



## 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,

The end of the school year is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to children and staff who are moving on. We are so proud of our Year 4 children for all they have achieved and all that they have become during their time with us. We wish them every success as they move on to their new middle schools and hope as they reflect on their time here at Cranborne First their memories will be happy ones!

Thank you to those families who were able to join us at Cranborne church for our Leavers' Service this morning. It was a wonderful celebration and a fitting end to our school year together.

Thank you to all our staff and governors who have again worked so hard this year and continually go above and beyond for the children. Thank you to our families for the many ways that you support and encourage us. Finally, we send our love and thanks to Mrs Lawford as she moves to Stoborough Primary School in September. She will be very missed but we know she will be a blessing to her new school.

**Discos** Thank you to our PFA for organising class discos for the children yesterday. Liam from Outalimits was amazing as usual and the children had the best time!



## Celebrating our wonderful Year 4!



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## School Uniform

Bartletts of Wimborne stock our nursery and school uniform. Bartletts also offer free school delivery for uniform ordered through their website, orders placed by 3 pm the previous day to guarantee delivery that week. There is also a selection of good quality used school uniform in the office for a donation to the PFA. Please speak with Mrs Kellaway if you would like to purchase these items.

## 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 co-operation in helping us prepare for the new school year.

## Class P.E. Days

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, your child's class P.E. day will be as follows;

- **Monday - Crane class** Mr Williams will be teaching P.E. with Year 3 and 4
- **Wednesday - Robin class** Mrs Cleeve will be teaching P.E. with Year 1 and 2
- **Thursday - Fledgling & Wren class** Mrs Faithfull will be teaching early years on a Thursday afternoon which will include a P.E. lesson

Please could your child wear their P.E. kit to school on these days; blue t-shirt, white shorts or plain navy/black jogging bottoms and trainers.

## Starting School in September 2027

The Dorset Council school application window for the September 2027 intake runs from September 2026 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027 for children with a date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. We have parent tour appointments available for those interested in reception places in 2027 and nursery places in preparation for this intake. Please contact Mrs Kellaway in the school office [office@cranbornefirst.dsaf.org.uk](mailto:office@cranbornefirst.dsaf.org.uk) for more information and to book a tour of our school.

## 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 and continue to enjoy reading over the summer!

## **10 Reasons Why** (reading with your child is so important!)

### **1. Children who read often and widely get better at it**

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything we do, and reading is no different.

### **2. Reading exercises our brain**

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

### **3. Reading improves concentration**

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

### **4. Reading teaches children about the world around them**

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

### **5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills**

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

### **6. Reading develops a child's imagination**

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story, we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

### **7. Reading helps children to develop empathy**

As children develop, they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

### **8. Reading is fun**

A book doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere. You will never be bored if you have a book with you!

### **9. Reading is a great way to spend time together**

Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some of the ways you can enjoy spending time together.

### **10. Children who read achieve better in school**

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the whole curriculum.

We hope you are all able to enjoy time with your families and loved ones over the summer and we look forward to welcoming new nursery and Wren families to our community in September. Breakfast church will be meeting this coming Sunday between 9-10 am, it would be lovely to see you there. Our school office will re-open on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September between 8 am and 3 pm and children in year 1 to year 4 return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>!

With kind regards,  
*Mrs Faithfull*

| <b>Cranborne Church of England First School &amp; Nursery – Autumn Term 2026</b> |                                                   |
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| 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               |
| 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                                               | Start of term for children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                               | Home Visits for new reception children            |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                                                 | Reception children return to school               |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                                                 | Nursery children begin                            |