



# The Cranbourne Catch Up

*A School Newsletter*



## Edition 6 - Friday 31 January

### Cluster Conference

On Friday 24 January, we hosted our annual Cluster Conference, with this year's theme being 'Courageous Advocacy', inspiring students to think about the small actions they can take to make a big difference.

From community litter picks to bullying roleplays, the day saw the primary school students from our local cluster schools participating in activities designed to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to become courageous advocates for change.

Other activities included making starfish art and writing poetry, and the highlight of the day - the problem-solving obstacle course! Students were challenged to guide their blindfolded teammate through the various obstacles in the quickest time possible. The activity relied on students being able to successfully communicate with each other, considering a different perspective to their own and finding creative solutions.

Our Student Ambassadors did a fantastic job at supervising and encouraging the younger students, and we are extremely proud of how confidently they led their sessions. A big thank you to all our cluster schools for attending, Miss Miller for organising and the staff who supported to make this event such a success. An extra special thank you to Mr Saumarez for building our wonderful starfish!



Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry is open to all every Thursday between 11am and midday.

### Young Interpreters

On Wednesday 22 January, our Year 8 Young Interpreters took part in a workshop session at Kings Furlong Junior School, which aimed to inspire and motivate the students in Years 4 to 6.

The morning was filled with team building activities, stimulation games, and learning new techniques to use with their own buddies.

The students reflected on their origins and took pride in sharing their diverse backgrounds and languages with each other.



**SPRING CONCERT 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 6PM**  
 TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA TICKETSOURCE

### Are you following us on Social Media?



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### Vote for your Parent Governors

Don't forget to cast your vote for Cranbourne's new Parent Governors by Wednesday 5 February. Details on how to do so have been sent via Edulink.

# News from the PE Department

Our Year 8 Netball team secured a 4-2 victory against Bishop Challoner thanks to their outstanding teamwork and determination, with every player supporting each other throughout. The team's positive attitude and enjoyment of the game was evident, creating a great atmosphere on court.



Congratulations to Abigail S, Joseph C and Edward S who represented Basingstoke in a recent District Cross Country tournament. Abi was the schools highest finisher, coming in 27th after running against students a year older than her. Well done!

## Celebrating Chinese New Year

On Friday 24 January, we celebrated the Chinese New Year with a delicious meal in the canteen. Staff and students enjoyed a tasty selection of sweet and sour chicken, egg fried rice, chow mein noodles, spring rolls and fortune cookies. A big thank you to our fantastic Catering team for making this happen!



The Year 9 Netball team achieved an impressive 10-3 win against Bishop Challoner. They made some fantastic interceptions against our opponents and our shooters scored some crucial goals under pressure, leading us to victory.



## Dates for your diary

### February

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

## Green Cranbourne Survey

Our Green Cranbourne students are collecting information on how students travel to and from school in order to calculate Cranbourne's carbon footprint.



Please complete the survey sent via Edulink by Mr Targett over the weekend.

## University of Winchester Assembly

On Friday 17 January, a PhD student from the University of Winchester delivered a session to our Year 10 students.

Here's what Jess D had to say:

*"The presenter made it very interactive for students, giving us discussion questions and time to think of our answers.*

*They shared lots of information on what the university offers including what courses we could study and types of societies.*

*She spoke about uni life and the key skills she's learned over her years studying such as budgeting, time management and public speaking.*

*It was a very informative and engaging experience."*

Year 10 Get Inspired Trip - 6 February  
Spring Concert - 12 February  
Half Term - 17 to 21 February



## LEARNER OF THE LESSON

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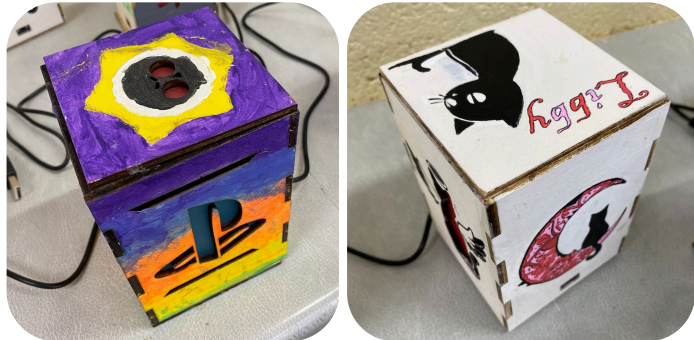
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Sherwin P  
David I  
Ellis C  
Samuel A  
Ffion K  
Thomas P  
Jason T  
Jayden B  
Millie D  
Josh B

Maksym D  
Maisie B  
Harrison N  
Ezra F-C  
Joseph H  
Haveesha V  
Jack S  
Hamish H  
Jacob H  
Brydon W-S

## Desk tidies and mood lights

Students have been hard at work in their D&T lessons, applying the wide range of techniques learned so far this term and perfecting their skills using the workshop tools to create some fantastic items.

Year 7 have been using reclaimed, upcycled timbers to create desk tidies, whilst Year 9 have used CAD technology and electronics to design bespoke mood lights.



## Permissions Form

If you have not yet done so, please ensure you have completed the Permissions Form relevant to your child's year group. This form minimises the number of forms required to give consent for your child to attend a trip. Please check Edulink for information.



## Cranbourne Aspire Diploma

At the end of last term, students in our new and improved Cranbourne Aspire Diploma had their first experience of teaching.

Stepping outside of their comfort zone, they were given the open brief of teaching the younger pupils 'something'. We saw a very wide and varied set of lessons produced for different subjects including Music, Science and PE.

The programme has helped to develop skills such as project management, collaboration, contingency planning, teamwork, presenting and public speaking.

We've seen a huge growth in their confidence and organisation since the start which will stay with them throughout KS4 and beyond.

## Book of the Week

Our Reading Ambassadors are pleased to bring you their book of the week (w/c 20.01.25):

**Vicky Angel by Jacqueline Wilson**



*"Jade has always lived in the shadow of her loud and confident best friend, Vicky. But when tragedy strikes, she struggles to accept life without her. Yet, Vicky isn't one to let a little thing like being dead keep her away! Whether Jade is in class, jogging, or trying to make new friends, Vicky's vibrant spirit refuses to let her be forgotten."*

If you're looking for a book that will make you laugh, cry and reflect - Vicky Angel is a must read!

Students can visit the library during break or lunchtime to pick up a copy.

## Role Model Students Award w/c 27.01.25 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Joseph H	Aubrey R	Noing L	Dylan M	TJ F
Thomas H	Ethan O	Mia P	Ginelle H	Admirer A
Klara B	David N'OL	Joshua S	Kwasi A	Evie R
Chloe T	Maisie M	Lily S	Rafael D S C	Gypsy F
Rafael R		Harry N	Thomas G	Hayden C
James C		Ollie S		Yvonne M
Sherwin PR		Kendra B		Aimee G
Mollie A		Phoebe C		Samyog R
Ella N				Alicia D

**Model Student**