



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Primary Update - 22nd November 2024

Dear CEC Primary Families,

What an eventful week it has been! Thank you for your understanding and support during yesterday's campus closure. These decisions are never made lightly, but the safety of our pupils, staff, and families is always our top priority.

A special congratulations to our Year 5 pupils who practiced their Oracy and presentation skills to their families today in their class assemblies despite losing precious rehearsal time. Performing in front of an audience is one of the nine key opportunities we aim for all our pupils to experience multiple times throughout their learning journey - a skill we know will help to prepare them for their future careers. It's inspiring to see our pupils collaborating and supporting each other.

We also want to express our gratitude to the 266 families who participated in the Edurio survey in September. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us celebrate our successes and identify areas for growth. Mr Stephen Farmer and I have created a short video highlighting the survey results, which you can watch [here](#)



Parent Survey Highlight 24.pdf

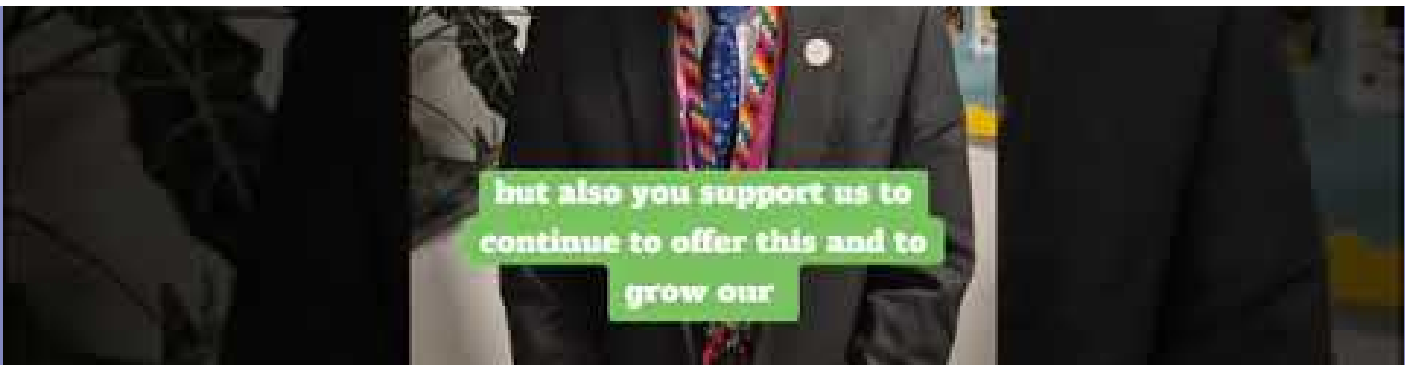
For a written summary, please click this link

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Family Survey 2024 - Results





Finally, a huge well done to everyone involved in our trips this year. We have had countless opportunities for outdoor learning and the Cheddar Gorge trips you will see later on have been an added bonus to our enrichment offer. If you are interested in supporting our culture of outdoor learning be it through volunteering or helping to plan a trip idea, please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued engagement and support in making CEC a wonderful place for our students to thrive.



Chorister Outreach Programme

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate a #Crantastic achievement I had the privilege of seeing this weekend. CEC Y4 Choir took part in the Chorister Outreach Programme performance on Saturday 16th November. Our Y4 Choir sang alongside students from seven other primary schools across the East Devon district and various Exeter Cathedral Choirs. Performing in the historic Exeter Cathedral was an unforgettable experience for all involved, and they performed to a full house with an ambition, courage and lots of heart. I'm so proud of all our pupils who were involved. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to Alex Hawkins for her collaboration with the Music Hub, which helped secure this wonderful opportunity. Lewis, who leads the hub, mentioned on the day this is something they are excited to expand in the coming years.



Reporting an Absence

Absences need to be reported no later than 8.30am. To make this process as easy as possible for you, there are various ways that you can do this:

1. The School Number – 01404 823293 (Please leave a message)
2. Via email - attendance@cranbrook.education
3. Via MCAS or the link on the website home page

For all options please state your child's full name, class and reason for absence. If you do not contact the school your child will be given an automatic unauthorised absence, these remain on their school records.

All of the above options are checked every morning. While we are unable to reply to all messages, please rest assured they will be recorded.

Crantastic Festive Events

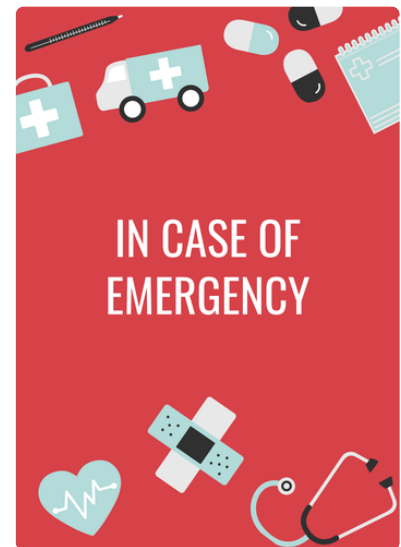
Click the button to view our Crantastic Festive events from the Campus and the wider community

Medication

We would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child has their necessary medication, such as inhalers, antihistamines, or EpiPens, available at school if they have a medical condition that requires it. It is vital that we have a set of medication handed to the main office and, ideally for inhalers, another set for the classroom.

If your child has been prescribed any medication, please ensure it is brought into school as soon as possible to help ensure their safety and well-being throughout the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and collaboration as we work together to keep our pupils safe.



Nut and Peanut Free School

We have a number of staff and students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts and peanuts and it is important that we keep them safe. In this regard, we ask that students, staff and visitors do not bring products containing nuts and peanuts into school.

Products that should not be brought into school include:

- Peanuts and nuts and products containing peanuts or nuts
- Peanut butter and peanut based chocolate snacks (snickers / reece's pieces, Nutella etc)
- Items where peanuts or nuts are listed as main ingredients
- Nut or peanut based oils or products

Products that are allowed:

- Items that "may contain nuts" and "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in factories that use nuts". These present a low risk and are not direct ingredients in the products
- All other non nut-based snacks and food stuff.

FSM Eligibility

If you wish to check your child's eligibility for Free School Meals, please use the [Devon Citizens Portal](#) This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 who will check eligibility, answer questions and help with your application.

Feedback

We work closely with our catering provider Dolce to ensure students are provided with healthy and nutritious meals. If you have any comments or feedback you wish to share about the food, we welcome you contacting us by emailing reception@cranbrook.education



Dolce Autumn 2024 Menu

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Days off school can impact on your success



There are 175 non-school days a year.
Therefore, there is plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and for other appointments.



Moving around the Campus

A polite reminder to families that cycle or scoot to school that these should not be ridden anywhere on site. We ask please for you to dismount from your bike / scooter at the school gates and use the shelters provided. **It is essential that bikes and scooters left on site are secured using bike locks!**

We have a small car park at the campus that is intended for use by blue badge visitors and staff who live outside of Cranbrook only. Please walk to the campus where possible and if you do need to drive to the campus, there is plenty of on road parking available. Please remember to park sensibly and safely for our neighbours.

Thank you

Reception Classes 2025

POSTPONED EVENT

Thank you to those who have booked onto our Open Evening for the new Reception September 2025 intake. This was due to take place on Thursday 21st November, but as the campus was closed due to the snow, we have rearranged this for the coming Thursday - 28th November 2024. There are 3 session times to choose from: 15:50, 16:15 or 16:30. Each session will last approximately 30/40 minutes. This will be an opportunity for all families looking to join the Campus for Reception September 2025 to learn about EYFS at Cranbrook, ask questions and meet other families. This session will include a tour around the Campus including Reception provision and outside areas.

If you have already booked a spot on the first evening, you do not need to rebook for the second, unless you wish to amend your booking time.

Please meet at the main entrance.

Pre-school children are welcome to join the tour with their parent/carer if you would like. Please visit our website and click on the link to book your space on the tour.

<https://www.cranbrook.education/openevening>

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new families to Reception. If you cannot attend these times please do let us know by emailing eyfs@cranbrook.education



CRANBROOK EDUCATION CAMPUS RECEPTION NEW STARTER TOURS

SCHOOL TOURS

Thursday **28th** November
3.50pm, 4.15pm & 4.30pm

BOOK NOW



Year Group Updates

Nursery Update

In Carle Class this week we have been creating lovely snowmen as part of our book of the week 'Squirrel's Snowman'. We have also been exploring shaving foam and searching for the arctic animals. We also have created beautiful star pictures for our rhyme of the term 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'.

Now the weather is getting colder please can you ensure your child has a warm coat and hat as we still like to go outside.

Next week we will be starting all our exciting Christmas activities and details of our Christmas sing-along will be with you soon!

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Preschool Update

What a brilliant week in pre-school! Inspired by our book, The Little Red Hen, we have been working as a team to make and bake our own bread which tasted delicious. We even showed how kind and helpful we can be by helping to wash up the dishes once our bread was in the oven. During Rhyme Time this week, we have been learning our new rhyme, Hey Diddle Diddle, spotting rhyming words



and clapping out the syllables in words. In maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes, going on shape hunts around our classrooms and discussing their properties. We have also begun our Christmas preparations by decorating our own Christmas decorations which will hang on our campus Christmas tree. We have also been considering road safety this week, talking about how we can safely cross the road and introducing a range of road signs into our bike area outside. Wishing you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in pre-school next week.

Reception Update

What a lovely, frosty week in Reception! In English, the children were introduced to finger spaces and had a go at writing their own phrases based on our class story 'Little Glow'. In Maths, we have looked closely at 1 less than a number and the children have created their own number stories. Throughout the week, the continuous provision has focused on bonfire night! The children have created beautiful fireworks using paint and forks, had a go at using their fine motor skills to create bright fireworks using small peg boards and created their own muddy marshmallow treats in the mud kitchen. Christmas Nativity practise is underway and the children have been busy learning their Christmassy songs. If you are not aware of your child's costume/role please speak to your class teacher. Have a fantastic, wintery weekend!

Year One Update

What an exciting week for Year 1! This week, we have continued learning our new phase 5 sounds in phonics. We have been so impressed with the children's hard work and commitment with their handwriting homework and we can really see the difference from the start of term, so well done. In Maths this week, we have been focusing on related facts within 10 and in English we have been focusing on rhyming words for our new book 'Oi Frog!'. In geography, we continued our learning about maps but this week with more of a focus on giving directions and in RE we learned about the Christian belief that the world was created in 7 days. Please continue to complete the fantastic handwriting home learning you have been doing and continue to check in with numbots and ECollins. Enjoy your weekend!

Year Two Update

What a week we have had in Year 2!! **Snow joke**, we have had the disco last Friday where the children were amazingly behaved and danced so well.

In Maths, we have continued to learn all about money and the different coin and notes. We have also been learning about how to calculate the change we get from spending money. In Geography, we have been learning all about the United Kingdom and the countries that make this up as well as identifying the capital city of England. Science, the children have been using magnifying glasses to look at different objects up close and using their observation skills to draw these. We hope you have a lovely weekend and you all enjoyed your extra day off!!

Year Three Update

Its been another exciting week of learning with the added bonus of a snow day. On Monday Favilli class had a mental health workshop where they talked about how to keep your bucket full and help keep themselves happy along with discussion about foods that are good for our mental health! In maths we have been amazed at how well they have grasped the module on Multiplication and Division and in Geography we explored how mountains are formed , using plasticine models. In science we have learnt about that igneous rocks are formed from lava from volcanoes and that Dartmoor is made of granite which is an igneous rock. In RE we have learnt about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah and shared their dish of apples and honey.

Reminders

Next weeks spellings are

mistake

mislead

misbehave

misspell

misplace

misread

mistrust

misunderstanding

misuse

mislaid

Finally we would like to remind you that Fletcher class are going to Elbury Farm on Monday 25th November so need to come in PE kit and bring wellies and waterproof coats (and hats and gloves if still cold) and a packed lunch. FSM will be provided a packed lunch from the kitchen as we will be leaving school at 12pm.

Year Four & Five Update

In Years 4 and 5 we have had a memorable week with an incredible disco (Miss Shelbourne delivered on the cha cha slide), tree planting, additional learning opportunities such as mental health work shops and after school clubs. Thank you to all families we welcomed in to our school to share learning in Year

Next up we have more trips planned to Elberry Farm for an afternoon of tree planting.

All children need to attend with a packed lunch, suitable footwear and warm clothing.
If any additional parents wish to volunteer then please do email the year4@cranbrook.education email box.
Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Community Notice Board



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HOLIDAY GIFT APPEAL



Help us create magical gift boxes for children seeking asylum and refugee children in our community.

We are collecting items for children aged newborn to 18-years old. We will curate your kind donations into boxes of joy for each of our vulnerable children.

All donations are accepted via our reception at Cranbrook Education Campus, Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook, Exeter, EX57EE.

Last date for donations is the 2nd December.

For Any bulk donations or queries please contact ellie.jacobs@cranbrook.education



If you would prefer to donate money rather than items please scan our QR code to access our Just Giving Page or follow:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/familiesseekingasylumandrefugeesincranbrook>

Suggested items include:
Empty boxes with lids

For Babies (1 month to 3 years):

- Soft toys or comforters
- Baby blankets
- Board books
- Rattles and teething toys
- Baby bath products

For Young Children (3 to 11 years):

- Picture books/ New to English Books
- Colouring books and Pencils
- Toys & Puzzles
- Craft Kits
- Slime/ Playdough/ Bubbles
- Toiletries (Haircare, bodycare, dentalcare)
- Stationary sets
- Sweets/Chocolates/Crisps
- Sports equipment (e.g., football, skipping ropes)

For Teens (13 to 18 years):

- Journals/notebooks
- Headphones or small tech gadgets
- Toiletries (Haircare, bodycare, dentalcare)
- Fidget Toys
- Hair Accessories
- Sports accessories
- New to English books or novels
- Fashion accessories
- Nail Varnishes
- Games
- Sweets/ Chocolates/ Crisps





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Dates for the Diary

Term Dates

Please take a moment to review the Key Dates and mark your calendars accordingly. This will help you stay informed and ensure you're up-to-date with all the key activities such as Trips and PTA Events. **This includes the exciting news of a Winter Showcase on 19th December with Primary Dance and Choir clubs. More information to follow soon.**

If you have any questions or need further details please email reception@cranbrook.education

Key Dates for 2024/25

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