



# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

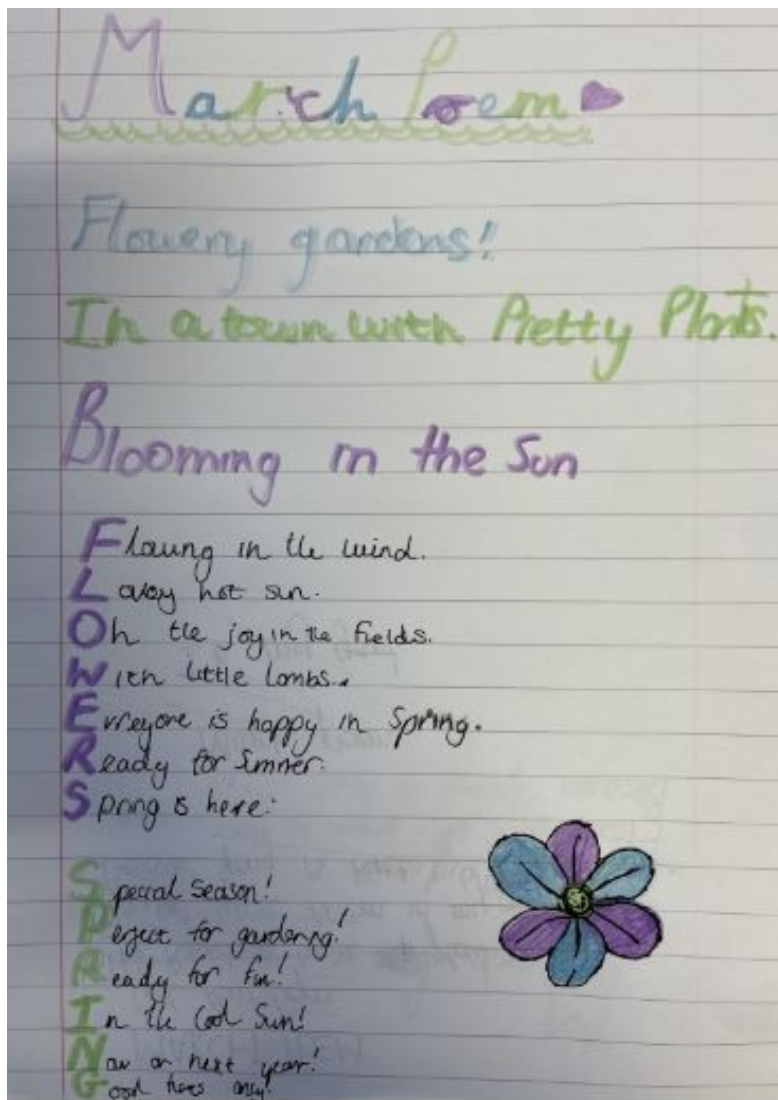
## Primary Update - 22nd March 2024

Dear CEC Families,

It's lovely to write to you this week after having seen so many family faces at our Pupil Progress and Wellbeing Evenings. Thank you to everyone who booked an appointment, spent time conversing with our team, visited the Phonics Zone, took time to fill in our feedback forms, and sampled our Kitchen Menu. Taking time to connect with our families is a pleasure and we are proud to be a school rooted in our community.



This week, it has very much felt like Spring is in the air. Seeing Year 2 learning outside yesterday put a huge smile on my face. One of our Y6 pupils and poets, Milly Webb, wrote a poem which I think encapsulates this refreshing time of year.



As we come into our final week of Spring term, I encourage full attendance from Monday to Thursday for all pupils. Every day is vital for learning and when pupils miss time at school this reduces receiving high-quality instruction from our teaching team, and can impact academic achievement as well as sense of belonging. We have a jam packed week coming up with ambitious learning and lots of fun too. I look forward to seeing every Primary pupil on campus and **ready** to learn.

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## Lock-down practice

Next Wednesday (27th) afternoon, we will be holding a lock-down practice. During this practice, the lock-down alarm will sound which is a long continuous sound – this makes it easy to distinguish from the fire alarm. We will stop the alarm after 1 minute but this will give pupils chance to know the difference. During the lock-down practice, pupils and staff will be expected to stay in their classes and lock the doors. Senior leaders will walk the corridors and usher any children who are in the corridors or in the bathroom to the nearest office or classroom. Senior leaders will then go to each classroom to inform pupils and staff that the practice is over. **Please do discuss this lock-down practice with your children so they are aware it is happening and they can prepare and thank you for your support.**

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## Pupil survey celebrations

Last week, Head of Campus, Stephen Farmer, and Head of Primary, Krisha Gandhi, met with Executive Leaders within our Ted Wragg Trust to analyse our recent pupil survey data. The feedback from this survey is so important as it reflects the voice and experiences of our pupils, and is a valuable insight into the our school offer from a pupil perspective. We are pleased to share three areas our campus is excelling in from our pupils' perspective:

- **Our culture of reading.** Being asked to read across varying subjects by all teachers is a reflection of our commitment to reading to support learning.
- **Our commitment to valuing pupil voice.** Our Pupil Parliament plays a vital role in decision making within the school and are often consulted with on key decisions - for example, when choosing our school lunch providers. We are proud to have a number of other opportunities for Pupil Voice through our other pupil leader groups such as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Our pupils' requests have also been actioned where appropriate such as Rainbow Buddy Benches in the playground and Secondary wearing PE Kit on PE Days.

**Our fair treatment of pupils by staff** - Over the past few years, a focus for our campus, across Primary and Secondary, has been developing a consistent approach to how we support pupils - both in learning and behaviour. No matter which classroom they are learning in, pupils should know what to expect. We recruit staff who share our values and train our team weekly so that, in all classrooms, pupils feel supported with best practice, ambitious aspirations and high expectations. Since our pupil survey results last year, we have also been working on sharing the reasons behind decisions to promote transparency and understanding with pupils. We are really pleased to see pupils recognise this as a culture of fairness across our campus.

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## Show and tell

We would like to celebrate and appreciate more of the achievements that our #Crantasitc pupils achieve outside of school via this newsletter and our social media channels. Please do send us pictures and short summaries of these, including sports matches, drama performances, Scouting/outdoor challenges, singing, gymnastics, circus skills, fund raising, volunteering, charity events and any thing else that is worth shouting about to [reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education)

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## MCAS- Pupil data update

In order to ensure that we have up to date details for all pupils at CEC we would be grateful if you could please log into the MCAS app and select "data collection form" from the Menu to double check that all the information we hold for you and your child(ren) is correct. Any changes will then be authorised by the Business Support Team and will then be updated on MCAS and our internal systems.

We love to share news and photos from our classrooms with you via our Newsletter and Social Media. If you are happy for us to use photos that include your child(ren) please confirm this via the MCAS App under the "parental consent option" on the menu.

If you have any queries regarding the above and the MCAS app please email [reception@cranbrook.education](mailto:reception@cranbrook.education)

## Egg-citing Easter Competition

Lauren, Chelsea, and Caroline from our egg-cellent Business Support team will be joined by our Chair of Governors, Les Bayliss, to judge the PTA Egg decorating competition at the end of term! Its no yolking matter! They are all super egg-cited and have high egg-pectations! We hope the children will use their egg-quisite imaginations and create some cracking creations.



## Little Princess Trust

Sophie Wilson in year 2, Ellis class has had the big chop and donated 11" of hair for the Little Princess Trust. Together with her mum they handed over 24" of hair and £580 which will be enough to make a wig for a little one in need.

Sophie is loving her new style and we are very proud of her!

If you wish to donate the link is still active - Please [click here](#)





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## Year Group Updates

### Nursery Update

This week in Carle Class we have been exploring various ways to decorate our Easter eggs. The children have enjoyed getting messy with paint and talking about all the colours they are putting on their Easter eggs.

We have also loved reading our book of the week 'We're going on a egg hunt', we have been counting all the eggs we can find and counting them using our fingers. We are looking forward to continuing our Easter activities next week.

Please can we ask that you make sure your child has enough spare clothes, nappies and wet wipes in their bags, we are running very low of spare clothes. Have a lovely weekend!



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### Preschool Update

This week in Preschool we have loved learning about the life of bees which has us all ready for Spring! We have enjoyed looking closer at pollen and nectar as well as planting flowers and herbs in the garden too! Looking more into how bees make honey, we have been exploring the parts of a

flower too and seeing where the bees get the pollen from. After being so inspired by our new story, we decided to make a class bee hotel so that we can make sure the bees get a good rest. We have been using our vegetable knowledge from the past 2 weeks to help us create ABAB and ABCABC (for example pear, carrot, pear, carrot) patterns in Maths. The children have loved finding different objects to make different patterns with. In the garden this week, we have enjoyed setting up a car wash and washing all of the cars, bikes and scooters. In Rhyme time, we are once again revisiting an old favourite, 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' where the children have been exploring the sounds linked to the rhyme and learning about the rhyming words. Thank you to all of the grown-ups who attended our Pupil Progress and Wellbeing meetings. We enjoyed sharing how well your children are doing and the next steps in their learning journey! We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we can't wait for our last week of #Crantastic learning before the holidays!

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### Reception Update

We have had such a brilliant week in Reception! To start the week off, we had a very special delivery from Mrs Partridge containing a letter, a wrapped parcel, an egg and a seed. After reading the letter, the children were tasked with predicting what the egg and seed might grow into. This led to many fascinating discussions about various life cycles and the children thrived when sharing their knowledge with their peers. Our new text is called 'Pip and Egg' written by Alex Latimer and David Litchfield. In Maths the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about and creating various patterns. They learnt that repeating patterns can be created using alternating colours, sizes, and even sounds! On Wednesday the

children got to plant their very own seed! The children found out all about what plants need to grow and the life cycle of a plant. They very excitedly planted their seed and cannot wait to look after it and observe the changes over time. We would love to see this as well, so please do upload photos on tapestry to keep us updated on the changes!





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## Year One Update

Year one have yet again been making the most of every opportunity to learn. We have been finding out all about tigers as a means of exploring the structure of a non-fiction text. We have been absolutely loving our maths work based on weight and measure - exploring the difference between non standard and standard units. In geography we have been thinking carefully about the improvements we could make to our local area and have put lots of thought into the design of a brand new play park for Cranbrook. It has been lovely meeting our fantastic parents and carers for progress meetings this week - thank you so much for your continued support. Well done year one. Whoosh!

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## Year Two Update

We have been working hard on learning more facts about the rainforest. This has helped us in drafting and writing up a letter as if they were an animal from the rainforest explaining what we love about the rainforest and what is going wrong (deforestation). The children really enjoyed this. In maths we have been working on what is the most efficient method in solving maths problems. In science we looked at what force (push/pull) would be needed to stretch, squeeze, twist and bend objects, the children enjoyed hands on experience of squeezing, stretching etc items! Well done

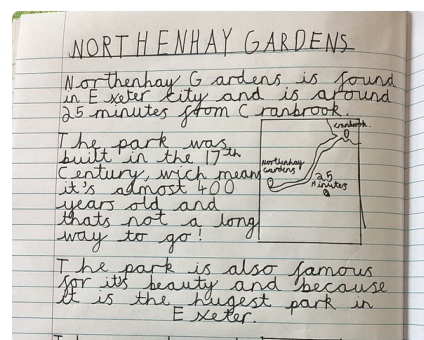
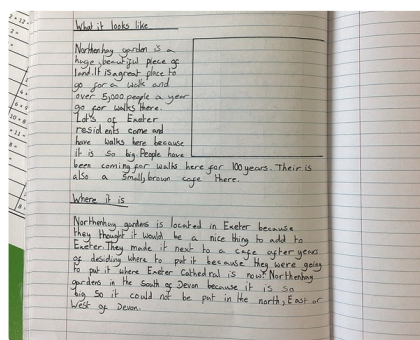
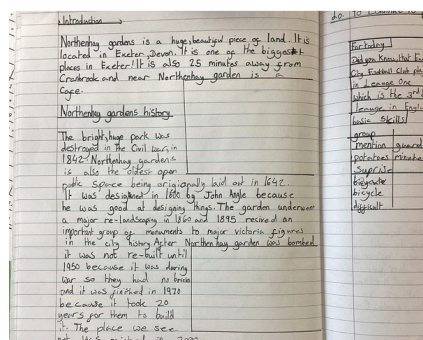
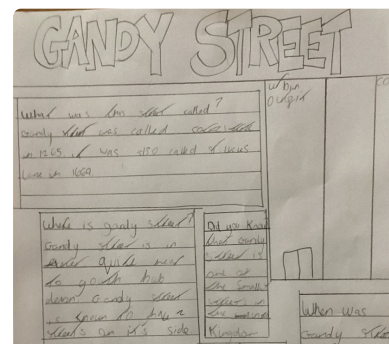
## Year Three & Four Update

In Year 3 and 4 we have had a CRANTASTIC week with the children completing their end of unit write in English. They have been writing their own non chronological reports based on a Exeter landmark. See the photos below of some of our work.

In maths, Year 4 the children have been continuing their learning of decimals and understanding what they look like as both decimals and fractions. Year 3 the children have been continuing their learning of fractions looking at equivalent fractions.

In Science the children are coming to the end of the unit and have learnt lots about plants. They will have also taken their own sunflowers home and they have a challenge in each class to grow the tallest sunflower plant. This is an internal Year 3 and 4 competition and there will be a prize for each class. Any questions about this please email the Year 3 or 4 email address.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.



## Year Five Update

Year 5 have had a busy week getting prepared for their class assemblies next week, the children are excited to show you all of their learning!

We had a great afternoon swimming on Wednesday and the children are sad that next week (27th March) will be their last swimming lesson this year. We are so proud of their progress and the effort that they have been putting in!

In maths, we have been learning about decimals, writing decimals as fractions and learning about tenths, hundredths and thousandths. In Geography, we have started to write our essays, all about Earth's Biomes.

## Year Six Update

This week in Year 6 children have been undertaking another set of mock SATs exams in preparation for their May assessments. We are very proud of their continued focus and



for each other. Well done, everyone! We will be offering additional revision sessions after the Easter break to ensure everyone feels as prepared as possible. We are blown away by children's positive outlook and resilience in preparation for this and their transition to Year 7. In PE they have been improving their tennis skills and we have observed some exciting rallies (some backhands too). Geography has led us to researching the history of the census and how this has helped to monitor and document population changes in the UK. Children created class graphs using the data based on how many people live in each of their households. There will be weekly tasks set on LBQ to support home learning in maths and English so please get in contact if children cannot login. Have a great weekend!

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## The Big Step Summer School

The Big Step Summer School will run on the Campus site from **Mon 12th - Fri 16th August 2024**. This is a very worthwhile programme with the sole aim of preparing pupils for Secondary school. The Big Step is run by an external provider and the approximate cost for a whole week of activities is £120 per child. You can secure your child's place with just a £20 deposit and pay the rest at your convenience (or opt for an automatic payment plan). If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals you can receive a 50% discount. If you think you're eligible for this discount, please contact [info@thebigstep.org](mailto:info@thebigstep.org) before booking.

Booking Link - <https://thebigstep.org/about> - Click on BOOK NOW

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## Awards & Rewards

Congratulations to pupils who obtained their House Point Awards this week.

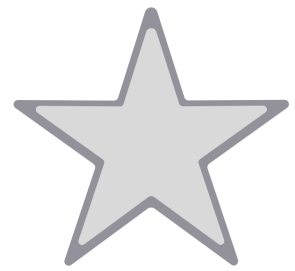
### Gold Awards

Cleo Ashelford  
+2 other students



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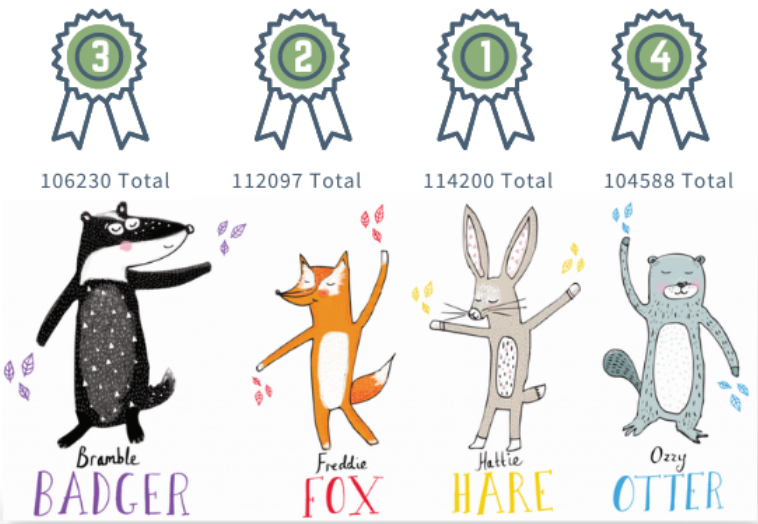
### Platinum Awards



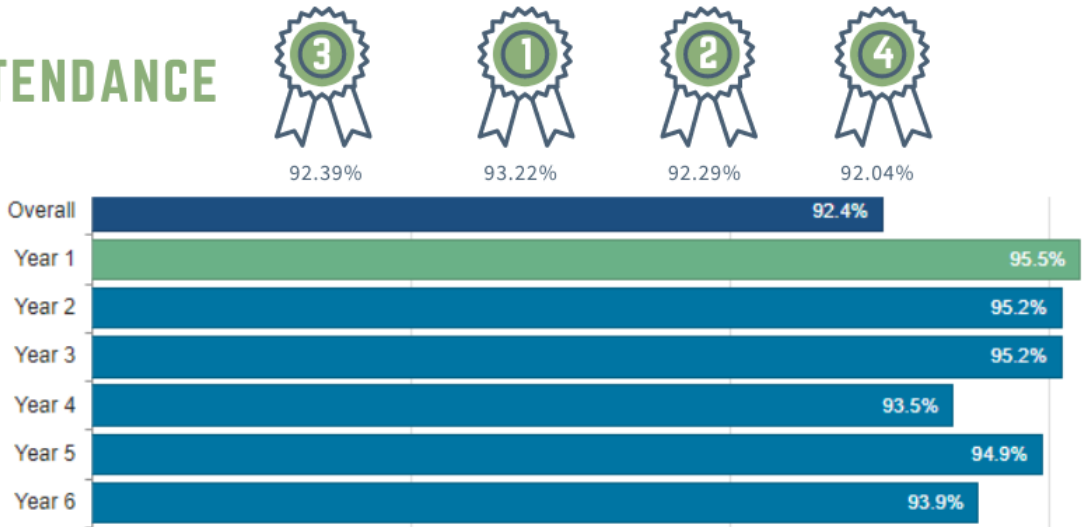
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Robyn Dixon  
Ethan Nicholls  
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Oliver Martin  
Rain Rowe  
Felix Burrell-Squires  
Maisie Randall  
Sienna Byrne-Sylvester  
Hanna Hayward  
Meissem Mokhati  
Isaac West  
Dylan Payne  
Hallie Rodrigues  
Skylar-Louise Westbury  
Carla Gavrila  
Thea Rogers  
Mariana Pereira de Araujo  
Freddie Matthews  
Jake Boden-Hammond  
+10 other students



# HOUSE POINTS



# ATTENDANCE



## Community Notice Board

### Questions about Cranbrook?

Meet your East Devon District Councillors Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7-8pm Cranberry Farm  
Kevin Blakey, Kim Bloxham and Sam Hawkins - working together as Cranbrook Voice

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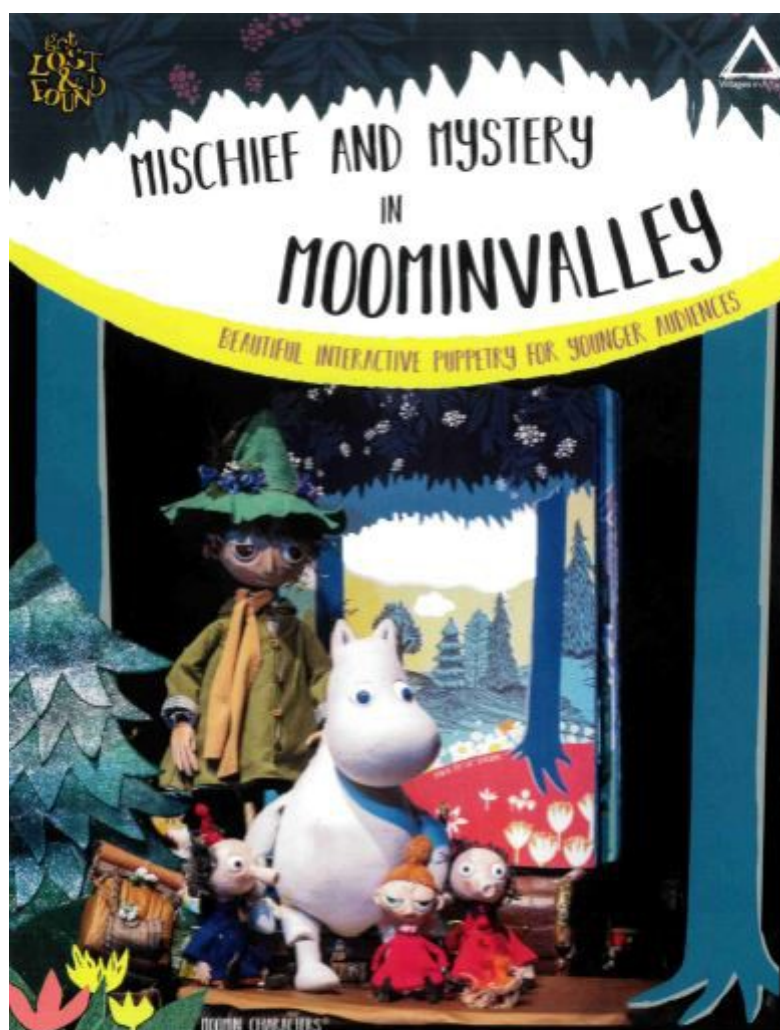
### Join us for Cranbrook's first colour run!

If, when you think of running, you think of very serious looking people, lycra clad, sprinting along paths and anxiously looking at their smart watch, you need to think again. Our partners in Cranbrook, Move More Cranbrook, are putting on a running event with a difference, and it's one that



you won't want to miss. The Colour Run (and summer fete) will take place in Cranbrook on Saturday 6 July and guarantees to be a fun day for the whole family. The running events consist of a 2km fun run and a 5km. Organisers say that this isn't about how speedy you are, it's all about people of all ages having fun and getting stuck in. More here:

<https://liveandmove.co.uk/cranbrook-colour-run/> and here: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/cranbrook-running-club/cranbrook-country-park-colour-run>



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Join a Minecraft History class for an extraordinary educational journey!

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**What is a HAF camp?** A funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) holiday camp includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A HOT NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!

**Where is it?** Pinhoe Primary School, St Sidwell's Primary School, St Thomas Primary School, and Marpool Primary School

**When is it?** 2nd - 5th April and 8th - 11th April

**Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals

**How do I book?** Visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com), search for your chosen venue, select your dates, then enter your HAF code at the checkout stage

See attached flyer below for further information

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## Littleton Honiton - Easter Holiday Club (HAF Project)

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## Easter Soccer School (HAF Project)

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## Car Parking

We have a small car park at the campus that is intended for use by visitors and staff who live outside of Cranbrook only. Please walk to the campus where possible. If you do drive to the

campus, there is plenty of on road parking available if families continue to park sensibly and safely. Blue badge holders who have responsibility for dropping off and collecting students may also use the car park and should bring their blue badge to the main reception office so details can be recorded. Please remember the speed limit is 5mph at all times. More information can be found on our website by clicking here [www.cranbrook.education/carparking](http://www.cranbrook.education/carparking)

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### An additional reminder

Please take a moment to share your thoughts about our campus on the Ofsted [ParentView platform](#). Your valuable feedback is crucial, especially as we anticipate an Ofsted inspection this academic year. Your perspectives will provide valuable insights and contribute to showcasing the strengths and positive aspects of our campus. The whole team greatly appreciates you taking the time to complete this.

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### Dates for the Diary

Reminder: Primary clubs do not run in the last week of term. The last day of this term is Thursday 28th March.

**No clubs will be running in the last week of term.**

- Last Day of Spring Term** - Thursday 28th March
- Year 5 Haven Banks Trip** 23rd May
- Reception Paignton Zoo Trip** 13th June

Term dates Term dates for 24-25 are available on the [website](#)  
Please note that in October 2024 Primary has a two week half term.

Please be aware that some dates and times have been confirmed for trips and amended for assemblies for the next couple of terms. See the updated key dates document for more information