Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Academy Newsletter

Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

23 October 2026

A note from Mrs Stevens



The weeks seem to have flown by and it is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. What better way to end this term than with a fantastic disco and own clothes day. A huge thank you to FACS for organising this lovely treat for the children and to everyone who helped make the disco such a success. The children had a brilliant time and it was a very well-deserved celebration of all their hard work this half term.
We wish all our families a happy and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of autumn term.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service

After half term, our Year 6 leaders will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies before school and at morning break in the playground. Donations are welcome (suggested 50p–£1) and a small selection of other items such as wristbands and reflectors will also be available.

Our KS2 Remembrance Service will take place at St Thomas' Church on **Wednesday 11th November**, aiming for a 9:15am start. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us as we come together to remember and reflect.

Thank you for supporting our children as they put our school values of 'Take Care, Be Proud' into practice and play their part in this important act of remembrance.

Careers Week – Can You Help Inspire Our Children?

Our Careers Week will take place during the week commencing **Monday 8th February 2027** and we would love as many parents, carers and members of our wider school community as possible to get involved!

This is always a fantastic week for the children, opening their eyes to the huge range of opportunities and possibilities that lie ahead of them. One of the things that makes it so special is hearing directly from people about their jobs, experiences and the different paths they have taken.

We are looking for volunteers who could:

- Talk to children about their job or career – whatever it might be!
- Lead a short workshop or practical demonstration.
- Bring in equipment, share experiences or tell stories about their working lives.

No job or career is too ordinary or too unusual – every experience has something valuable to offer! You could visit one class, several classes or even speak to the whole school. Sessions can be as short or as long as you are able to offer and we are very happy to help with planning.

If you or someone you know could spare a little time during Careers Week, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

Your support makes such a difference in helping our children broaden their horizons, raise their aspirations and imagine all the exciting things they might achieve in the future.

Christmas Cards

The children's amazing Christmas card designs are on their way back to Xmas4schools. Please keep an eye out over half term for a text or email saying the Ordering Portal is open!

Proud

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









- ★ Caspar is proud of achieving his 100 metres swimming certificate and badge.
- ★ Rainna is pleased to have earned an award at her archery competition.
- ★ Finley is very happy to have earned player of the match.
- ★ Congratulations and well done to all the children who were celebrated in Golden Book assembly today!

Our Values

Our ***Christian Value*** this half-term has been **Kindness** and we have seen this reflected in so much the children have been doing. Our children have been noticed time and time again showing kindness to one another and our older children are to be commended for the kindness they have shown to our new Foundation children.

Values are at the heart of our school and guide how we treat each other. This ensures a sense of common purpose and mutual respect within our school community and beyond.
Each half term we focus on one value and help children explore what they represent.
The Six Christian Values link to our Take Care hand:

Kindness (Take Care)
Trust (Integrity)
Courage (Aspire)
Respect (Integrity)
Thankfulness (Be proud)
Responsibility (Work Hard)



All underpinned by our core value of Love

Recognising Christian Values

Nominate a child for an award: Integrity Award Christian Value Award

This year, children are also collecting stars in their jars when their class is recognised for living out our Christian values — kindness, courage, trust, thankfulness, respect and responsibility. Classes will enjoy a special treat when they collect 20 stars. We also celebrate individuals who show these values in school and beyond.
Next half term our focus value is Trust.

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!

Keeping children safe

Worried about a child? *No concern is too small. We are here to listen and help.*

How to contact us

Call school on 01949 850627 and ask to speak to a DSL.

Or email office@archbishopcranmer.notts.sch.uk with the subject line "FAO DSL".

You do not need to include details of your concern in the email. *Simply ask for a DSL to contact you. Mrs Stevens, Mrs Hodgson or Miss Robinson will get back to you as soon as possible*.

Safeguarding contacts during school holidays and outside school hours

Nottinghamshire MASH (public safeguarding concerns)	0300 500 80 80
Out of hours (after 5pm and weekends)	0300 456 4546

Additional support and advice

Kooth – free online mental health support: kooth.com

Notts Alone – local mental health support: nottalone.org.uk

Childline: 0800 1111 · childline.org.uk

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 · nspcc.org.uk

YoungMinds – advice for parents: youngminds.org.uk/parent

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















What a fantastic way to end the term! A huge thank you to our wonderful FACS mums for organising such a brilliant disco. We had an absolute blast!

Diary Dates	
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 ParadeKS2 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!





