



## 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,

One of our favourite points in the week is Celebration worship when we celebrate all the good news of the week; children who have been awarded 'learner' certificates for great effort and progress in their learning, 'value' awards for children who have demonstrated one of our Christian values, children named in our 'Special Mention' book and children and staff recognised by our Worship Council for being great role models. We also love to celebrate out of school activities and achievements so if your child has something to share, we would love to recognise that during our worship time on Friday too!

Next week we look forward to 'Get, Set, Cycle' and Bikeability Level 1 training with Lucy and our 'Sing it Loud' event for Crane class at the Verwood Hub. We are also preparing for our Easter Service on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Cranborne Church. The children's singing is sounding beautiful! We hope you can join us on the day!

### **Duck Race – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

This year our Duck Race is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11 am - 4 pm, if you are able to help with running a stall on the day, please contact the PFA team on [cranbornefirstduckrace@gmail.com](mailto:cranbornefirstduckrace@gmail.com) and don't forget to buy your duck race tickets in advance!

*Cranborne Parents and Friends Association*

### **Priory Hub Netball Tournament – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

We are delighted that a number of our Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in a Netball Tournament on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity First School. If your child is attending you will have received an individual letter. The aim of the event is to encourage our children to enjoy sport, work together as a team and represent their school. Please complete the parent consent form on Arbor by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026



### **INSET Day**

A reminder that Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April is a Trust INSET day so the school will be closed to children. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the Easter holiday on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April ready for the start of the summer term.

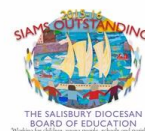
### **Red Nose Day**

The children are invited to wear red nose day accessories alongside their school uniform on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for a donation. Please visit our Just Giving page

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/cranborne-first-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/cranborne-first-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)



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### **23 Coaching – Easter Sports Club**

Mr Williams at 23 Coaching and Mr Kearley at Fordingbridge Junior School, are running a multi sports club and a football camp at Fordingbridge Junior School during the Easter holiday. Medals and trophies to be won daily.

#### **3 DAY Multi Sports club**

#### **2 DAY Football camp**

Please email the dates you would like to book: [holidayclub23coaching@yahoo.com](mailto:holidayclub23coaching@yahoo.com)

Any queries or questions please contact 07487737297

Link to book <https://23-coaching.classforkids.io>

£25 per day per child 9:00 - 3:00

£12.50 am 9:00 – 12:00

£12.50 pm 12:00 – 3:00

Multi Sports 1st week, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

Football Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> week Thursday and Friday

### **Learning Conversations**

#### **Fledgling & Wren**

What a fantastic World Book Day we have all had together last week! We read lots of different types of books as a group and in pairs, we wrote about our favourite books, experimented with lots of new words that we have found in books (such as buoyant!) and turned our classroom in a frenzy of story book settings. We have drawn much loved characters, created mystical worlds in the nature tray and have looked at an interesting experiment from a Science book that we are looking forward to carrying out next week!

Story time is always a favourite time of ours; where the room gets quiet and we lose ourselves to new adventures and far off lands, but last week it was lovely to hear of Wrenbird and Fledgling family favourites and to see Wrens inspired to independently try some new book topics too. Plus... the children all looked so very cute in their World Book Day outfits!

This week we have been getting to grips with 4 letter words, some of them being quite tricky! The words we have been looking at are called CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). We have been making sure to include every sound, ensuring words like loft don't become 'lot', pond 'pod' and gift ... well that one we worked hard on after a very interesting phonic lesson! Any help at home on 4 letter words would be most appreciated : )

*Miss Hudson and Rufus*



## Robin

What a busy couple of weeks in Robin class! The children have been enjoying their guided reading joining in the echo reading of 'The Smeds and The Smoos'.

In English they have been listening to the non-fiction book 'Lots: The diversity of Life on Earth,' and we have been discussing the importance of protecting our endangered animals before planning their report writing. In history, the children have started to learn about Christopher Columbus and his discoveries.

This week the focus has been on completing independent booklets in spelling, grammar, reading and maths. The children should be very proud of their individual efforts. Well done Robin class! We have continued to give a sticker (on their book marks) for the children who have read with an adult three times a week. Some of the children have already been awarded with a new book for this achievement. Well done! Thank you for your support at home with daily reading.

*Mrs Phillips*

## Crane

It has been a busy and exciting fortnight in Crane class, with lots of rich learning across the curriculum!

### Art – Colour Mixing and Texture

We have been developing our painting skills by exploring how artists manipulate colour. The children learned that:

A *hue* + *black* creates a **shade**

A *hue* + *white* creates a **tint**

They experimented carefully to control tone and depth in their landscape work. We also explored painting techniques to create texture, including:

**Wet on dry** for sharper detail

**Stippling** (dabbing with the brush) to build textured effects such as foliage or rough ground

The children showed great patience and creativity when layering their paint to achieve different visual effects.

You might like to ask your child:

What is the difference between a tint and a shade?

How does stippling change the texture of a painting?

Why might an artist use wet on dry in a landscape?

### Maths – Efficient Multiplication

In maths, we have focused on using known facts to multiply efficiently. For example:

$$24 \times 10 = 240$$

Since multiplying by 5 is half of multiplying by 10:

$$24 \times 5 = 120$$

The children are learning to think flexibly and use number relationships to solve calculations mentally rather than relying only on written methods.

You can ask your child:

How can multiplying by 10 help you multiply by 5?

Can you use what you know about  $\times 10$  to work out  $66 \times 5$ ?

### Geography – Earthquakes

We investigated how scientists measure the strength of earthquakes using the **Richter scale**. The children were fascinated to learn that **New Zealand experiences many earthquakes** because it lies on the boundary of major tectonic plates. We explored how plate movement causes seismic activity.

You can ask your child: What are earthquakes? How do they happen?

### English – Causal Conjunctions

In English, we have been learning about **causal conjunctions** — words and phrases that link cause and effect.

For example:

"I got locked out in the rain and consequently my jacket is wet."

The children practised identifying and writing sentences that clearly show how one event leads to another. It might be fun to try a game with an event and because/therefore and consequently for your child to finish!

*Mrs Lawford*

And there ends another week - with only two more until the Easter break. We wish you all a lovely weekend and of course an extra special day for all our mums on Sunday!

With kind regards,

*Mrs Faithfull*

| <b>Cranborne CE First School &amp; Nursery – Spring Term 2026</b> |         |   |
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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | 9-11 am | Get, Set, Cycle session with Lucy Bemand on school playground (booking required)  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | 3-4 pm  | Dodgeball 6 of 7 with Matt Williams   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                                    | 1-3 pm  | Bikeability Level 1 for Year 4 on school playground with Lucy Bemand (booking required)   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                     |         | Crane 'Sing it Loud' event at Verwood Hub. One adult per child invited to the final performance in the afternoon, please return reply slip. |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                     |         | The children are welcome to wear 'red nose day' accessories to school with their school uniform today for a donation.                       |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                                     | 9-10 am | Breakfast Church in the school hall   |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                                     |         | DSAT Easter Service (online for schools in Trust)   |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                                     | 3-4 pm  | Dodgeball 7 of 7 with Matt Williams   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                                    |         | Priory Hub Netball Tournament at Trinity First School (children selected from Crane class)  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | 8.45 am | Easter Service at Cranborne Church  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April     |         | Easter Holiday  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April                                     |         | DSAT Trust INSET Day – school closed to children  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April                                    |         | Children return for the start of the summer term  |