

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear CEC Primary Families,

This week, I am truly proud of our Ted Wragg Trust and CEC strategy to Grow Great People. This provides numerous opportunities for our teachers and team members to learn, develop, and grow. This approach ensures that our staff, at various levels, contribute to our eco-system and culture, supporting the implementation of an ambitious, broad, and balanced curriculum. This holistic approach has the potential to transform lives and strengthen our community. This week's training has included teachers starting their NPQs in:

1. Leading Teaching – leading the teaching and learning of a subject, year group, or phase.
2. Leading Behaviour and Culture – creating a culture of good behaviour and high expectations where staff and pupils can succeed.
3. Leading Literacy – teaching and promoting literacy across a whole school, year group, key stage, or phase.

I'm also particularly excited about two staff members applying for the new NPQ in Leading Maths, ensuring our school stays current with mastery approaches and effective math teaching strategies.

This week, my pride extends to the moments on the playground and in the classroom where our pupils had a minute to manage their activities or reflect on their behaviour. Our behaviour system, referred to as a ladder, emphasizes the importance of children making the right choice and moving up the ladder, demonstrating they are ready to learn. Congratulations to those pupils who made fantastic efforts to choose kinder or safer options, earning house points for their values-based endeavours. #Crantastic moments indeed!

A special shout-out to our Pupil Leaders – from Playtime Buddies supporting others on the playground to lunchtime helpers encouraging younger children to clear their spaces and MPs in the classrooms fostering positive class communities. Your efforts are truly commendable.

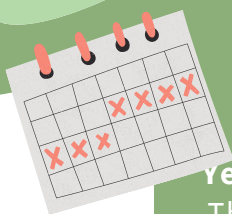
Lastly, a massive shout-out to the Year 3 Team Members staying tonight to support our Late Night Event. The image of our children enjoying Friday Night Fish and Chips as they celebrate another week of learning truly warms my heart.

As we approach the weekend, I wish you all wonderful and restful days, and I'm looking forward to seeing all our pupils back at school on Monday.

Warm regards,

**Krishna Gandhi**  
**Head of Primary and Senior Deputy Head of Campus**





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Year 5 Winter Sleep Over**  
Thursday 30th November

**Ellis Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 6th December  
9.30am

**Engle Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 6th December  
2.30pm

**Flu Immunisations R-Yr6**  
Thursday 7th December

**Last day of Clubs**  
Friday 8th December

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 15th December

PTA & Christmas events on the following pages. For all other upcoming events, please [visit the website by clicking here](#)

### OFSTED PARENT VIEW

We would welcome your views on the school via the Ofsted ParentView platform. We are expecting the call from Ofsted this academic year and it would be great to be able to show them your views when they arrive.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/133114/>

### NATIVITY

This year Reception will be putting on the Nativity performance of 'The Christmas Star' on Monday 11th December. The children are working hard in school to learn lines, songs and actions. Communication has gone home regarding your child's role and costume. If you are unsure or have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or email [EYFS@cranbrook.education](mailto:EYFS@cranbrook.education).

Parents/carers are invited to watch the performances on Monday 11th December at either 9:30am or 2:30pm. We ask that you bring a maximum of 4 adults per pupil please. You do not have to book a ticket online, simply turn up on the day.

### TEMPEST PHOTOS

We are pleased to confirm that Jayne from Tempest will be coming to School again on Thursday 30th November to offer an after school photo session. If your child missed the previous photo session or would like their photos retaken please come to the external entrance to the Main hall after school on Thursday 30th. These can be individual photos or sibling photos and if you wish to join your children in the photo, Tempest have indicated they are more than happy to accommodate a family photo.

Photos will be taken in the main hall from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. We are not asking parents to book and only request that if you wish to have a photo taken, you arrive no later than 4:20pm. Weather dependent, we will ask children and parents to queue outside from the end of the main hall.

If you have any questions about the process, please email [reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education)

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Even though we are not yet in December things are heating up for the festive season I have now heard all of Year 1 and Year 2 practicing their songs. We have a mixture of classic carols and seasonal hits which pupils will sing together but we will be encouraging adults to get involved also.

Our singing will begin at 2:30pm so we encourage families to enter the school playground from 2:15 where you will be greeted by one of our staff elves who will be handing out mince pies. It was a lovely event last year and we are looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate another festive season.

## SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are delighted to share exciting news about a new initiative at Cranbrook Education Campus that aims to empower our older students while fostering a sense of community and teamwork among all students. Introducing our new Sports Leaders Program!

The Sports Leaders Program is designed to encourage our older students to take on leadership roles and support their peers during playtime and sports activities. Our dedicated team of Sports Leaders will be actively involved in organising and leading various games, assisting with setup, and ensuring that all children in the lower years have a positive and inclusive experience on the playground. Our Sports Leaders will act as role models, embodying our Campus Values of Proud, Engaged, Ready, Kind and Safe. By engaging in these leadership roles, they will not only enhance their own personal development but also contribute to the overall positive atmosphere within the school. The benefits of the Sports Leaders Program include:

1. **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Sports Leaders will work together to plan and organise activities, promoting a collaborative spirit.
2. **Mentorship:** Younger students will have the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by their older peers, fostering a supportive school community.

3. **Inclusivity:** The program aims to ensure that all children, regardless of age or ability, feel included and valued during sports and playtime.
4. **Values-Based Leadership:** Our Sports Leaders will embody our Campus Values

We believe that this program will not only enhance the overall school experience for our students but also contribute to their personal growth and development. We encourage you to discuss this exciting initiative with your child and emphasise the importance of teamwork and positive leadership. We have now completed our first week of this great initiative, if you have any questions or if your child is interested in becoming a Sports Leader, please feel free to reach out to Mr Sanders.



## WINTER WARMTH APPEAL

Thankyou to all who have participated in donation coats, hats and scarves for our winter warmth appeal. We will continue to collect and distribute to our community on the rail in reception.  
#crantasticcommunity



## Holiday Gift Appeal

Please join in with our Holiday Gift Appeal this Winter!

We are collecting for the vulnerable children (aged 1 - 18 Years) in our Community.

To get involved please see the list of items we are looking to collect. From your donations of these items we will then put together gift packs for our community.

All donations will be accepted via reception at Cranbrook Education Campus, Tilt House Road, Cranbrook, Exeter, EX57EE and must be received by Wednesday 29th November.

For any bulk donations or queries please contact: [ellie.jacobs@cranbrook.education](mailto:ellie.jacobs@cranbrook.education)

Please note: we do not accept cash gifts

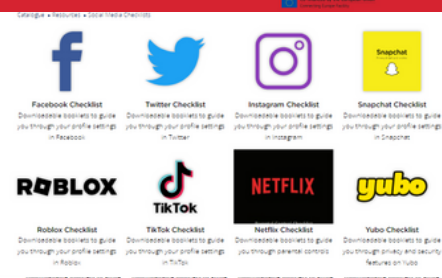
- Bags or shoeboxes put the gifts packs in
- Sticker packs
- Colouring books
- Fidget toys/fabric cubes/Magnets
- Lego/travel games (unopened)
- Stationery items
- Notepads
- Slime/Playdough/Bubbles
- Non perishable foods e.g. chocolate, crisps
- Crafts
- Toiletries
- Nail Varnishes
- Hair things
- Sweets



## SOCIAL MEDIA

The social media checklists below are great for families and students. Click the image for more information

### Social Media Checklists





# SAVE THE DATES

**Cranbrook Lights Switch On**  
Friday 24th November



**Christmas Tree Lights turn on**  
**Join us & Meet Santa Claus**

**24 NOV**

5:00pm @ Younghayes Centre Car Park  
Lights Switch on by Santa @ 5:30pm  
Meet & Greet afterwards

HOT DRINKS      Cranbrook Town Council      MINCE PIES  
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CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

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**Cranbrook Christmas Fun Run**  
Saturday 2nd December



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**Cranbrook Christmas Cracker**

SANTA SUIT FAMILY FUN RUN  
& 5KM

2nd December 2023  
CRANBROOK COUNTRY PARK  
11:00-13:00

Move More Cranbrook

**PTA Christmas Fair**  
Friday 1st December



CRANBROOK EDUCATION CAMPUS

*Christmas Fair*

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023  
3.15PM-5.30PM  
EMAIL [PTA@CRANBROOK.EDUCATION](mailto:PTA@CRANBROOK.EDUCATION)

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Friday 8th December



**Christmas Carols**  
Friday 8th December 2.30pm



**Reception Nativity**  
Monday 11th December  
9.30am & 2.30pm



**Campus Christmas Meal**  
Wednesday 13th December  
(SchoolGrid will be updated with the Christmas menu in the coming few days)

### **CHOIR TRIP**

On Friday 17th November, 14 members of the KS2 choir were invited to join Colyton Grammar School's two choirs to take part in a choir practice. We watched the Junior Choir (Years 7 and 8) singing and then learnt 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with them, including some fun actions! We also sang 'Little Donkey' with them. The Senior Choir joined (Years 9 to 13) as the Junior Choir left for lunch and we learnt a song with them called 'Torches'. We learnt about the 4 part harmony and helped them to sing it with some of our children singing the soprano part and some singing the bass part. We finished with a rendition of 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem'. The children had a super time! Colyton Grammar are excited to invite more of our children over for some different musical experiences.



### **NURSERY**

This week in Carle Class we have started to create all our lovely Christmas craft. We have been exploring paint, glue, play dough and talked about all the various colours we could see. We have also had lots of fun exploring green and red rice using our fine motor skills to scoop the rice into the pots. Our home of the week is 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' we will be making some beautiful stars to put on our display. If you haven't already the signing up sheet for our craft mornings is on the door. We are only able to have 6 adults at a time so get your name down quickly! It will be lots of fun.



## PRESCHOOL

In Pre-School this week we have been busy enjoying our New Rhyme of the week Jack and Jill. We have also started a new Topic book, which is called Would you Rather by John Birmingham. The children have been finding it very funny to think- and talk about whether they would rather dance with a goat, skate with a dog or sleep with a hippo..! In our Phonics learning this week we have been looking at the sound 't'. Our Numberblock learning this week was consolidating our knowledge of the numbers 1 to 5 and noticing when they are not in the correct order as well as being able to rectify this correctly. All of our children have also been busy beavering like little elves making crafts ready to share and sell at the PTA Christmas fair on Dec 1st. Please pop the date in the diary to come and have a look at the pre-school stall. I am also making a plea this week for any old or unused clothes aged 2,3,4 and 5 that preschool could have as spares. We are particularly looking for pants/knickers, leggings/trousers, socks, t shirts and jumpers. They do not need to be school uniform but we will happily accept that too, as our spares box is becoming very depleted.

## RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have read our new story focus 'Whatever Next'. For our book hook the children had fun looking at the tuff tray of a bear having a picnic with a colander and boots and trying to guess what our new story could be! After reading the story, the children have been sequencing the main events and practicing orally describing what happened. Our Maths focus this week has been finding one less than a given number within five using the language first, then, and now. Miss Sims and Miss Nursey have been impressed with the independence and confidence that the children have shown when explaining the number stories using the correct vocabulary. In Phonics we have learnt four new digraphs and have been working hard to recognise each sound and read them within words. We have blasted off to Space in our Themed learning and have learnt the names of the different planets in our Solar System. The children have absolutely loved creating paper mache planets with lots of gooey paste and newspaper! Further information about our nativity will be sent to you shortly, please do contact your class teacher if you have any further questions.

## YEAR 1

We have had a fantastic week in Year 1 this week. We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our own Oi Frog! stories which are shining bright on our #Crantastic display. In Maths we have continued to tackle subtraction and are becoming more confident in this each day. In Science, we are loving exploring the senses and are excited for our next experiment! We have also been brilliant explorers in Geography and have demonstrated this through our map making skills.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AT CEC

We would like to invite families into Carle, Ahlberg, and Rosen classes for Christmas craft sessions. These sessions will be half an hour. Due to space restrictions, we can only allow 1 parent from each family per session. Siblings are able to attend but must be supervised. (We cannot allow pushchairs into the classrooms, these must be left outside the classroom.) We have put the sign-up sheets outside the classrooms so you can choose which session to attend. (please email the school if you are not able to access the sheets)

During the session, we will have a variety of activities that you can enjoy with your child/ren. If you have any questions please see the class teachers or email [nursery@cranbrook.education](mailto:nursery@cranbrook.education)

If attending the morning sessions please drop your child/ren into their class and wait in the playground. We will settle and register the children and then be able to welcome you into the classes at 8.45am.

If attending the afternoon sessions we will open the gates outside the classrooms and welcome you in. At the end of the sessions we will ask families to go outside to the playground and we will dismiss the children like we normally do.

Dates and Times	
Mon 4th Dec	2.45-3.15
Wed 6th Dec	8.45-9.15
Fri 8th Dec	2.45-3.15
Tue 12th Dec	2.45-3.15
Thur 14th Dec	8.45-9.15



## YEAR 2

Apologies for no update last week, we will try to cover what we have done over the last fortnight – it has been so busy.

Last week, Year 2 met Andy the Country Park Ranger to explore the Country Park looking for microhabitats which links into our learning with Science.

The children were amazing and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves looking for microhabitats and what they could find there.

We learnt about: Annelids- worms, Arachnids- spiders, Mollusc- slugs and snails, ants, woodlice, caterpillars.



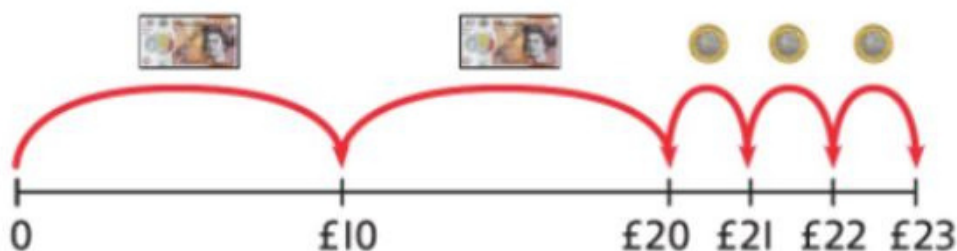
**English** In English we are focusing on question sentences and statement sentences and learning the difference between them which then helps us understand what punctuation mark we need to use at the end of these sentences.

We are all trying hard on how to develop our sentences focusing on who, what, where, how and when to provide more detail.

**Maths** In maths children have worked hard on addition and subtraction number sentences and have used their knowledge of how to exchange 1 whole ten for 10 ones to help with subtraction e.g. 42-17. The children have been able to use resources to help with the understanding of how to exchange. We have been using column method (see picture), or a number line to help as well as drawing lines to represent tens and dots to represent ones.

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We have now started a new unit focusing on money, children are learning what each coin and note represents and what the value is. They have been working on how to add coins, add notes and both together. If you are able to quiz children on their knowledge of money if you are paying by cash at a shop to explain what notes or coins you are using or what change you have been given. Or even just to look at any coins or notes you may have in your purse or wallet!





## YEAR 2 CONT.

**Geography** In Geography, we have been learning how many continents there are and what they are called as well as the oceans. We have also been learning about human and physical geographical features.

Human geographical features are features that have been created by humans e.g. a city, a lighthouse or a road. Physical geographical features are what have been created by nature e.g. cliffs, hills, beach, coastline or forest etc.

**Reading** We have sent home login sheets for 'E-Collins Big Cat' 'to each child so you are able to access an e-book which is the book they have read in class the week before.

**Year 2 Assembly** We have been busy in class in between learning, practising our lines for our class assembly, children have been given lines which hopefully have made their way home. We would really appreciate if you are able to support your child learn their lines. Please let us know if you need another copy of your child's lines.

Both Year 2 class assemblies will take place on **Wednesday 6th December** and it will be great to see you, refreshments will be available from 9.15am and 14.15pm:

**Ellis Class assembly 9.30-10.00am**  
**Engle Class assembly 14.30-15.00pm**

**Christmas songs** KS1 are learning 2 songs for the Carol service which are Jingle Bells and We Wish you a Merry Christmas, again these lines have been sent home. If you need another version please do ask. We are practising in school in between lessons, so again if you are able to practice at home that would be fantastic.

**Clarification over Sparx star of the week** In relation to Sparx 'Star of the Week' this is run by Mrs Ratibb our Maths lead and is different to the Sparx 'Best in Class'. Sparx 'Star of the Week' is based on the data she can see with regards to length of engagement on Sparx and homework completion. It is not based on XP, Mrs Ratibb cannot see the children's XP or who Sparx thinks is the best in class this is just more for children to challenge themselves in class (no award is given for this). This will also be clarified to Year 2.

**Clarification over staffing** As a school we are currently in discussion for the best process of letting families know if there is a planned absence e.g. on a course. In Ellis Class, Mrs Stephens is in class on a Monday- Wednesday and Miss Leach is in Thursday and Friday.



### **YEAR 3 & 4**

This week, Years 3 and 4 were lucky to enjoy a 'Road Safety' talk from Livewest. We watched a video recognizing the importance of following speed limits whilst also recognizing stopping distances based on different speeds. The children were then tasked with estimating the stopping distance and were amazed at just how far a car travels before it comes to a complete stop, even when travelling at 20mph!

In Years 3 & 4 this week we have enjoyed learning our new text by Paul Mason titled 'Rainforest Rough Guide'. To kick start their learning we took the children on a walk

around the school to identify all of the things they would like to share with a visitor coming to our school. We even managed to look through the pledges we made as a school for anti-bullying week which was exciting. We have since identified key features on the guide including different communication techniques including, reports, email and diary entries. We are looking forward to the children putting their knowledge about our school into practice when we begin our shared write guide.

P.E this week was incredible with Mr G challenging the children to level up their gymnastics skills, thinking about their positioning, balance and coordination. Next week, starting Wednesday, we shall begin NFER testing with the children. We shall be supporting them to achieve their best by offering additional brain breaks and taking our time to complete the booklets. We are looking at all areas of Maths, Reading, Grammar and spelling. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and encourage as much singing practice alongside ED Shed and SPARX as possible!



### **YEAR 5**

We have had a brilliant week in Year 5 this week! We have finished our Multiplication and Division topic in Maths, it has been challenging, but we have all persevered. We have started to plan our independent write in English, we are creating a Hero vs Monster story and there have been some absolutely amazing ideas. In Science, we have carried out some experiments to learn about dissolving. Well done to those children who have been completing their SPARX and EdShed homework at home! Have a brilliant weekend.

### **YEAR 6**

In year 6 this week, children have finished their first fractions unit in maths. This involved learning how to add and subtract different types of fractions, converting from mixed number to improper fractions and solving complex word problems. In geography, we have been learning about the different types of map and how they are used by geographers. Children created some detailed field sketches of the school building and were able to observe how Cranbrook has increased in size using street maps. In PSHE children enjoyed learning about how Christmas is celebrated differently across the world and have taken part in meaningful discussions about the importance of diversity. We enjoyed hearing children share their own family traditions with the class.

EdShed passwords have also now been handed out so everyone can access their account from home to complete the home learning. Well done to all children for another productive week!

# AWARDS AND REWARDS

Another huge congratulations to our pupils who obtained their House Point Awards in the past week.



## BRONZE

Tharcika Ramadi  
Ava Berry  
Jake Lawrence  
Thomas Smith

+2 other students



## SILVER

Leo Lowe  
Oscar Hernon  
Hallie Rodrigues  
Milly Webb  
Willow Long  
Annabel Davies  
Charlie Roberts  
Oliver Rayner  
Joshua Mills  
Felix Burrell-Squires  
Charlotte Frood  
Ian Prada Gomez  
Jake Boden-Hammond  
Jaxon Spry

+8 other students

## SPARX OF THE WEEK

*Week ending*

24.11.23

**Ellis** Sophie W and Jack F

**Engle** Teddy H and Mia M

**Favilli** Jake S

**Fletcher** Peggy C

**Ibtihaj** Akbas Z

**Love** Shehroz Z

**Montgomery** Noel J

**Reynolds** Talia O

**Sufiya** Jody M

**Walker** Ollie M

**Yousafzai** Harry C

### Class of the Week

3 Favilli, 3/4 Ibtihaj, 4 Love, 6  
Yousafzai 100%

## HOUSE POINTS



35234 Total



34461 Total



37921 Total



32769 Total



## ATTENDANCE



93.20%



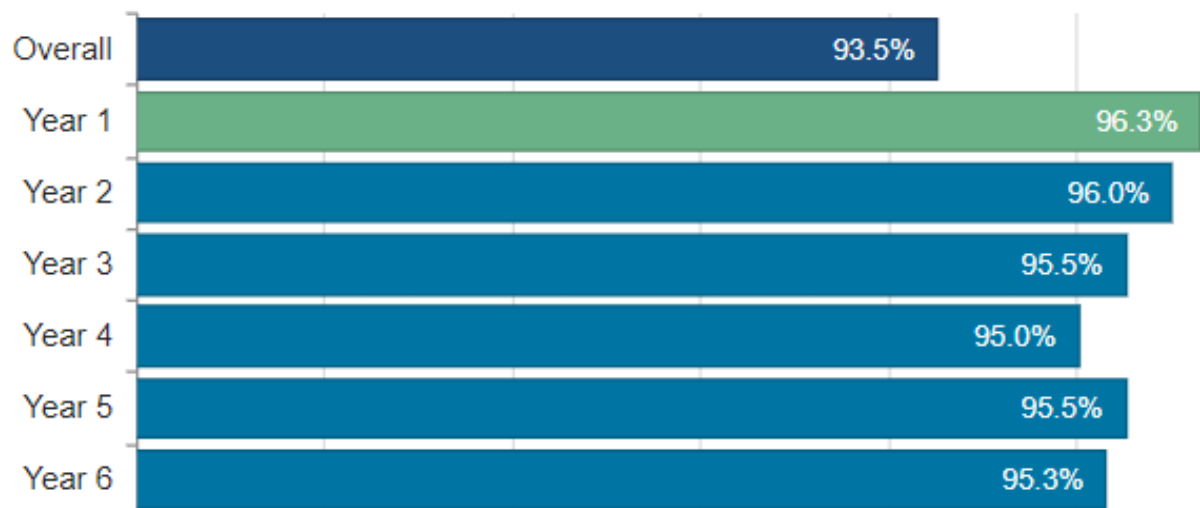
94.11%



93.73%



94.08%





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Monday 18th December - Gymnastics  
Tuesday 19th December - Gymnastics  
Wednesday 20th December - Performing Arts  
Thursday 21st December - Multi Activity

0900-1530, Age 4-11

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