



THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Primary Update - 4th April 2025

Dear CEC Families

Weekly Update 04/04/2025



Pupil survey summary

At Cranbrook Education Campus, we are committed to creating a positive and enriching learning environment for all our students. Our recent **Pupil Learning Experience and Wellbeing Survey** has provided valuable insights, and we want to share both the successes we are celebrating and the areas we are working to improve.

🌟 Celebrating Our Successes:

- ✓ **Engaged Learning** – Many pupils feel their teachers explain work clearly and lessons build on their knowledge.
- ✓ **Strong Teacher Support** – Pupils value the support they receive from staff and feel able to ask

for help.

✓ **Positive Behaviour & Respect** – The majority of pupils believe they behave well and show respect to their teachers.

✓ **A Safe & Welcoming Environment** – Most pupils feel safe in lessons and around the school.

✓ **Opportunities Beyond the Classroom** – Pupils appreciate the chance to take part in extra-curricular activities and leadership roles like Pupil Parliament.

✓ **Friendships & Community** – Many students highlight the strong friendships and sense of belonging they experience at school.

🔧 **Areas for Development:**

✦ **Homework & Workload** – Some pupils feel that the amount of homework can be challenging, and we are reviewing how to ensure it is purposeful and manageable.

✦ **Behaviour & Classroom Disruptions** – We recognise that, at times, learning is disrupted, and we are strengthening our behaviour strategies to ensure all pupils can focus in lessons.

✦ **Pupil Voice & Inclusion** – While many students feel valued, some would like more opportunities to share their opinions and see more diversity represented in the curriculum.

✦ **Extra-Curricular & Breaktime Experience** – Some pupils would like more clubs and structured activities during breaks and lunch, and we are exploring ways to expand these opportunities.

✦ **Consistency in Expectations** – Pupils have expressed that rules and expectations can vary across staff. We are working to maintain a fair and consistent approach for all.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils, families and staff, and we are committed to acting on this feedback to make Cranbrook an even better place to learn and grow. **Thank you for your ongoing support – together, we can continue to ensure the best experience for all our pupils!**



🏆 **We've Achieved the Rainbow Flag Award!** 🏆

We are proud to announce that Cranbrook Education Campus has been awarded the **Rainbow Flag Award!** This national accreditation celebrates our commitment to creating an inclusive, safe, and supportive environment for all students, including those who identify as LGBTQ+.

Through staff training, pupils voice initiatives, and inclusive curriculum development, we have worked hard to ensure that every

member of our school community feels valued and respected. This achievement reflects our dedication to equality, diversity, and the wellbeing of all our students.

Thank you to our staff, pupils, and families for supporting this journey. Together, we continue to make CEC a place where everyone belongs. 🌈🌟



🌟 **A Dazzling Success: Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat!** 🌟

What an incredible show! This week, the Cranbrook Education Campus community was treated to a spectacular production of *Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and what a performance it was!

Our talented pupils brought the stage to life with their energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding performances. From the dazzling choreography to the powerful solo numbers, every scene was

packed with heart and talent. The audience was swept away by the story, the music, and the sheer joy radiating from the stage. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff (Mrs Bethany Britland, Mrs Alex Hawkins, Miss Maddie Smith and Mrs Maddi Jenkins), who worked tirelessly to bring this production together. The set, costumes, lighting, and music were truly professional, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone in the hall.



And, of course, a massive congratulations to our phenomenal cast! Their hard work, commitment, and passion shone through in every song and scene. You should be incredibly proud of what you've achieved.

A special mention must also go to our wonderful audience—thank you for your support! It's moments like these that remind us how special our school community is.

If you are reading this before 6pm, there is still time for you to join the final show tonight. Show starts at 6.45 at the campus.



Summer Term Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to share the extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Summer term for Primary. All clubs are now live on MCAS where you can book a space. .

If your child is in receipt of FSM and would like to receive a discount you will need to email reception@cranbrook.education - these will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Please be aware that the clubs will not run on the first and last week of term so will officially begin the week commencing 28th April and will end week commencing 7th July.

We will also be running a Primary choir again for year 5 and 6 but this sign up will take place within classrooms and not through MCAS. The club will take place on a Thursday afternoon during

school hours. The choir will be specifically working towards some performances in the Summer term and there will be a maximum capacity of 20 spaces.

Thank you for the continued support in signing your child up to an enriching experience outside of the classroom and displaying our #PERKS of being proud, engaged, ready, kind and safe during each of the activities.



Walk & Wheel Active Breakfast: A Huge Success!

This month, Cranbrook Education Campus partnered with the charity Sustrans to host a Walk & Wheel Active Breakfast, encouraging families to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. The response was fantastic, with pupils and parents arriving on foot, bike, and scooter to enjoy a delicious breakfast reward (supported by Morrisons) for their commitment to active travel.

Active travel isn't just about the journey—it's about building healthier habits, reducing traffic, and strengthening our school community. Key benefits include:

- ✓ Boosted learning – Pupils arrive more alert and ready to learn.
- ✓ Cleaner air – Fewer cars mean less pollution.
- ✓ Better well-being – More movement = healthier bodies and minds.
- ✓ Stronger community – Walking and cycling together brings people closer.

As part of the Ted Wragg Trust, CEC is committed to creating a vibrant, sustainable environment for all. This event is just one of many ways we're encouraging active travel.

Did you know? If one child cycled to school for a year instead of going by car, it could save almost half a tonne of CO₂—that's like planting eight trees for a decade!

Let's keep the momentum going—see you at the school gates! 🚶🚲🛼

Year 6 Football Tournament

Our Year 6 football teams put in a fantastic effort at the recent tournament at St Peter's School, competing against four local primary schools. Both teams showed determination and skill, securing a win, a draw, and a loss. Their impressive teamwork and support for each other were evident throughout the matches. The boys are already looking forward to the next round of games on May 19th, where they will have another chance to showcase their hard work and passion for the sport!



Calling all Gardening Heroes

Next term, Our Year 2 class Science unit is about growing plants. In lesson 2, we would like to speak to an expert gardener. This does not have to be a professional, but someone who does it for a hobby, who would be happy to talk about it to us and answer some questions about growing plants, fruits, vegetables and herbs. This would take place on any day on the week commencing 28th April or 5th May (excluding 30th April and 1st May). Please could you get in touch via email with us if you are able to join us or know someone who can: year2@cranbrook.education.

For Science, we also need lots of newspaper, clean yoghurt pots, clean plastic bottles and clean plastic milk bottles so please could you bring those in and give them to class teachers to pass on to Mrs Ratibb or Miss Sims. Please could this be donated by Monday 12th May 2025. Thank you!

Primary Environmental Group

In our final session with Adam from the National Trust, our environmental group made the most of our fantastic outdoor classroom. The children engaged in den making, team-building activities, and brainstorming new ideas for the woodland at Elbury Farm. It has been inspiring to see them work collaboratively across different age groups, sharing their voices and presenting creative plans for the future. Over the three sessions, we have watched this group grow in confidence, developing

valuable teamwork and leadership skills. We can't wait to see how their ideas shape the landscape, ensuring that our young people remain the driving force behind CEC's environmental vision.



Year Group Updates

Preschool Update

As we come to a close on Spring term the Preschool Team can't help but marvel at how much the children have developed since their arrival. They are really beginning to master their impulses and follow the routines and expectations of preschool, we are so proud of them. We are now beginning to look ahead to September and prepare for 'big school' for those who will be going into Reception. In light of this, please can we ask in the Summer term that any toys or precious items such as jewellery are left at home. Sadly items left for safekeeping in bags often get pulled out and lost or broken during the school day. We would greatly appreciate your support with this as we prepare your child for September.



In our final week of term the children have continued learning about how to support bees in the environment by planting sunflower seeds! Please send in any photos on Tapestry if your child's sunflower gets any bee visitors!

We have also been learning how to explain number problems using our mathematical language such as 'more' and 'less', the children have loved watching the Numberblock episode 'Holes' and explaining why one number becomes smaller and another number grows bigger!

We cannot wait to see you all after the Easter holidays. Preschool Reading Club will be reverting back to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, please join us to share a book with your child! School reopens on Tuesday 22nd April, have a lovely break!

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our EYFS team! Livia Szaboova and Billie Lander have joined us as EYFS practitioners in Carle and Ahlberg class. We are excited for the warmth and enthusiasm they bring to our campus. Please join us in giving them a Crantastic welcome and make them feel at home at CEC!

Reception Update

What a lovely way to end the Spring Term! The children enjoyed dressing up in their pyjamas and playing party games with their peers. This week has been all about Easter. The children have created their own Easter eggs, made number bond eggs, and used their fine motor skills to create spring-related pegboard pictures. In Drawing Club, the children watched an episode of *Bagpuss* and then drew their own Bagpuss cloth cat and shop. In Maths, we have focused on counting on from a number to 10.

Over Easter we will start to send some additional handwriting homework practice alongside our normal homework grid. New handwriting letters will be uploaded onto Tapestry each Monday ready for the new week! Please put your child's beautiful letter work onto Tapestry so we can add their house points.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 22nd April

Year Two Update

This week we have been so busy with finishing off our learning for this term and our assemblies! We have finished sewing and decorating our hand puppets, completed a Science assessment and written our own rhythms. In English we have been writing our Geography big write, celebrating everything that the children have learnt about rainforests. The Y2 team hope you all enjoy the assemblies and would like to wish you all a Happy Easter!



Save the Date

We are excited to inform you about an upcoming educational trip to the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life on Wednesday 30th April. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about a broad collection of objects relating to the history of Mid Devon, including home life and toys; local trades and industries.

- **Cost:** £10 per pupil – This payment is now available in the Trips section within MCAS and covers the entry to the museum and the coach travel required.
- **Pupil Premium:** Please note that a discount is available for (PP) students. If you would like to discuss this, please contact reception@cranbrook.education for more details.
- **Free School Meals:** If your child is eligible for FSM, you are now able to book a packed lunch through the School Grid system. The cut off for booking through this system will be 1 week prior to the trip on Tuesday 24th April.

We hope this trip will be an exciting and educational experience for all students.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at year2@cranbrook.education.

Thank you for your support!

Year Three Update

The Year 3 team would like to say how incredibly proud we are of the children for their effort, determination, and perseverance in their learning—especially during their NFER tests. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed!

This week, the children have completed their geography essays on the weather and the water cycle, demonstrating their growing knowledge and writing skills. In maths, we have wrapped up our unit on fractions, and in DT, the children have carefully crafted their levers and linkages Easter egg cards—slowly but surely!

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to explore the world of the Ancient Greeks, dive into sewing in art, and tackle the concept of time in maths.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for our final term together.

Year Four & Five Update

Year 4 and 5 Update- What an eventful half term! From circuits in Science, football matches, cereal bar making, residential for Y5, cross country, to dressing up for World Book Day, we've had a busy 6 weeks! In the final 2 weeks of term we've worked hard to put our knowledge to the test by taking part in NFER testing and as teachers we are incredibly PROUD of all our children and their achievements. As we move to the Summer Term we are very much looking forward to enjoying the sunshine, outside play and using our grass area more at break and lunch times. Into the Summer Term we also ask that a BOOST on EdShed is supported at home for all pupils to develop their recall of common words and to practice their weekly spelling rule. Thank you to all families who joined us for book looks earlier in the week-we really appreciate your support. Have a wonderful half term!

Community Notice Board

📣 Calling all businesses and education providers 📣

CEC are very excited to announce the date of our annual careers fair taking place on Thursday 23rd October 2025. We would love for you to join year 6 to year 11 in career conversations around transferable skills and routes to employment in your sector. If you would like to have a stand at our fair please contact careers@cranbrook.education and we can discuss further details.



To any Parents/Carers looking for something sporty for children to do during the holidays DM Coaching are offering football sessions at Stockland Primary school (near Honiton) on each of the Monday's and Thursdays and multi sport at St. Mary's Primary school in Axminster on multiple days each week. Details can be found on the flyer attached and I will also be working the football days at Stockland. Have a happy Easter. Darren Clarke

DM Coaching Easter Holiday Camps 2025

Schedule	Venue	Dates	Timings
Football Camps 	Stockland Primary Academy Stockland (Near Honiton) Devon EX14 9EF	Monday 7th April	Drop off from 8.15am
		Thursday 10th April	9am-3.30pm
		Monday 14th April	9am-5.15pm (including Movie Club)
		Thursday 17th April	
Multi-Sport & Woodland Adventure Camps 	St Mary's Catholic Primary School Lyme Road Axminster Devon EX13 5BE	Tuesday 8th April	Drop off from 8.15am
		Wednesday 9th April	9am-3.30pm
		Tuesday 15th April	9am-5.15pm (including Movie Club)
		Wednesday 16th April	

Children 5-13 years old are welcome

Costs

Football Camps : £15 (8.15am-3.30pm) or £20 (8.15am-5.15pm)

Multi-Sports & Woodland Adventure Camps: £15 (8.15am-3.30pm) or £20 (8.15am-5.15pm)

£15 or £20 per child to be paid via BACS/Bank Transfer on the evening before each camp!!!

Block booking price ONLY £55 for 4 days!!!

Skills, Games and Mini Tournaments with prizes for the star performers on the day!!!

All of the coaches are DBS checked and have up to date 'Safeguarding' and First Aid training.

Kit list (Please label all of your child's things!!!)

All Camps: Packed lunch, drinks, trainers, sun hat, suncream & appropriate clothing (Weather dependant)

Football Camps: Football boots and shin pads.

Multi-Sport & Woodland Adventures: Waterproofs and wellies (For our woodland adventures).




If you are interested contact Dan Murnane on 07845 498057 / dmcoaching2010@gmail.com





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ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY WORKSHOP

with **David Birch**
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Wednesday 16th April 2025
Thomas Hall School, Exeter

Juniors (ages 5-11) - 9am to 12pm
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Free demonstration for families at the end of each workshop
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email tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

Easter Holidays Drama Workshop

On Wednesday 16th April at Thomas Hall School, there will be two opportunities to take part in this exciting workshop.

9am to 12pm - for children aged 5 to 11 years old

1pm to 4pm - for children aged 12 to 18 years old

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.

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

Key Dates for 2024/25

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