Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

16 October 2026

We have enjoyed another busy week, albeit a shorter one! On Monday, our super Year 6 pupils visited South Notts Academy where they practised their foot and ball skills in a series of activities. They represented the school excellently, showing brilliant attitudes as a team and towards others. Thank you to parents and carers for providing transport to and from the events. Children will receive a certificate for attending the event as well as recognition in our sports assembly. The children will also be entered into the prize draw to win a jelly snake at the end of the term!



Year 4 also showed great confidence as courageous advocates, presenting to the rest of the school about Mercy Ships, their chosen charity, and the important work it does.



We were delighted to welcome prospective parents and children to our Stay and Play session (next one is 5 November) and Years 3 and 4 have been developing their cycling skills through Bikeability.

Tomorrow (Friday) is an INSET day and staff from across our newly amalgamated Aspire and Shine Education Trust will be coming together for a conference. The day will focus on ensuring every child feels known, valued and included, alongside professional development workshops covering teaching, learning, SEND and wellbeing. It will also be a valuable opportunity to build relationships and share good practice across our family of schools.

We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday!



Can you help us?

Please download the Easy Fundraising app and choose our school. For every 10 new supporters up until **1st November,** we get **£50** in our fund – and you don't even need to buy anything!

Then when you use the app to do your normal day-to-day online shopping, we'll get a cashback donation at no extra cost to you.

Get the app here. Thank you!

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

Thanks

Thank you for your generous Harvest donations. We received this message from Newark Women's Refuge

Thank you so much for meeting up with the enormous Harvest festival donation, for the families we support in refuge and outreach.
Would you please convey our sincere thanks to everyone who donated, their kindness is much appreciated, and will help many women and children who have had to leave their homes due to domestic violence, with very few belongings. Your donations mean such a lot and are much appreciated by the families and our charity.
Thank you all so much

Proud

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





★ Esme has achieved her 50m swimming certificate! What a brilliant milestone. Well done, Esme!

★ Congratulations to Torres, who was awarded *Player of the Match* in his very first football match for Aslockton & Orston Football Club! To top it off, he even scored a goal! What an amazing debut!

★ Congratulations to Imogen who has been ranked her as the 7th fastest 9-year-old girl in Nottinghamshire for 50m backstroke and 18th across the whole East Midlands region! She has been selected to compete as part of a team at a National Swimming Gala!

Diary Dates	
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