



Cranborne

Church of England
First School and Nursery

Love, Learn, Fly

Do Everything in Love 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for joining us at Cranborne Church for our Harvest Service last week. Our Year 4 children led the readings and prayers so beautifully and it was wonderful to officially welcome our new Fledglings and Wrenbirds to our school family. All your generous donations were transported to the Ringwood Food Bank to support the work of the Trussell Trust. We hope that that these gifts will bless the families that receive them. Thank you for your generosity.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our first parent-teacher consultation meetings next Wednesday. Do sign up through Arbor for an appointment with your child's teacher if you haven't already. Your children's books will be available for you to see also so arrive a little earlier if you can.

Cranberries Baby & Toddler Group – Friday Mornings

Cranborne Village hall – for more information please contact Anna at anna@cranbornevillagehall.org.uk or 07748522218.

Harvest Festival

Ringwood Foodbank would like to thank Cranborne First School and Nursery for the very generous donation of food from your harvest collection.

32.9 kg of food was collected

This will feed...**3 people...3 meals a day...for 3 days**

Arbor Meals - Ordering after October Half Term

The new Winter Menu from CleverChefs will be available to order through your Arbor account from Monday 13th October, please remember to order your child's meals for after half term. Many thanks.



Starting School in September 2026 School Tour Dates

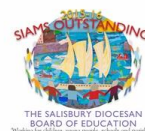
We have appointments available for school tours during October, November and December. Please contact Mrs Kellaway in the school office to book an appointment for children starting school at 4+ in September 2026. We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful school!

Fraser Portraits

The deadline to order photographs online is today!



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East Dorset and Poole Play Leaders Academy - Monday 13th October

Miss Hudson will be accompanying our Year 4 sports leaders on Monday when they attend the East Dorset and Poole Play Leaders Academy at the Ferndown Leisure Centre. The children will learn how to be ambassadors for physical activity and how to promote good health and positive sportsmanship. The children will learn how to play and lead games that can then be shared with our youngest children in play times back at school. We hope they have a brilliant day and look forward to hearing all about it!

Music Club with Cathy Murray 'Dreaming of a White Christmas'

Mondays 10th, 17th, 24th November, 1st, 8th, 15th December 8-8.40 am in Kingfisher classroom. Our popular music club with Cathy returns after half term! This is open to children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. Please return responses to Mrs Kellaway in the school office by Thursday 23rd October. Cathy will contact you directly over half term to confirm spaces and payment.

STEPS Road Safety Day

We are delighted to be welcoming back Karen and Amanda from Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council on **Thursday 13th November** to deliver STEPS (Safe Training Education Programme) with each year group. The day will also involve roadside training in small supervised groups for the children in Year 1 and Year 4. These year groups will have received a separate letter this week with more information and a consent form for parents to sign and return. Nursery, Year R, Year 2 and Year 3 will take part in a range of activities in school including talks, road safety role play activities and games. Thank you to our wonderful PFA for funding this important learning for the children. We are in need of volunteers to support with the Year 1 and Year 4 roadside sessions in the village on the day. Please could you let Mrs Kellaway know if you can help. Thank you!

Children in Need

We are delighted to be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 14th November**. The children are invited to wear spotty, dotty and Pudsey Bear inspired clothing to school for a donation either online or by bringing a cash donation to school. Robin class will still enjoy their P.E. lesson with Mr Williams in the afternoon so sensible footwear please.

Learning Conversations

Fledglings & Wrens

Over the last two weeks we have been learning all about Harvest and we were so proud of our little Wren and Fledgling crew as they participated in the Harvest festival at Church. It was a lovely experience to welcome the children officially into our school family and we were particularly impressed with how brave they were when they walked up to the front to receive their Bible story or Autumn decoration – what little stars! It felt like such a special moment to have Cranes holding the hands of a Wren or Fledgling. I felt so proud of all of them, Big Birds and Little Birds. We really do have the most gorgeous children in our midst, thank you so much for sharing them with us.

We have been learning about how to cut food safely this week too, cutting some fruit from our class fruit bowl. We have been looking at the vital steps you need to get right, such as washing your hands, using an apron, getting the right equipment (such as a chopping board) and using a

'claw' grip. The claw grip was a particular fave and was accompanied by many a growl as we chopped! I wonder if these little bears can show you theirs?! The claw grip that is – not the growl!

In Maths this week we have been learning about Matching, both the Fledglings and Wrenbirds alike have been searching for items that are a match. The Fledglings matching by one criteria, the Wrens matching by many. Looking at bears, buttons, socks and many more autumnal items too. We are going to be learning a lot more about the changing of the season into Autumn next week. I wonder if over the weekend your little Fledgling or Wren can be a nature detective and have a look around your local area for acorns, helicopters, conkers or leaves of many colours to bring in to show us? Any Autumn artefact would be lovely, although maybe no Hedgehogs in bookbags if poss, as much as I know the birds would love to see one snuffling around the Imagination Station (and so would me and Mrs Maple!) it may be one little creature too many in the Early Years Unit!

Miss Hudson

Robins

What an amazing time Robin class had at Castle Hill Woods! We walked through the woodland and found lots different trees, some birds and lots of different types of mushrooms. The children were able to identify the physical features which they have been learning about in Geography. They were also on the hunt for The Gruffalo and found some places where they thought the owl, fox and snake might live (all characters from The Gruffalo story).

In art, the children have been looking at repeating patterns created by William Morris, who was inspired by nature. They have created their own patterns using a colour palette to add tone and shade different flowers.

I hope the children have been enjoying sharing their love of reading books at home which we changed every week. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

Mrs Phillips



Cranes

History

What did men and women discover in the Bronze Age? Can they describe what smelting is? Who was the Amesbury Archer?

Phonics/Spelling

In our spelling lessons, we've been recapping the 'ay' sound spelt 'eigh'.

Can your child practise and remember how to spell these words?

eight, eighth, eighty, weight, neighbour, vein, veil, beige, sleigh & freight

Maths

Year 3s have been learning to count in 50s. Can your child count from 50 to 1000?

What about backwards?

Year 4 challenge: Count forwards and backwards in 50s to 1000. How many 50s are there in 1000?

Times tables

Please continue to practise times tables! year 3 are learning their doubles, year 4 recapping their 2s, 5s 3s and square number times tables e.g. $7 \times 7 = 49$, $8 \times 8 = 64$

Science

When a car drives along a road, what force is acting between the tyres and the road? (friction)

Will a rolled marble move further along a smooth surface or a rough surface? (such as sand)

Art

We've been continuing to make marks to create tonal drawings. Thank you to the children who have already completed a sketch!

Can your child draw a 3 D object at home, such as a vegetable, piece of fruit or a bottle?

Can they add shade on the object and the shadow that it casts?

Mrs Lawford

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Claire Cleeve to our team this week. Mrs Cleeve will be teaching Robin class on a Thursday morning and Wrens and Fledglings on a Thursday afternoon each week to release Mrs Phillips and Miss Hudson for leadership and PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time. We still have a vacancy for a childcare assistant to support in after school club between 3-4 pm each day with Miss Owen. Please follow the link if this may be of interest to you.

[Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust - Vacancies](#)

With kind regards,

Mrs Faithfull

Cranborne CE First School & Nursery – Autumn 2025

Monday 13 th October		Year 4 Sports Leaders attending The East Dorset Play Leaders' Academy in Ferndown
Wednesday 15 th October	3.20 - 6 pm	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings in the hall
Thursday 16 th October		House of Opportunity Assembly – Christmas Box Appeal with Rich Parsons
Wednesday 22 nd October		Year 4 attending iSingPOP event at Salisbury Cathedral
Wednesday 22 nd October	3.20 – 6 pm	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings in the hall
Sunday 26 th October	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the school hall
27th October – 31st October		Half Term
Monday 3 rd November		Children return after half term
Monday 10 th November	8 am	(Early Morning!) Music Club for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 with Cathy Murray (6-week block).
Thursday 13 th November		STEPS Road Safety Day
Friday 14 th November		Children in Need Fundraising Day – children invited to wear dotty, spotty, Pudsey-inspired clothing for a donation
Sunday 23 rd November	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the School Hall
Monday 24 th November		Priory Hub Football Tournament at St James' First School
Tuesday 9 th December	12.30-1 pm	Crane class invited to sing at the 'Cranborne Luncheon Club' at the Cranborne Garden Centre
Thursday 11 th December	2 pm	Fledgling, Wren and Robin Nativity in the school hall
Friday 12 th December	2 pm	Fledgling, Wren and Robin Nativity in the school hall
Wednesday 17 th December	6 pm	Crane Carol Service at Cranborne Church
Friday 19 th December		Last Day of Term Children invited to wear Christmas party clothes

	Image Music Theatre performance of Dr Dolittle Christmas Lunch
22nd December – 2nd January	Christmas Holiday
Sunday 28 th December 9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the School Hall
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return