



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,

Thank you for supporting the children in their races yesterday. They did so well and were very excited to see you cheering and encouraging them on! We are very grateful to the Cranborne Sports Club for use of their lovely grounds on these occasions. As the heatwave continues, your children are welcome to wear their school P.E. kit each day until the end of term if this is more comfortable, although we do ask that they wear their school uniform for the Leavers' service on the last day, the 22nd July at the church.

As Mrs Lawford prepares to move to Stoborough Primary School in September we want to express our gratitude for her care and commitment to every child over the last ten years here at Cranborne First. We will be sending her with our love and very best wishes for the future. She will be very missed!

We have now completed the recruitment process and are pleased that Miss Lauren Clarke will be joining our team in September. Miss Clarke has experience teaching Year 4 and Year 5 classes and we are looking forward to the skills and expertise she will bring. In addition, Mrs Phillips has decided to reduce her working days each week and from September will teach part-time in Robin class, all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning. We are delighted that Mrs Cleeve (who already knows the children well) will be joining Mrs Phillips in Robin class as class teacher on Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday 15th July the children in reception to Year 3 will move up to their new classes during the morning and will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and teaching assistants and familiarise themselves with their classrooms. During this time our current Year 4 children will work with Mrs Lawford and myself preparing for their Leavers' Service at the end of term.

Sports Day 2026



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Important Road Closure Notice for Parents and Carers

Please be aware that **Wimborne Street**, the main road into Cranborne, will be closed on **Wednesday 15 July from 9:30 am**. At this time, we do not have certainty about when the road will re-open. We have, however, made Dorset Council aware of the potential traffic issues this may cause, particularly during the 3:00 pm school pick-up period for ourselves and the middle school. We will share any further updates as soon as we receive them. Thank you for your understanding.

5-Stars!

Our Clever Chefs Team received a 5-star food hygiene rating from The Foods Standards Agency this week during an unannounced Environmental Health Inspection. Well done and thank you to Mrs Skull, Mrs Munday and Mr Mills for their hard work each day providing meals for all the children in Priory Hub.

Pupil Survey Feedback

The Pupil Learning Experience and Wellbeing Survey is designed to provide a clear understanding of pupils' learning experience and wellbeing across the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust. It monitors key aspects of school life, including learning, wellbeing, behaviour and safeguarding, in order to identify strengths and priorities for improvement. The survey focuses on; Learning and curriculum – pupils' experiences of teaching, support and engagement, Health and emotional wellbeing – how pupils feel physically and emotionally, Behaviour & safeguarding – understanding of rules, safety and conduct and General – overall happiness in school.

In May we surveyed our Year 2, 3 and 4 children. We are pleased that all our children said they felt happy and safe at school, they said the school rules are clear and teachers explain things well and help them in their learning. Many of our children said that they don't read books outside lessons very often, some said sleep and worries can change how they feel at school and some of our children said they have been hurt at school (on discussion this was often related to a first aid incident). We are reflecting on this feedback as a staff team and will continue to work on helping children enjoy reading outside of school and ensuring that children know who they can speak to if they are worried or anxious.

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 could you have a look at home to see if you have any extra books that need returning! Many thanks.

Class Discos - 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 'Read to the Beat'

Children can sign up through their local library to 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!

Arbor Lunches

Please ensure that you have ordered your child's school lunches through **Arbor for September** before the deadline. Unfortunately, if you miss the ordering deadline, we will be unable to add any late meal requests. In this situation, please send your child to school with a packed lunch for the first week of term. When selecting meal choices in Arbor, you may notice an option labelled '**Special Diet**'. Please only select this option if your child has been issued with a **Special Diet Menu** due to a diagnosed allergy or dietary requirement. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prepare for the new school year.

Year 4 Leavers' Hoodies

Thank you so much to our Year 4 parents for organising the children's leavers' hoodies. Children in Year 4 are very welcome to wear their Leavers' Hoodies to school as part of their uniform until the end of term if they choose. However, please could they wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan for one last time for the Leavers' Service on the last day of term. Many thanks!

Year 4 Photo Books

Thank you so much to our PFA for creating beautiful photo books of our Hooke Court Residential for the children to keep! These have been sent home with their hoodies.

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

What a half term! The children have learned about how to look after our world, how to be Marine Biologists, how to be Poets with rhyming words and thought about what they want to be when they grow up. Thinking not just about what roles in society that they may want to hold but also

what characteristics they might like to have when they are grown. Do they hope to be funny? Is being adventurous their biggest dream? Or is kindness a value they hope for most?

This half term the children have learnt new sounds, continued to blend longer and longer words, have chased away those Rita Cheaters, have gone on treasure hunts to find shapes, filled up Tupperware with all manner of things for capacity and improved upon their abilities to solve problems with addition and subtraction. BUT the greatest triumph comes in the absolute courage that these children have shown in their ability to tackle some of this learning malarkey! The ability to change course, to work at pace, to adapt, refine and discover. There have been so many moments that have brought SO much joy over the last few weeks – thank you Wrenbirds for inviting me into your play, for sharing pictures with me, for starting to put your imagination down into your own words and for making me so proud. Thank you to my ever changing, equally lovely fledgling crew for your continued HILARIOUS comments and your little faces full of joy at the simple things such as the sprout of a new pea shoot growing, the change of a classroom area and the sound of the 'ding' as a well-deserved marble hits the jar.

Well lookey here – somehow Wrenbirds, we are nearly there, nearly at the close of our time together. What a time it has been, so much wonderful learning at home and school. So much to be happy about, but then these are always the weeks I dread the most as I prepare to watch these little Wrenbirds fly from the Early Years nest. Over these last few weeks we will be thinking about our memories and reflecting together, thinking about our feelings now, and for next year, and looking forward to the little ones' new adventures. I have said it before but you are an incredible team – big and little Wrenbirds alike - you are AWESOME! Thank you for everything.

Miss Hudson and Rufus

Robin

Well done Robins, what a super effort on Sports day!

In English, the children have been writing acrostic poems about different animals such as otters, badgers and robins. They have enjoyed working collaboratively with their talk partners to gather information about each animal. In maths we have been learning about mass and capacity and the children have been comparing the weight and volume of different items.

In science we have continued to learn about the changes that we observe in summertime including the difference in daylight between summer and winter. In history, the children have discussed the impact that Mary Anning had as a palaeologist and why her discoveries are so important.

Please continue to read at least three times a week with your child. We have continued to give a sticker on your child's bookmark for those who have read and many have been rewarded with a beautiful new book.

Mrs Phillips

Crane

How lovely to see the class give their all in Sports day yesterday. I was really proud of Cranes, and delighted that the Sports Leaders were so effective in supporting the organisation of our morning. After all that exertion, back at school we enjoyed cooling ice-lollies, a lovely reward to close the morning, thank you Mrs Faithfull!

This fortnight (despite the heat!) we have been busy learning lots of exciting new things across the curriculum in Crane Class.

Science

In science, we have been making electrical circuits. Ask your child if they can explain how to make a bulb light up, a motor turn, or a buzzer sound. Can they tell you which components are needed and why a circuit must be complete for electricity to flow?

Maths

In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have explored triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, heptagons, octagons and decagons. Ask your child:

- What is an angle?
- How many sides does each of these shapes have?
- What does it mean when a shape is regular?
- What does it mean when a shape is irregular?
- What does the word parallel mean?

French

In French, we have been practising greetings and colours. Can your child greet you by saying:

- *Comment ça va ?* (How are you?)
- *Ça va bien, merci.* (I am well, thank you.)

Can they also name some colours in French?

The basic colours we've been practising are:

Red – rouge

Blue – bleu

Green – vert

Yellow – jaune

Black – noir

White – blanc

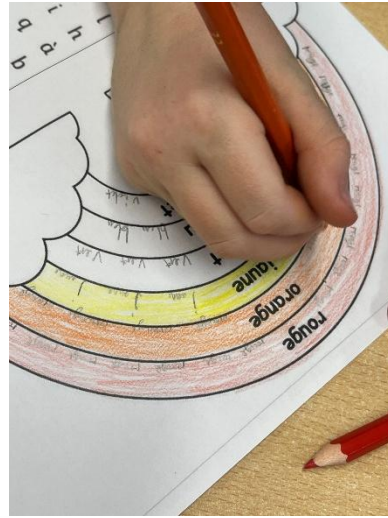
Brown – marron

Pink – rose

Gold – doré

Silver – argent

What a lovely session for Cranes at Cranborne Middle School yesterday! Led by the Year 8 language leaders, we practised colours, counting and greetings in French. We also played games in French.



Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful conversations you have together!

Mrs Lawford

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your families and a positive world cup result!

Kind regards,
Mrs Faithfull

Cranborne CE First School & Nursery – Summer Term 2026		
Monday 13 th July		Children's Annual Reports sent home
Monday 13 th July	3-4 pm	Cricket/Rounders club with Coach Williams
Wednesday 15 th July		During the morning children in reception up to year 3 will 'move up' to their new year group and will spend time with their new teacher.
Thursday 16 th July		Waterwise Lesson for Crane class Parent-Teacher Consultations from 3.30 pm if needed following annual reports
Monday 20 th July	3-4 pm	Cricket/Rounders club with Coach Williams
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. 3 pm ice cream and book sale after school (school council)
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 Edmondsham
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