



## 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,

What a special few weeks of Christmas celebrations we have enjoyed! Our youngest children in Fledgling, Wren and Robin classes were amazing in their recent nativities and Crane class entertained the local community with Christmas songs at the Cranborne Garden Centre and also led the most beautiful Carol Service on Wednesday evening in Cranborne church.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their class discos on Tuesday and this morning the children were treated to a wonderful production of 'Dr Doolittle' from Image Musical Theatre. The children were fully involved and engaged in this very interactive performance! Thank you to our PFA for funding this treat for the children which is always a highlight of our last day of term.

Our kitchen team excelled themselves today, producing a delicious Christmas lunch for children and staff (as well as providing lunch for the three local schools in our hub!).

We are always aware of the privilege it is to work with your children and even more so at this special time of year. Your children have been amazing and we couldn't be prouder of them!



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### **Starting School at 4+ in September 2026**

The application period for children starting school at 4+ is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for first round place allocations. Parents should apply online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/starting-school-for-the-first-time>. If you live outside Dorset you should apply to the local authority for where you live.

### **Ordering Meals After Christmas**

Please remember to order your child's meals through Arbor for January 2026.

### **The School Office**

The School Office will reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January ahead of the children's return on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> should you have any queries.

### **After School Club Booking Time Change**

Please be aware that the booking time for After School Club has been extended. You can now book your place up until 12:00 pm on the same day through your Arbor account. We hope this change makes it easier for you to plan your schedule. Please note that the cut-off time for Early Morning Club remains unchanged at 7 am.

### **Christmas Holiday Football Club – 23Coaching**

Matt Williams will be hosting a Christmas Football Club at Fordingbride Junior School on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 9 am – 3 pm for children aged 5-11 years. The cost will be £25 per child and will include festive games and fun football sessions with qualified coaches.

Please contact Matt Williams to secure your child's place - Telephone: 07487 737297

Email: [holidayclub23coaching@yahoo.com](mailto:holidayclub23coaching@yahoo.com)

We are so grateful to be able to worship in Cranborne Church at key points with the children during the school year and always receive the warmest of welcomes. Reverend Angus has included information below about how you may want to support the church and also included some information around a charity that may be of interest.

### **How is this church paid for?**

Our Rector and church are paid for only by donations on Sundays and by kind gifts from local people. We are a not-for-profit charity and are committed to servicing the community and schools here. If you are able, it would help us to continue our ministry if you could donate by cash or card by the front door of the church.

### **Do you need financial assistance?**

The Boveridge Charity is able to provide discretionary and confidential financial aid. Please see the Rector: Reverend Angus Mayhew or write to the charity's Steward: Catherine at:

[ceh75@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ceh75@hotmail.co.uk)

God bless, *Reverend Angus Mayhew*

Thank you for supporting our PFA Christmas raffle, Mrs Kellaway has contacted all the winners so if you were unable to collect your prize today, we will keep it safe until we return in January.

Thank you to our committed and hard-working staff and governing team and thank you to our parents and extended family for your continued support this year. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026! Although, we aren't quite finished yet, Breakfast Church will be hosted in our school hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, so we may see you there!

With kind regards,  
*Mrs Faithfull*

<b>Cranborne CE First School &amp; Nursery – Autumn Term 2025</b>		
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the school hall
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January		INSET Day – school closed for the children
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		Children return to school