Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

9 October 2026



What a busy week it's been: our children have enjoyed some fantastic additional sporting opportunities with Nottingham Rugby in KS2 and Mini Athletics in KS1, while our NSPCC workshops and MHST parent drop-in provided an important focus on mental health and wellbeing. We've also welcomed our Foundation families into school for Open Classroom and enjoyed Cranmer Connect after-school Church. Another week full of opportunities to support our children's physical and mental wellbeing alongside their learning.

Free School Meals Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our quick Free School Meals eligibility check.
If you haven't yet applied please use the link below. It only takes a few minutes and if your child is eligible they could receive free school meals. It can also bring additional funding into school to help us provide extra support and opportunities for your children.
As a little thank you everyone who completes an application will be entered into our bottle of wine raffle! If you have already applied you'll automatically be included.
The raffle will be drawn in December. 🍷 http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk

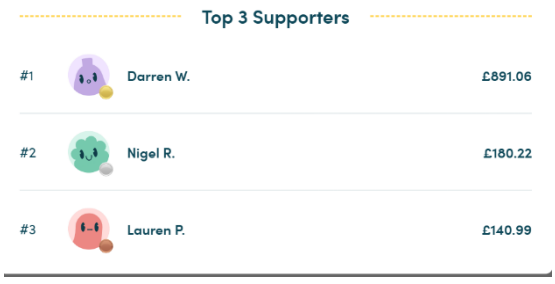
Raising funds

We are taking part in the Xmas4Schools Christmas Project again this year to help raise some funds for the school! Your child will be creating some artwork which you will be able to purchase as Christmas items - please visit www.xmas4schools.co.uk for more information! The artwork sheet will be sent home between now and the 9th October. You'll need to fill out your information on the reverse side and return it to us by the 19th October to take part in the project!

WOW Over £2,000 Raised with easyfundraising

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising and supported our school. Together we have raised over £2,000 so far, which is absolutely fantastic!

We are currently fundraising for new books and folding dining tables with built-in seating for the children to use at lunchtime and for additional class seating. Every penny raised really does make a difference!



A very special shout-out to **Mr Willets**, who is currently topping our easyfundraising leaderboard with an incredible £891.06 raised!
What an amazing achievement! 🙌

We would also like to say a huge thank you to two of our wonderful parents, Nigel R. and Lauren P., who are in second and third place
There is still a way to go to reach our fundraising goals, so please keep using easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It costs you nothing extra but makes a big difference to our school and our children.
Thank you for your continued support!

Secondary School Drop-In

Steve Brown, a member of the Toot Hill Senior Leadership Team, will be visiting school on Tuesday 13 October at 3.15pm. Any parents or carers who have questions about secondary school or would like to follow up after the recent Toot Hill Open Evenings are very welcome to come along for an informal chat.

Proud

What a week for our talented pupils. We love hearing about everything our children achieve outside school.








- ★ Ollie was awarded Man of the match after the game on Saturday. He showed great teamwork and scored 2 goals to help achieve the 8-7 win.
- ★ Fifi was awarded Wildcat of the week on Saturday for her awesome tackling and scoring both goals! Fifi also read her poem, "Letter to Heaven" to over 120 people at her brother's baptism last Sunday.
- ★ Jessica is super proud that she passed stage 5 at swimming this week!
- ★ Millie had her Dance Lobo Award ceremony to receive her 4 certificates, medal and 4 rainbow awards for her Dance Exams she did in the summer. She came away with HIGHLY COMMENDED for all 4 exams.
- ★ Last week, Alex played his first National League Basketball Game for The Nottingham Hoods u12's after making selection over the Summer.



Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated to day in assembly



Diary Dates	
W/C 5th Oct	Parent Consultations
Wed 7th Oct	MHST parent drop in 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Thurs 8th Oct	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 9th Oct	Foundation open classroom 3pm
Tues 13th Oct	Toothill Q&A stand at ABCA
Fri 16th Oct	INSET Day
Fri 23rd Oct	Break Up for half term School disco - save the date !!
Sat 31st Oct	Deadline for Year 6 to apply for secondary school places
Thurs 5th Nov	Stay and Play for Sept 2027 starters 10.45am to 11.45am
Weds 11th Nov	KS2 Remembrance Service led by Y6 pupils. St Thomas' Church 9:15. Parents welcome.
Thurs 12th Nov	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 13th Nov	Pre School Bingo Night – tickets on sale soon!! Save the date!
Mon 23rd Nov	Y5 visit to Sherwood Observatory
Thurs 3rd Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity evening performance (time tbc)
	Y3 visit to York returning on Friday 11th Dec
Thurs 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity afternoon performance (2pm)
Wed 16th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carols at St Thomas' Church 9:15 Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day
Thurs 7th Dec	KS1 Christmas Party
Fri 18th Dec	Games Day. Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th Jan	Return to School for spring term.
Tues 12th Jan	M&M Panto - whole school
Thurs 14th Jan	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Thurs 11th Feb	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 12th Feb	Break up for half term
Wed 24th Feb	Choir at Young Voices Event @ Sheffield
Thurs 4th Mar	World Book Day
Thurs 11th Mar	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 12th Mar	Off By Heart Poetry Finale
Tues 23rd Mar	Easter Service KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade KS2 Easter Egg Competition
Thurs 25th Mar	Break up for Easter
Mon 12th Apr	Return to school for summer term
Wed 5th May	Y5 Residential to Willersley returning on Friday 7th May
Mon 10th May	Y6 **SATs week** starts
Thurs 13th May	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Mon 24th May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 28th May
Fri 28th May	Break up for half term
Mon 7th Jun	INSET Day
Tue 8th Jun	Return to school Class photos
Thurs 10th Jun	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Thurs 17th Jun	Book Fair - runs from 17th June to 22nd June
Fri 2nd Jul	INSET Day
Thurs 8th Jul	Cranmer Connect 3:30 pm in the school hall – everyone welcome!
Fri 23rd Jul	Last day of term