



# The Cranbourne Catch Up

*A School Newsletter*



**Edition 16 - Friday 18 July**

## An evening of excellence

On Wednesday 16 July, we celebrated an evening of excellence at our Summer Rewards' Evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to welcome parents to our school and reflect on the achievements and success of the Cranbourne Community.

Cranbourne Vocal Band opened the evening with an energetic performance of 'Take on Me' and Year 8 students Macie and Laila wowed with their rendition of 'A Million Dreams'.

Year 10 student Megan B won the prestigious Headteacher's Award for their outstanding contribution to Cranbourne. Megan engages fully in learning and embraces all enrichment opportunities offered and shows an incredible dedication to school life. On our Spanish trip, Megan impressed staff after showcasing passion for the language, demonstrating remarkable eloquence in their speaking abilities and secured a top grade in the Spanish mock exam this term.

We are so proud of our wonderful students who work hard in all that they do and hope they continue to strive towards excellence in everything.



**Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open throughout the Summer Holidays - every Thursday between 11.15am and 12.15pm.**



## Experiments in Science

Year 8 and 9 have been busy in their Science lessons, learning about energy transfer.

One of the highlights was watching Mr Searby set his head on fire 20 times (without pain of course!) while they explored how heat rises.

By the end of the lesson, students were able to explain why this is possible - because hot air becomes less dense, causing it to rise via convection.

## Green Cranbourne



It's been a fantastic year for Green Cranbourne, with lots of progress made on our journey to sustainability!

Students have presented at a number of conference events this year, including to Hampshire leaders, students at Kings Furlong Junior School and Governors.

We've acquired a new water fountain in the Canteen, published our sustainability plan and gifted reusable coffee cups to our staff.

We've recycled a whopping 21kg of batteries and 5kg of pens throughout the year and collected lots of rubbish from our community as part of the Big Cranbourne Clean Up.

Our first cohort of Horticulture have successfully completed their sustainability projects and grown lots of yummy vegetables for our canteen.

We're so proud of all the achievements we've made over this academic year. Our Green Cranbourne students have shown immense dedication and commitment to the cause and we can't wait to see what we can achieve next year!

## LEARNER OF THE LESSON

w/c 07.07.25

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Eliza B  
Royna B  
Supriya G  
Jay S

Lyra S  
Casey M  
Poppy M  
Jedidi J  
Laasya N

Ted S  
Rylee N  
Kobi D  
Emma F



## Performing Arts Month

On Thursday 10 July, our Year 10 Drama students, joined by Cranbourne Vocal Band and Dance Club, delivered an immersive performance of 'As You Like It', where the audience become part of the Forest of Arden! It was a fantastic way to close our Performing Arts Month and our students truly shined.

We are so proud of everyone who participated in Arts Month, from performing in one of our 5 events, to taking part in workshops and the Basingstoke Festival Opening Parade.

A huge thank you to our incredible Performing Arts Department - Mr Juliff, Mrs Vaughan and Mx Philo - for putting so much time, hard work and effort into everything you do. The Cranbourne Community is so lucky to have such dedicated and committed teachers who support them every step of the way.



## Performing Arts Careers Day

On Tuesday 9 July, we hosted our first Performing Arts Careers Day as part of our Performing Arts Month schedule. It was an exciting opportunity for students to explore the wide and varied world of creative industry careers.

Year 10 Drama and Music students took part in a careers carousel, supported by Ed Adams from Anvil Arts who spoke about his experience as a Community Engagement Lead and a working musician.

We were joined by a fantastic number of guests including Kurt Phillips, professional drummer, Becky Kitter, producer and associate director of Scratch Built Productions, Olivia Egbunike, actor-musician, Rebecca Lyons, dedicated poet and playwright and Luke Upton, cruise shop performer.

Year 9 Drama students attended a workshop from London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) exploring roles in the technical aspects of theatre such as lighting designers, sound technicians, stage managers and costume supervisors.

A huge thank you to all of the professionals who attended, our students were so inspired by the wide array of opportunities out there for them in the industry.





# Guns & Dolls Jr.

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## CAST LIST

Character	Team A (performing Tuesday & Thursday)	Team B (performing Wednesday & Friday)
Nathan Detroit	Jamie P	Sam M
Miss Adelaide	Piper R	Megan B
Sky Masterson	Lauren B	Archie S
Sarah Brown	Jess D	Laila C
Arvide Abernathy	Calvyn D	
Mission Band: Calvin	Catherine M	
Mission Band: Martha	Amie McD	
Mission Band: Bertha	Mia M	
Mission Band: Agatha	Erin W	
Nicely-Nicely Johnson	Eloise S	
Benny Southstreet	Dylan M	
Rusty Charlie	Jackson B	
Harry the Horse	Anabelle M	
Big Jule	Freya G	
Lietuenant Brannigan	Merryn L	
General Cartwright	Annabelle E-S	
Ensemble	Erin W, Amie McD, Mia M, Frankie B, Mollie A, Freya G, Catherine M, Poppy-Mae H, Ava-Rose L, Merryn L, Annabelle E-S, Macie R	

CRANBOURNE PERFORMING ARTS

## Rock N Roll at Rowan Lodge

On Wednesday 9 July, Cranbourne Vocal Band visited Rowan Lodge for a musical afternoon. They had a great time singing a medley of rock music for the residents, who are already looking forward to our visit at Christmas!

Well done to our Vocal Band for representing our school out in the community and doing us all proud. A big thank you to Mx Philo for accompanying them and to Mrs Gray for driving the minibus!



## Year 8 Residential Trip

Our Year 8 students went on a 3 day residential trip to Runaways Edge in Aldershot from Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 July. From the moment they arrived the energy was high and the excitement never stopped! The whole trip was filled with action, laughter and memories that will stay with them for a long time.

They participated in a number of exciting activities including archery (which brought out everyone's inner Robin Hood!), caving through tight tunnels and navigating dark corners, rock climbing and canoeing. Paddling in sync whilst not getting too wet proved to be quite a challenge for some!

The team building activities really brought the students together, teaching them how to communicate, trust each other and work as one unit. The rocket challenge was a perfect example of this, where they were able to propel their rocket an impressive 50 meters.

Of course no residential would be complete without some evening fun – Mr Head's Games Night was hilarious and chaotic in the best way! From silly challenges to blindfolded madness, the groups competed to win as many points as possible. The evenings highlight was toasting marshmallows and singing around the campfire with Mr Juliff, whose enthusiasm kept the whole group smiling.

A huge thank you to all the staff who allowed this trip to happen – Mr Head, Mr Juliff, Mrs James, Miss Valvason, Miss Gilkes, Mrs Reddy and Mr Howland. Bring on next year's adventures!



## Year 10 visit Porchester Castle

On Tuesday 15 July, Year 10 students visited Porchester Castle as part of their History GCSE course. The trip enriched their knowledge of the changing purpose of the castle and will help shape their learning next year.

Students enjoyed a walk on the roof of the keep and had the opportunity to take in the amazing views of the chalk cliffs and Porchester lake.

Our Year 10s displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day and were excellent Ambassadors for Cranbourne. A massive shout to Eli and Riley for their excellent answers!



## Summer Rewards' Trips

As a reward for earning 1,250 House Points, eligible students were offered a place on our Rewards' Trips. Students can collect House Points for a number of reasons including meeting lesson expectations, contributing to the wider community and helping out at school events.

They had the choice between Thorpe Park on Friday 4 July, or Marwell Zoo on Monday 14 July.

Students had a fantastic time and it was a lovely opportunity to reward them for all their hard work over the year.

# News from the PE Department



Well done to Ollie H who attended the GB Ice Hockey Camp on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 July.

Despite incredibly tough competition, Ollie made it through to play in the final game – an impressive achievement given 16 people were cut from the team!

We hope you had a fantastic time Ollie and enjoyed the experience. We're excited to see what's next for you!



On Tuesday 8 July, six of our students competed at County Athletics in Winchester, after qualifying at the District competition in June.

They competed against other young athletics from districts in the area and despite the hot weather, they found some good shade, stayed hydrated and gave it their absolute all!

- Emma J – second place in High Jump
- Nina G – fourth place in Long Jump
- Abigail A – third place in Discus
- Jess E – third place in High Jump
- Danny H – sixth place for High Jump
- Owen B – results still being verified

As a district, Basingstoke finished fourth (U13 boys and U14 girls) and fifth (U13 girls and U14 boys) – an impressive accomplishment!

We're so proud of how our students conducted themselves throughout the competition, and were exemplary representatives of the Cranbourne Community.

Congratulations to Aubrey who competed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Junior Light Sandra Championships in Rickmansworth.

Aubrey secured second place and the award for best team player!



## Day of Sport 2025

On Friday 11 July, we held our annual Day of Sport, where students got stuck into various sports events including Tug of War, athletics, Rounders and relay races.

Despite the blistering heat, our students kept their spirits up throughout the day, encouraging their peers and cheering them on as they competed to earn points for their House Groups.

We had an great time watching them all show their competitive streak and the behaviour displayed throughout the day was absolutely exemplary. Days like these really make us proud of our Cranbourne Community and we hope they all had a fantastic time.

A huge thank you to the PE Department for all their hard work and efforts in enabling this event to run so smoothly, and a special thanks must go to Ms Dixon for manning the much needed water station!

## The Results Are In!



**4th place**  
**1057**

Winner of the Wooden Spoon



**3rd place**  
**1428**

Winner of Athletics Events



**2nd place**  
**1480**

Year 10 Champions  
Winner of Field Events



**1st place**  
**1568**

Year 7 Champions  
Year 8 Champions  
Year 9 Champions  
Winner of Swimming Gala

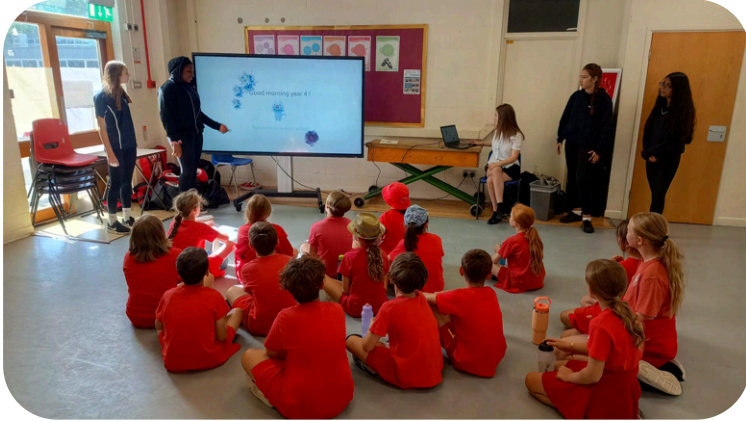
# Day of Sport 2025



## CAD students work with Oakley

On Wednesday 16 July, our final group of Cranbourne Aspire Diploma students completed their projects, working with Year 4 students from Oakley School. They did a fantastic job, leading the younger students with confidence and encouraging them to get stuck in. We received some really lovely feedback from the class teacher, making us very proud of our students!

*“The Year 9s were brilliant with our children! I was really impressed by how they managed the Year 4 class and got so involved. Our children told me how kind, enthusiastic and helpful the Cranbourne students were - they should be really proud of their success!”*



## Ordering Uniform From Skoolkit

Skoolkit will be offering a 10% discount on Cranbourne uniform items in their Basingstoke store from Monday 21 to Saturday 26 July.

If you prefer to order online, don't forget to last day to order to get your items in time for September is Monday 11 August.

Use code 'SUMMER25' between 19 July - 26 July for free delivery on all orders.

## Spanish Paella

Our Year 9 Spanish students tried their hand at cooking chicken and chorizo paella. Miss Ramirez-Martinez gave the recipe to them in Spanish, where they worked in teams to translate and follow the steps.

They have been studying this vocabulary in the classroom so recognised a lot of the ingredients and did an excellent job deciphering the rest.

The paella's were extremely tasty and cooked to perfection! Big thank you to Mrs Mead and Mrs Phelps for assisting with the cooking!



## Role Model Students Award w/c 14.07.25 recipients

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Ava-Rose L	Madi B-M	Lily May G D	Felix C
Jack S	Amelie M-J	Louie B	Alicia C
JJ W-H	Maia K	Beth D	Olly B
Tristan N	Ruby S	Poppy F	Sofia F
Tyde C	Riley H	Luca C	Evie G
Millie D		Oliver F	Hamish R
Habeesa A		Ted S	Beth H
		Ellis B	Keying M
		Edward S	Tom G
		Merryn L	

Well done!

Model Student

## Dates for your diary

### September

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
1	2	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
29	30					

Autumn Term begins - 4 September

Year 9 CATs tests - 5 September

Year 8 CATs tests - 8 September

Year 7 CATs tests - 9 September

Early Closure Day - 10 September

Open Evening - 10 September

Dutch Exchange Trip - 22 to 24 September

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening - 24 September