



## 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,

We are very proud of our team of maypole dancers who have been practising their routines for our performance tomorrow at the Cranborne Church Fete. Miss Hudson and I will meet the children at 1.45 pm on the lawn at the beautiful Cranborne Manor Gardens ready for their performance at 2 pm. We are already thoroughly impressed at the children's focus, determination and great team work! We are sure they will bring lots of joy to this event. It's a busy weekend with Breakfast Church too! This will be held in our school hall on Sunday from 9 am. Reverend Angus Mayhew will be leading an interactive talk for Pentecost Sunday and children from Wimborne St Giles' First School will be joining us also as we have been practising some beautiful worship songs in our schools that we will sing together, Do join us if you are able to!

### Cricket/Rounders After School Club

Coach Matt will be running an after-school Cricket/Rounders Club for children in Reception to Year 4 on the dates listed below:

Monday's 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July.

If you would like your child to take part, please use the sign-up link provided: <https://23-coaching.classforkids.io/>

### Fraser Portraits

Your child will have brought home their proofs from our photographer visit. Please could you place your orders directly with Fraser portraits by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Many thanks,

### Arbor Meals – Ordering after May Half Term

The Summer Menu from CleverChefs is available to order through your Arbor account, please remember to order your child's meals for after half term as we will be unable to add any meals on. Many thanks.



### INSET Days 2026-2027

We have now set our five INSET days for the next academic year. A copy of our term dates is also available on our school website.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

### Sunhats and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a filled water bottle in school each day and as the weather is warming up a named sun hat too. Many thanks.



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## Amazon Wishlist

We are pleased to let you know that we have created Amazon Wish Lists for classes and wraparound care, as on occasion parents and members of our community wish to donate items to school. These lists contain items that teachers have carefully selected to support learning and enhance the classroom environment.

If you are in a position to support the school in this way, please take a look at the links below. If you see something you would like to purchase, simply order it as you would any other Amazon item. All purchases will be delivered directly to the school and marked for the attention of the relevant staff member.

Fledgling & Wren Class - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33USU7LRLSC68?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33USU7LRLSC68?ref_=wl_share)

Robin Class - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MG0GN23EXIZV?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MG0GN23EXIZV?ref_=wl_share)

Crane Class – [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/U9SEJM9UJ7A2?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/U9SEJM9UJ7A2?ref_=wl_share)

Early Morning Club and After School Club -

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27TJAI3DSD48W?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/27TJAI3DSD48W?ref_=wl_share)

As we are now on half term, we would like to kindly remind you that if you wish to order anything from our Amazon Wishlist, please arrange for delivery from **Monday 1st June** onwards. Thank you so much for your support — it is greatly appreciated!

## Learning Conversations

### Fledgling & Wren

Over the last couple of weeks across the unit we have been learning about the King! We have learnt some special things about him – such as he has chickens, he can fly a jet and he has a special little tradition when planting trees. Being a King it is always a big part of the job to plant a tree, and as our King finishes planting each one he always gives one of the branches a little shake. As if to shake it by the hand and say how do you do?! We loved that fact and have been very keen to do our own how do you do's all week!

In Maths we have continued on with our learning around adding and taking away, developing our skills to not only answer these number sentences (sums to you and me!) but also how to write our answers. Learning that the number goes after the equals sign. As part of this learning we have also been trying to ensure our numbers are the right way around and go in the right direction. Very grown up indeed!

If any Wren and Fledgling parents/guardians/friends/neighbours/willing participants/unwilling family members have anything that we could add to our little secret garden (and the classroom) by way of anything wooden/metal/made of natural materials, i.e. do you have any old wooden or metal spoons of varying sizes we could use in the water/sand/mud kitchen areas. Does anyone have a metal bucket they are not using anymore we could use for outside equipment? Or a

basket (of any size) they no longer need. Does anyone have something like old school metal jelly moulds we could use in the sand?! You see we have this sustainability project going on in our little unit and we are trying to rid our secret garden of as much plastic as possible. Sadly a bit of plastic is inevitable probably (ah the weather) and sometimes there just isn't an alternative but we (little ones too!) are really having a jolly good go. So anyone out there with anything wooden or metal they may be about to take to the charity shop please may we trouble you for it instead? Toys, children's gardening equipment, any ideas or out of the box thinking such as a metal colander for the sand/a hat, any kitchen equipment for the mud kitchen all most welcome and VERY appreciated.

And on a non-sustainable front (and a long shot) - a possible toniebox/old tonie stories no longer listened to. We have the little cd player that is very cool (roll on the noughties) but I am told by my fellow colleagues (age 3 to 5) that if it doesn't have a creature to go on the top then it just ain't cutting it. Even just an old tonie story no longer listened to would be very kind, and I will figure something out. Like holding it and reciting the story myself. I am sure that Mrs Maple wouldn't find that the least bit irritating. A reasonable solution right there.

As always thank you for sharing your little ones over this half term, looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Cranborne Village Fete too - such a gorgeous tradition to be part of. Have a lovely half term team.

*Miss Hudson and Rufus*

## **Robin**

In English, the children have been writing a descriptive story related to the Amazon Rainforest and have completed a non-chronological report about nocturnal animals. Such a super effort Robin class with amazing descriptions about what you can see and hear in a rainforest!

In science, the children have continued to identify different everyday materials and their properties and have been testing to see if they are waterproof.

In art, we have been researching colourful clay pots and the children have created their individual designs before making and painting their pots. What wonderful creative learning in Robin class!

In Maths, the children have continued to recognise and find fractions of a half, a quarter and a third. Having found these fractions, they have also identified the whole amounts when problem solving.

In our phonics lessons, the year 1 children have been continuing to practise their phonics every day including the alien words which they will read within the phonics screening check beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to prove they can decode and blend different sounds using phonics knowledge.

Please practise with your child at home, you can access different games and sound checks which will enable your child to practise these words on the following website. You can sign up and access these freely. [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

Many thanks.

*Mrs Phillips*

### **Crane**

School is a hive of 'busyness' this week - the children in Crane class have been practising their Maypole dances with Mrs Faithfull and Miss Hudson. They are very excited and I am sure all of their efforts will result in a lovely performance at the village fete this weekend.

In our **R.E.** learning, children aren't being taught what to believe — they are learning to understand different worldviews. We've just explored a unit on Salvation, finding out how people try to live good lives and find peace and happiness. We've been comparing Christian and Sanatani (Hindu) faiths.

What can your child remember about Sanatani (Hindu) beliefs and Christian beliefs in relation to salvation? Hindus believe that people are in a cycle of life, death, and rebirth (samsara). Their choices and actions affect what happens next, Hindus believe good choices attract good karma. The goal is moksha (freedom).

Christians believe that Jesus came to forgive and rescue people through his death and resurrection. Jesus taught Christians to be kind, help others and forgive one other. Christians believe that happiness begins with knowing and loving God. They may pray, go to church or learn about God from the Bible.

In **English**, we've been writing a superhero story. Can your child tell you about their superhero's costume/powers and the problem that they have resolved?

In **maths**, we've been learning fractions of an amount:

We divide the whole by the denominator and then multiply by the numerator.

Can your child find:

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 84$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \text{ of } 12$$

$$\frac{5}{6} \text{ of } 36$$

The value we've been reflecting on in collective worship this half term is **Wisdom**. What does your child think being wise means?

In **Science**, Cranes have been learning about how living things depend on each other to survive and created food chains, helping them understand nature, habitats, and caring for the environment.

A *food chain* shows who eats what and is a simple line showing how energy moves:

grass → rabbit → fox

phytoplankton → small fish → larger fish → shark

### **Can your child explain what a food chain is?**

This week we've learned that plants are often at the beginning of a food chain. Because they make their own food using photosynthesis, they are called producers.

*Mrs Lawford*

And finally, we wish you a very sunny half term break with your lovely children and look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June!

Kind regards,

*Mrs Faithfull*

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

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2-4 pm	Cranborne Fete at The Cranborne Manor Our Year 3 and 4 maypole dancers have been invited to open this special event at <b>2 pm</b> .
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
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 for all classes
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		Moving Up Day for all children Children will spend time in their new classes today. Year 4 children need to be dropped off and collected from their new middle school on the day.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Children's Annual Reports sent home
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Waterwise Lesson for Crane class 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 in our school hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
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