Cranborne
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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 joining us at Cranborne Church for our Harvest Service last week. Our Year 4 children led the readings and prayers so beautifully and it was wonderful to officially welcome our new Fledglings and Wrenbirds to our school family. All your generous donations were transported to the Ringwood Food Bank to support the work of the Trussell Trust. We hope that these gifts will bless the families that receive them. Thank you for your generosity.

Harvest Service Food Donations
Ringwood Foodbank would like to thank Cranborne First School and Nursery for the very generous donation of food from your harvest collection.

43kg of food was collected! This will feed 4 people, 3 meals a day for 3 days.

Pre-Loved Nursery & School Uniform Available
We have a selection of pre-loved Nursery and School uniform items available at the school office. You will find an array of jumpers, cardigans, grey dresses, blue and white checked dresses, grey trousers, nursery tops, and nursery jumpers in various sizes. Additionally, we have some brand-new nursery jumpers and tops available for purchase.

If you decide to purchase any items, we kindly welcome donations that will contribute to the many activities funded through the PFA. Your support is immensely appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to browse our selection, please do not hesitate to get in touch or visit us at the office. Additionally, if you would like to donate any uniform items, please bring them to the office.



Starting School in September 2027
School Tour Dates
We have appointments available for school tours during October, November and December. Please contact Mrs Kellaway in the school office to book an appointment for children starting school at 4+ in September 2027. We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful school!

Fraser Portraits
The deadline to order photographs online is today!

Arbor Meals - Ordering after October Half Term
Please remember to order your child's meals for after half term. Many thanks.

Benefice Christmas Card Competition
We have been asked to provide entries for the 2026 Benefice Christmas Card competition. This Christmas card contains all the service information for the Christmas season and is delivered to all the residents in the Benefice. It would be lovely to see one of our children's art work on the cover! If you wish to take part, your child needs to create an A-4 Christmas picture in portrait using any medium; colouring pencils, paint, felt tip pens etc. Please include your child's name, age and class on the back and hand in to Mrs Kellaway in the school office. The deadline is **Friday 13th November**. Many thanks!

PFA Film Nights
Thank you so much for supporting our recent film nights. Our youngest children loved 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and our older children enjoyed 'Matilda' alongside their popcorn treat! Together we raised £120. Thank you!

iSingPOP – Year 4
Crane class had a brilliant day on Wednesday learning new songs with Jess from iSingPOP. Our Year 4s are now looking forward to performing at Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday 21st October. A letter with more details has been sent home.

School Uniform & Toys
A polite reminder to please name all school uniform and check labels regularly. We also ask that children do not bring special objects or toys to school. These items are a distraction, not necessary and can sometimes get lost, damaged or broken. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need
We are delighted to be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**. The children are invited to wear spotty, dotty and Pudsey Bear inspired clothing to school for a donation either online or by bringing a cash donation to school. Robin class will still enjoy their P.E. lesson with Mrs Cleeve in the afternoon so sensible footwear please.

Learning Conversations
Fledglings & Wrens
Over the last two weeks we have been learning all about Harvest and we were so proud of our little Wren and Fledgling crew as they participated in the Harvest Service at Church. It was a lovely experience to welcome the children officially into our school family and we were particularly impressed with how brave they were when they walked up to the front to receive their Bible story or Autumn decoration – what little stars! It felt like a special moment to have Cranes holding the hands of a Wren or Fledgling. I felt so proud of all of them, big birds and little birds and it was so lovely to see lots of you there too.

We have been learning about how to cut food safely this week too, cutting some fruit from our class fruit bowl. We have been looking at the vital steps you need to get right, such as washing your hands, using an apron, getting the right equipment (such as a chopping board) and using a 'claw' grip. The claw grip was a particular fave and was accompanied by many a growl as we chopped! I wonder if these little bears can show you theirs?! The claw grip that is – not the growl!

In Maths this week we have been learning about matching, both the Fledglings and Wrenbirds alike have been searching for items that are a match. The Fledglings matching by one criteria, the Wrens matching by many. Looking at bears, buttons, socks and many more Autumnal items too. We are going to be learning a lot more about the changing of the season into Autumn next week. I wonder if over the weekend your little Fledgling or Wren can be a nature detective and have a look around your local area for acorns, helicopters, conkers or leaves of many colours to bring in to show us? Any Autumn artefact would be lovely, although maybe no Hedgehogs in bookbags if poss, as much as I know the birds would love to see one snuffling around the Imagination Station (and so would me and Mrs Maple!) it may be one little creature too many in the Early Years Unit!





Miss Hudson and Rufus

Robins

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in Robin class!

The children have written their character profiles of Jack from 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Using their knowledge of the story from our English and guided reading lessons. We are continuing the theme of traditional tales by reading 'The Magic Porridge Pot' altogether and we are growing our vocabulary.

It was such a treat last Thursday going to church for our harvest service with the whole school. The children are recounting their experience by writing a recount over the last two weeks.

In maths, we have been focusing on number bonds to 10 and 20. Please can you ask your child to tell you some of these number facts. They have been learning this systematically. e.g. 0 + 10 = 10, 1 + 9 = 10 etc.

We have also been practising our skills such as cutting, folding and straight line drawing ready for our DT project after half term. We were successful in our paper weaving. We will be drawing around 2D shapes this week to create a picture.

Thank you for all your support with reading with your child at least three times a week. In their reading folder they will have a reading book to read to you and a love of reading book which you may like to read to them.

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Cleeve

Cranes

It has been another busy couple of weeks, with lots of great learning! We have been finding out all about Hadrian's Wall and the important role it played in Roman Britain. We discovered some fascinating facts about why the wall was built and where it is located. To bring our learning to life, we worked together to create our very own paper Hadrian's Wall. We had lots of fun designing these together, filling our walls with facts inside.

We have also been working hard in preparation for iSing Pop. We have been practising our songs and learning the accompanying dances with our special visitor, Jess.

As a class, we have been making a super effort with our handwriting. We have been concentrating on forming our letters carefully, keeping our writing neat and taking pride in the work we produce. We are learning that practising regularly helps us to become more confident and accurate writers.

We have also been thinking about our value this half term: Responsibility. We discussed what being responsible looks and feels like in school, considering the different ways we can make positive choices, help others and take ownership of our actions.
Thank you for your continued support!

Who was Boudicca and what did she try to achieve?

Can you share an example of chronological language?

What is 7 x 7? (remember Miss Clarke's rhyme!)

Miss Clarke

Our Crane children have enjoyed their third Samba lesson with Pete Whitmarsh this afternoon. Forward notice we would love parents to join us on our tenth week for a performance in the school hall on Wednesday 2nd December between 2.10-2.30 to hear the progress they make! Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your families.

With kind regards,
Mrs Faithfull

Cranborne CE First School & Nursery – Autumn Term 2026		
Friday 9th October		Deadline for ordering Fraser Portraits individual photographs
Tuesday 13th October		Play Leader Event at Ferndown Leisure Centre (Mrs Faithfull accompanying our Year 4 Sport Council)
Wednesday 14th October		House of Opportunity Christmas Box Assembly
Friday 16th October		Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 21st October		Year 4 attending iSingPOP event at Salisbury Cathedral
Wednesday 21st October		Please could Robin class wear P.E. kit to school today and not Friday 23rd. Thank you.
Wednesday 21st October	3.20 – 6 pm	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings in the hall
Thursday 22nd October	9-9.30 am	Music teacher Cathy Murray working with Crane class over 4 weeks
Sunday 25th October	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the school hall
26th October – 30th October		**Half Term**
Monday 2nd November		**INSET day – school closed to children**
Wednesday 11th November	3.20 – 6 pm	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings in the hall
Friday 13th November		Children in Need Fundraising Day – children invited to wear dotty, spotty, Pudsey-inspired clothing for a donation
Friday 13th November		Closing date for Benefice Christmas Card Competition
Thursday 19th November		Priory Hub Football Tournament at St James' First School (children invited from year 3 and year 4)
Sunday 22nd November	9-10 am	Breakfast Church in the School Hall
Thursday 26th November		Christmas Boxes collected today
Tuesday 1st December		Christmas Post Box opens
Wednesday 2nd December	2.10 – 2.30 pm	Crane Samba Performance for Parents in the hall
Tuesday 8th December		Crane class invited to sing at The Cranborne Luncheon Club Christmas Meal at Cranborne

		Garden Centre – Christmas inspired accessories can be worn to bring some Christmas cheer!
Monday 14th December	2 pm	Fledgling, Wren and Robin Nativity in the school hall
Tuesday 15th December	9 am	Fledgling, Wren and Robin Nativity in the school hall
Thursday 17th December		PFA Class Discos, Children invited to wear Christmas party clothes – Liam from Outalimits
Thursday 17th December		Christmas Post Box closes
Thursday 17th December	6 pm	Crane Carol Service at Cranborne Church
Friday 18th December		Last Day of Term Children invited to wear Christmas party clothes Christmas Lunch
21st December – 1st January		**Christmas Holiday**
Monday 4th January		**INSET Day – school closed to children**
Tuesday 5th January		Children return to school