



## 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,

There has been much to celebrate over the last few weeks which has included raising money for Comic Relief, our involvement in the 'Sing it Loud' event at the Verwood Hub, taking part in Get Set Cycle and Bikeability training, winning the Priory Hub Netball Tournament (Well done Crane class!) and enjoying the best Easter surprise this week when Mrs Munday brought her beautiful baby chicks to visit!

It was wonderful to end our term together in Cranborne church this morning for our Easter Service. We are very grateful to Reverend Angus and our pianist, John Radford for their involvement in such a special time together. A huge well done to our Crane children for their wonderful readings and well done to all the children for filling the church with such enthusiastic singing!

We are very proud of your children. It has been a short half term but they have worked incredibly hard and are making great progress in their learning. Thank you for your continued support and a big thank you to our staff and governor team also who continue to keep your children at the very centre of all that we do.

Please read on for more school information and check the summer term diary dates at the conclusion!



Thank you for supporting Comic Relief last Friday, the children looked amazing in their red nose day accessories! If you would still like to contribute, please visit our Just Giving page. So far, we have raised £89. Thank you!  
[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)



Well done to our brilliant cyclists who took part in Get Set Cycle and Level 1 Bikeability with Lucy this half term!



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### **Ordering School Lunches for April**

The new Summer Menu from Cleverchefs will be available to order through your Arbor account on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The deadline for the first week back is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If the cut-off date is missed, please ensure your child has a lunch box for the first week back.

### **Parenting Together in a Digital World**

Join us for an online information event designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting their child in today's digital world. This online event offers practical insights and open, non-judgemental conversations about how smartphones and digital technology can influence children's wellbeing. Professionals will share insights on supporting safe and balanced tech use and there will be the chance to ask your own questions. This event is delivered in partnership with Smartphone Free Childhood.

Speakers include:

**Dr Helen Thomas**, Hampshire GP

**James Law**, Primary Headteacher

**Leanne Symmonds**, Secondary Headteacher

**David Sidwick**, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

Sign up by visiting: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/parent-together-event](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/parent-together-event)

### **Creative Club – April & June bookings**

We are thrilled to announce that due to the overwhelming interest in our new after school club, Creative Club, we are releasing some earlier dates (to accommodate all that were interested so far). We can't wait for your child to join us for some fun and creativity with our outside provider, EduCamps.

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friendship Bracelets
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Rock Painting
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Slime Making
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Badge Making
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Making Play Dough
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Balloon Animals

To secure your child's place, please log in to your Arbor account and make a non-refundable payment of £36 for 6 sessions. If for any reason your child is unable to attend these dates, don't worry! We will also be running **Creative Club in June** as previously mentioned. Booking for June is also open on Arbor.

### **23Coaching – Tennis Club**

Mr Williams will be running an after-school Tennis Club at our school on the following dates:

Mondays 20<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup>, April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to improve their tennis skills and have fun with friends.

To sign your child up for the club, please use the following link: <https://23-coaching.classforkids.io/info/10>

## **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

## **Cranborne Fete Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

The fete is back in the wonderful Cranborne Manor Gardens, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Cranborne, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2-4 pm. The fete offers an afternoon of fun for all the family, as well as being an important fund raiser for our village church. If you can offer any help with setting up, clearing away, donating a raffle prize or running a stall or game, please get in touch with Anna at [annamcelwaine@aol.com](mailto:annamcelwaine@aol.com).

We are delighted that our Crane children have been asked to provide a maypole dancing performance at this event. We will be prioritising our year 4 children to take part but if there is not enough interest, we would love year 3 to join too! Your child will have received a letter this week, please respond by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April so that we can finalise the team. Thank you!

## **Learning Conversations**

### **Fledgling & Wren**

We have been learning all about Easter and Spring in the Wren and Fledgling unit over the last couple of weeks. We have learnt about the special parts of the Easter story and in particular focused on the beautiful resurrection garden. We have talked about what features we would add to such a special place and what plants and flowers we would put there. The children then created their own special designs in the nature tray, capturing their own representations of a space of calm and thoughtfulness.

We have also been thinking about our own secret garden and have been searching for seasonal changes and celebrating those signs of spring! On your way out and about over the Easter holidays I wonder if your Wrenbird or Fledgling can point out any signs of spring to you?

The Wrens have also been learning to automatically recall number bonds to ten, if you say 8 can they straight away respond with "2!" and the same for the others? (7 and 3, 5 and 5, 10 and 0 and so on). Can you have a practise in the car during the holidays or at unexpected moments for a challenge– they are becoming rather good! The Fledglings have been learning to subitise to 3, can they show you that they can see an amount of objects and say how many there are without even counting? Wowzers Fledglings that's grown up!

Thank you for a lovely term everybody. Wishing you all, and our crew, a wonderful Easter.

*Miss Hudson and Rufus*

### **Robin**

Well done Robins! What a super effort from everyone this term!

The children have completed their non-chronological reports on endangered animals and learned about the importance of spring in science. They have independently labelled a plant and identified different signs of springtime comparing it to autumn and winter. What a special treat seeing and holding the new born chicks this week, thank you Mrs Munday! A wonderful start to our final science lesson.

In D&T the children thoroughly enjoyed making a veggie dip and dippers, practising their cutting skills and arranging it carefully on a plate.

In maths the children have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables finding groups of and sharing into equal groups.

I do hope that all the children have a well-deserved rest with their families and come back to school refreshed ready for the summer term. Please continue to read at least 3 times a week with your child. Many of the children have already been awarded with a new book for this achievement. Well done!

*Mrs Phillips*

### **Crane**

What an exciting end to the term! A major highlight for Crane Class was the Priory Hub Netball Tournament held at Trinity in Verwood on Tuesday, where our team played with exceptional confidence and determination. We are thrilled to share that we won the tournament! The children impressed us with their accurate passing, game awareness, outstanding goal-scoring and respectful sportsmanship. At the end of every match, they shook hands with players from the other schools, showing maturity and kindness throughout. They represented our school beautifully—well done, team!

Maths – Length, Measurement and Perimeter

In maths, we have been exploring length and measurement, learning how to measure accurately using standard units. The children have also learned how to calculate the perimeter, which is the total distance around a shape. We have also been developing our understanding of polygons:

A polygon is a 2D shape with straight sides.

A regular polygon has sides that are all the same length.

An irregular polygon has sides of different lengths.

You might like to ask your child:

*What is a polygon? Can you spot any at home?*

*How do you work out the perimeter of a shape?*

#### R.E. Understanding Salvation

In R.E., we have been exploring the theme of Salvation, looking at what it means in both Christian and Hindu traditions. One important Christian story we studied was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. Jesus chose to do this to show that true love is rooted in kindness, humility, and service to others. The message for us today is to help people whenever we can, treat everyone with respect, and show kindness—especially in small, everyday actions, putting others first.

#### Guided Reading –How to Train Your Dragon

Our Guided Reading book this term has been the hugely enjoyable *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. The children have loved exploring its themes of bravery, friendship, and what it means to grow into a leader.

To keep the excitement going at home, you can ask:

*Can you tell me the story so far in your own words?*

*Who are the main characters? What do you think of them?*

*What qualities make a good Viking? Is Hiccup a typical member of the Hairy Hooligan tribe?*

*Wishing all of you the most wonderful Easter, a time to recharge and spend time as a family*

*Mrs Lawford*

We have included dates for the summer term below and will continue adding to these after the Easter holiday so that you know what is ahead! We wish you all a wonderful break with your families and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April!

Kindest regards,

*Mrs Faithfull*

## Cranborne CE First School & Nursery – Summer Term 2026

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
We are looking forward to taking the children on a bluebell walk early in the summer term – we'll confirm the day nearer the time.	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Robin class to wear PE kit today
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7-8.30 pm Parenting Together in a Digital World – online presentation – Dorset Council in partnership with Smartphone Free Childhood
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	3-4 pm Creative Club 1 of 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Saltmine Theatre Company performing 'Rhyming Bible: Halos, Heroes and the Tree of Life for the whole school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Crane class to wear P.E. kit today
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Residential at Hooke Court
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	3-4 pm Tennis Club with Coach Williams 1 of 4
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential at Hooke Court
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	3-4 pm Creative Club 2 of 6
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	11 am-4 pm Cranborne Duck Race
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9-10 am Breakfast Church
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3-4 pm Tennis Club with Coach Williams 2 of 4
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	3-4 pm Creative Club 3 of 6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Priory Hub Rounders Tournament at Cranborne Middle School (a group of children from Crane class will be invited)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Crane Class to wear PE kit today
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	3-4 pm Creative Club 4 of 6

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	3-4 pm	Tennis Club with Coach Williams 3 of 4
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Fraser Portraits – class photographs and individual Year 4 photographs
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	3-4 pm	Tennis Club with Coach Williams 4 of 4
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	3-4 pm	Creative Club 6 of 6
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2-4 pm	Cranborne Fete at The Cranborne Manor Children in Crane class will be invited to perform maypole dancing at the event.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9-10 am	Breakfast Church
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May		Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		Children return to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Timestable Check Week
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 1 of 6
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 2 of 6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Life Education Visit
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 3 of 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Priory Hub Athletics Tournament at Wimborne St Giles' First School (a group of children from Crane class will be invited)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 4 of 6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Transfer Day (children move to their new class and year 4 move to their middle school for the day)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9-10 am	Breakfast Church
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 5 of 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9-10.30 am	Sports Day at Cranborne Sports Club
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Waterwise Lesson for Crane class

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Children's Annual Reports sent home
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Parent-Teacher Consultations from 3.30 pm if needed following annual reports
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Class Discos with Liam from Outalimits
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	8.45 am	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Cranborne Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Last day of term. Finish at usual time of 3 pm.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August		Summer Holiday
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9-10 am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9-10 am	Breakfast Church
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September		INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September		INSET day – school closed to children
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September		Autumn Term begins