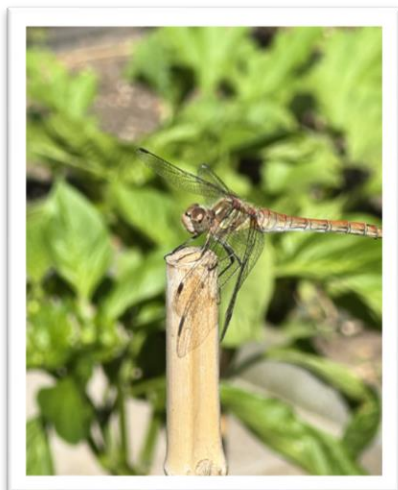
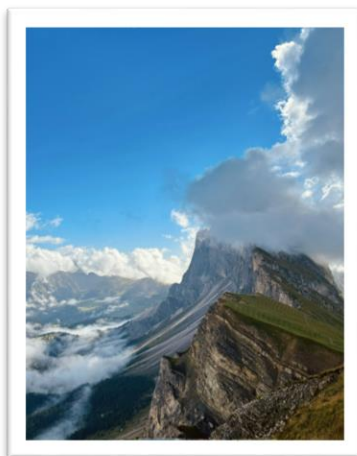
A huge thank you to everyone who supports Archbishop Cranmer through Easyfundraising. So far this year you have helped us raise an amazing £725.55 simply by doing your usual online shopping!

If you haven't signed up yet it is completely free and takes just a couple of minutes. Easyfundraising works with over 8,000 retailers. When you shop online through Easyfundraising the retailer makes a donation to our school at no extra cost to you.

Even better – if you sign up this week we could also be in with a chance of receiving an extra £250 donation!

👉 [Sign up and support Archbishop Cranmer here](#)

Please do sign up if you haven't already and share the link with grandparents, family and friends too. Those small donations from everyday purchases soon add up and every penny helps us provide more for our children. Thank you for your support! ❤️



Horticultural Show Photography Competition

Sophie W - Gower Crab 1st Place
Barney C - Where you can nearly touch the sky 2nd Place
Isabelle C - The Forest within - Glentress Forest 3rd Place

Staff winner Mrs Wright - Dragonfly



Have a lovely weekend