



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,

My goodness, what a week it has been! A big thank you to our wonderful children and staff who have shown resilience in challenging conditions. We hope we have been able to offer you flexibility and support to meet the needs of your children and families during this heatwave. It looks like we will be returning to more typical temperatures next week but if your children are more comfortable they are welcome to continue wearing their school P.E. kit throughout next week.

Our year 4 children were very much in our thoughts today as they visited their new middle schools. We are looking forward to hearing all about their day on Monday! When we have completed the recruitment process for our new Crane teacher we will plan a time in school when the children in reception to year 3 can move to their new class and meet their teachers and teaching assistants. We will keep you updated!

Please read on for more school news and learning conversations from your children's teachers.

Priory Hub Athletics Tournament

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 3 and 4 children who represented our school at the recent Athletics Tournament! Their determination, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship were on full display throughout the day—and we are absolutely delighted to share that they won the athletics tournament!

Every child gave their all, supporting one another and showing such positive attitudes both on and off the track. You have made us all incredibly proud and are wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done to everyone involved!



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Sports Day – Thursday 9th July

We are very much looking forward to our Sports Day on **Thursday 9th July, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am**, which will take place at the Cranborne Sports Club. We warmly welcome parents and families to come along and support their children—it's always a wonderful morning, and we're especially excited for the return of the parent race!

The PFA will be there selling soft drinks and cake for adults, with both **cash and card payments accepted**. Once we return to school, all children will receive an **ice lolly** to cool down! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and supportive event!

School Uniform - Bartletts Schoolwear, 52 King Street, Wimborne, BH21 1EB, Tel: 01202 856205
Bartletts of Wimborne stock our school and nursery uniform and offer free school delivery for uniform ordered through their website. Orders placed by 3 pm the previous day guarantee delivery that week.

Annual Reports

Teachers are just putting the finishing touches to your child's annual report which will be sent home on Monday 13th July. These reports are very much a Record of Achievement which will celebrate your child's year in school. The reports include information relating to their progress towards end of year expectations, results of any national testing, for example, achievement at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, (EYFS), results of the Year 1 phonics screening checks and the Year 4 multiplication times table check. Most importantly we hope they will reflect the unique talents, skills and personality of every child who contribute to the wonderful community in which we belong.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report when you receive this please contact your child's teacher. Appointments will be available from 3:15 pm on Thursday 16th July.

Home Reading Books

From Monday 13th July we will begin collecting in the children's home reading scheme books and their 'love of reading' books. Please have a look at home to see if you have any extra books that need returning! Many thanks.

Class Disco - Tuesday 21st July

We are so grateful to our PFA for organising class discos during the school morning on Tuesday 21st July. We politely ask for a voluntary donation of £3.50 per child, which can be paid directly into the PFA account or cash is accepted (please include your child's surname for reference). When the PFA receive your donation, your child will receive a special Summer Disco Ticket! Children are welcome to wear their own party clothes to school on this day.

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer or attend library events, collecting special stickers. Children who complete Read to the Beat are presented with a medal when they have

collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term. We always look forward to sharing these in our celebration worship. We hope many of our children will be involved!

Check Arbor

Please ensure that the data we hold on Arbor is up to date, particularly email addresses and phone contact numbers so you always receive information from us and we can always contact you. If you need support using Arbor visit the Arbor Help button in the top right of the screen for lots of helpful notes and procedures. Mrs Kellaway would also be happy to support if you have any questions.

Amazon Wishlist

Thank you SO much for your very generous donations! Every item is very appreciated!

We will update our Wishlists once a month, so please feel free to check back regularly for any new items that may benefit our school community. Thank you once again for your kindness and support. It really does make a difference!

Fledgling & Wren Class - 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

Crane Class - 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/27TJA13DSD48W?ref=wl_share

Learning Conversations

Fledgling & Wren

To kick us off we had an amazing visit from the Life Education team. We learnt all about how to keep our bodies healthy and we also met Harold the Giraffe! Harold taught us about the importance of keeping safe and healthy, he taught us how to be ... (can a Wren or Fledgling tell you?!) and we did our own 'resilience' dance! Not only that but we also got to meet Harold...in person!

This week we have also been learning all about what we can do to help our world. We have read some really helpful books and thought of some great top tips together of things that we can all do to help, however great or small. Ask your Wrenbird about some of the ideas we have shared (using both sides of a piece of paper when drawing, feeding the birds in the garden, turning off the lights when you leave a room and the different ways you can recycle). We also learnt that if you leave the tap on whilst you brush your teeth it wastes 18 glasses of water! Crikey!

Please do send in any photos of your Wrenbird 'helping our world' at home for their Proud Patch, the children have been fascinated by it in school and we have loved hearing all of their ideas. What great little Eco Warriors they are!

P.S. a MASSIVE thank you to the very kind friends who have bought us things from our wish list, what a huge amount of difference you have made to our provision with your thoughtfulness and

generosity. Genuinely we are so grateful and really appreciate every single item - they will be treasured 🤍



Miss Hudson and Rufus

Robin

In English, the children have been writing their own descriptive journey on 'the Green Ship'. Such a super effort Robins!

In history, the children have continued to learn about Mary Anning and her amazing fossil discoveries on the Jurassic coast in Dorset. It has been an absolute delight to see the fossils under the visualiser in class. Thank you to all the children who have brought them into school.

In science we have been learning about the changes that we observe in the summer and the children have been identifying different types of plants.

In addition to all this learning, the children have been completing their independent learning booklets in maths, reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar. Well done Robins!

Please continue to read at least 3 times a week with our child. We have continued to give a sticker (on the children's book marks) for the children who have read with an adult at least 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 another busy and enjoyable few weeks in Crane Class! It is a bittersweet time of year, especially with the Leaver's Service at Salisbury Cathedral for our Year 4s and Transfer Day at Middle School. It really highlights how close our Year 4 children are to moving on.

In **English**, we have been focusing on persuasive writing using a Sicilian travel brochure as our inspiration. The children have worked hard to include powerful verbs, fronted adverbials and prepositions to make their writing more engaging and convincing. They have produced some wonderful pieces, full of vivid description and enthusiasm. *What can your child tell you about this beautiful island - can they persuade you to visit?*

In **Maths**, we have been learning about money. The children found this unit quite challenging, which has highlighted that many are less familiar with handling money in real-life situations due to the increased use of contactless and digital payments. Frequent additional practice at home

would be really beneficial. For example, you could give your child coins and notes to count, ask them to sort coins into pence and pounds, or work out how much money they have altogether.

We are now beginning a new unit on **shape**, where we will be learning about angles and turns. You could ask your child: *What is an angle? Can you show clockwise and anti-clockwise turns?*

In **Science**, we have been exploring electricity and making simple circuits. The children have loved the hands-on learning and experimenting with different components such as buzzers and lamps. You might like to ask them:

- *What do you need to make a complete circuit?*
- *What happens if the circuit is broken?*
- *Can you name any of the components (e.g. battery, wire, bulb)?*
- *Which materials conduct electricity, and which do not?*

The heat has brought us some challenges this week. I hope it will be much cooler next week and more comfortable for us all. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home.

Mrs Lawford

This Sunday is Breakfast Church in our school hall between 9-10 am. Please join us if you can for a delicious breakfast, conversation and a time of worship. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Faithfull

Cranborne CE First School & Nursery – Summer Term 2026

Sunday 28 th June	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
Monday 29 th June	3-4 pm	Cricket/Rounders club with Coach Williams 5 of 7
Tuesday 30 th June	3-4 pm	Creative Club 5 of 6
Monday 6 th July	3-4 pm	Cricket/Rounders club with Coach Williams 6 of 7
Thursday 9 th July	9-10.30 am	Sports Day at Cranborne Sports Club Please could children wear their P.E. kit to school and wear a sun hat.
Thursday 9 th July		Crane class French Lesson at Cranborne Middle School
Monday 13 th July		Children's Annual Reports sent home
Monday 13 th July	3-4 pm	Cricket/Rounders club with Coach Williams 7 of 7
Thursday 16 th July		Waterwise Lesson for Crane class Parent-Teacher Consultations from 3.30 pm if needed following annual reports
Tuesday 21 st July		Class Discos with Liam from Outalimits
Wednesday 22 nd July	8.45 am	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Cranborne Church
Wednesday 22 nd July		Last day of term. Finish at usual time of 3 pm.
Thursday 23 rd July – Monday 31 st August		Summer Holiday
Sunday 26 th July	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
Sunday 23 rd August	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in our school hall
Tuesday 1 st September		INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2 nd September		INSET day – school closed to children
Thursday 3 rd September		Autumn Term begins