



Countdown to Cranbourne

Transition Newsletter

Edition #2 - July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe the summer holidays are here! It's been another busy year for Cranbourne, and we are already thinking ahead to the new academic year, where we will welcome your children to the Cranbourne Community.

We hope your child had a fantastic time experiencing a taste of Cranbourne life at their Transition Day. We are looking forward to them starting with us in September.

The first day back is Wednesday 2 September, with Year 7 students starting at 8.30am. Students should arrive at Reception, where they will be sorted into their House Groups before heading to their tutor base. The rest of the school will join from 10.50am.

This edition of the transition newsletter contains a reminder of key information for what your child will need from September.

Over the summer break, our Cranbourne Food Pantry will remain open as normal and our second-hand uniform shop will be available to visit.

If your contact details have changed since you completed your admission forms, please email us at 2026Year7@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

Please note, this email address will not be monitored throughout the holidays.

We will be sharing information throughout the summer holidays on our social media channels. If you are not already following us, please head over to @Cranbourne_info on Twitter (X) or /Cranbourneinfo on Facebook.

We hope you all have a restful summer break, and we'll see you at Cranbourne in September!

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Transition Days

Despite the ongoing high temperatures and weather warnings forcing us to cancel our June Transition Days, we were delighted to welcome your child to a Transition Day at Cranbourne on Friday 3 July. Thank you for your patience and support whilst we worked to find a solution that would keep our students and staff safe.

Students had the opportunity to meet their fellow classmates, get to know key staff members and experience a taste of Cranbourne life!

The students were eager and enthusiastic to make a good first impression at Cranbourne and got stuck in with all of the sessions on offer, including core subjects such as Maths, English and Science as well as PE, French and Spanish.

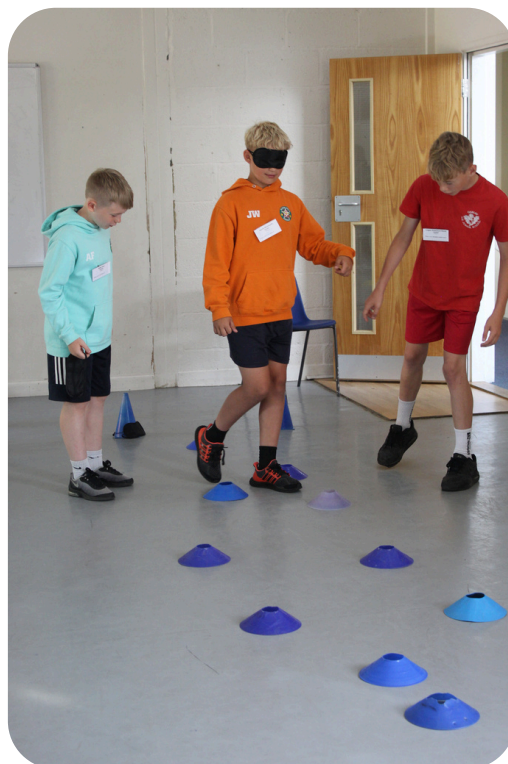
After students enjoyed a tasty lunch from our Canteen, they were treated to a Performing Arts showcase extravaganza from our incredible students including Cranbourne Vocal Band, a duet from Year 9 students Laila and Olivia, and a performance from Year 9 band 'Wisteria'.

Performing Arts Club also gave them a taster of Matilda the Musical, which will be next year's school production. More information on how students can join the cast will be in this newsletter.

In the afternoon, Head of Houses hosted the tie presentation ceremony, where students received their school ties and were officially welcomed into their Houses.

It was fantastic to watch them gain confidence, make new friends and settle into Cranbourne life.

The behaviour on display was impeccable and we can't wait to welcome them to the Cranbourne Community in September!



Cranbourne School Uniform

At Cranbourne we believe that a smart appearance helps develop a sense of pride which reflects in a more positive approach to learning . It is our students responsibility to wear their uniform correctly to show respect for our Cranbourne Community.

School uniform can be purchased from our uniform provider, Skoolkit, either online or in store.

- Online: <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/130>
- Instore: 15 Church Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7QG (Basingstoke branch)

All online orders must be placed by Friday 14 August to be delivered on time. Any orders placed online during July - September can take up to 14 working days to be delivered due to the large volume of orders Skoolkit receive.

Free delivery on online orders between Saturday 25 July - Saturday 1 August with code **SUMMER26**.

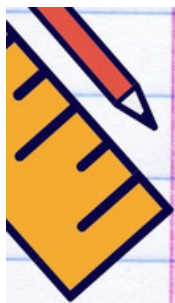
You can view our full uniform policy on our website at www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/uniform

We run a free second-hand uniform shop at Cranbourne, which supports our Green Cranbourne initiative to reduce our impact on the environment.

Parents with students already at Cranbourne donate good quality uniform that their child has grown out of or no longer needs.

The shop will be open on Thursday 6 and 13 August from midday to 1pm. For more information, please contact Kathy Gare on k.gare@cranbounre.hants.sch.uk

Skoolkit will be offering 10% off to all new starters in their Basingstoke store from Monday 20 July to Saturday 25 July.



Equipment Checklist

Essential Items:

- Two pens (black) and one purple
- Pencil case (clear so it can be used for exams - named)
- A ruler
- A rubber
- Two writing pencils
- A pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator
- A full water bottle each day – clearly named
- Phone Pouch - will be given on the first day
- A warm coat that fits over the blazer for the Winter months



Useful Items:

- Coloured pens or pencils
- Highlighter
- Tissues

If students regularly attend school without the correct equipment, they will be required to stay after school for an equipment support session.

Cranbourne Food Pantry

As you may already know, we are very proud to run the Cranbourne Food Pantry in partnership with the Community Food Link.

Every Thursday between 11.15am and midday, we open our doors for members of our community to collect fresh produce, bakery items, canned goods and toiletries.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in our community who needs it - no questions asked.

The pantry will remain open as normal throughout the summer holidays. We know the holidays can be a difficult time for many families, so please do come down and take what you need.

When you enter the school site, please turn right at the car park and follow the pathway towards the green gates. There will be members of staff in the pantry ready to assist you, but the main Reception will be closed.



Staying safe over the summer

We hope you and your child are able to enjoy some well deserved rest and time to recharge before starting at Cranbourne in September.

We delivered an assembly to our students this week sharing tips on staying safe over the summer.

Sun Safety

It's important to stay safe when spending long periods of time outside in the sun.

- Use sun cream - at least SPF30+. Look for how many stars is on the bottle - this tells you how safe it is for UVA exposure. Four stars is the minimum protection recommended
- If you get sunburn, you should apply soothing after sun cream or spray like aloe vera. Stay out of the sun until all signs of redness have gone. Always seek medical help if you feel unwell or your skin swells badly or blisters
- Wear a hat and sunglasses
- Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water
- Take breaks in the shade, especially between 11am and 3pm

Safety at the beach

- You should never swim in the sea alone
- Watch out for tides and currents - they can catch you off guard
- Don't dive into unknown water
- Look for the information signs when you get to the beach
- Always respect marine life
- Take all rubbish home with you

Electric scooters - what are the facts?

- It is against the law to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavement and cycle lanes
- E-scooters are classified as motor vehicles. You must have a driving license to use an e-scooter
- E-scooters must have motor insurance
- Illegal use of a private e-scooter can result in possible fines, points on a driving license and the e-scooter being seized by the police

Online safety

- Never share personal information with anyone online
- Check your privacy settings
- Think before you post
- Delete and block anyone who you do not wish to speak to or anyone who makes you uncomfortable. Report anything that makes you feel uncomfortable
 - NSPCC [https:// www.nspcc.org.uk/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/)
 - CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Safeguarding newsletter

We publish a monthly safeguarding newsletter exploring different topics, trends we see in school and offers advice on how to have important conversations at home.

To read our past editions, visit:

www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding

Open Water Safety

Recent tragic incidents serve as a stark reminder that open water can present serious risks, even when it appears calm or safe. As we move into warmer weather, it's especially important that families understand these dangers and talk openly about how to stay safe.

Statistics from the Royal Life Saving Society UK highlight the scale of the issue:

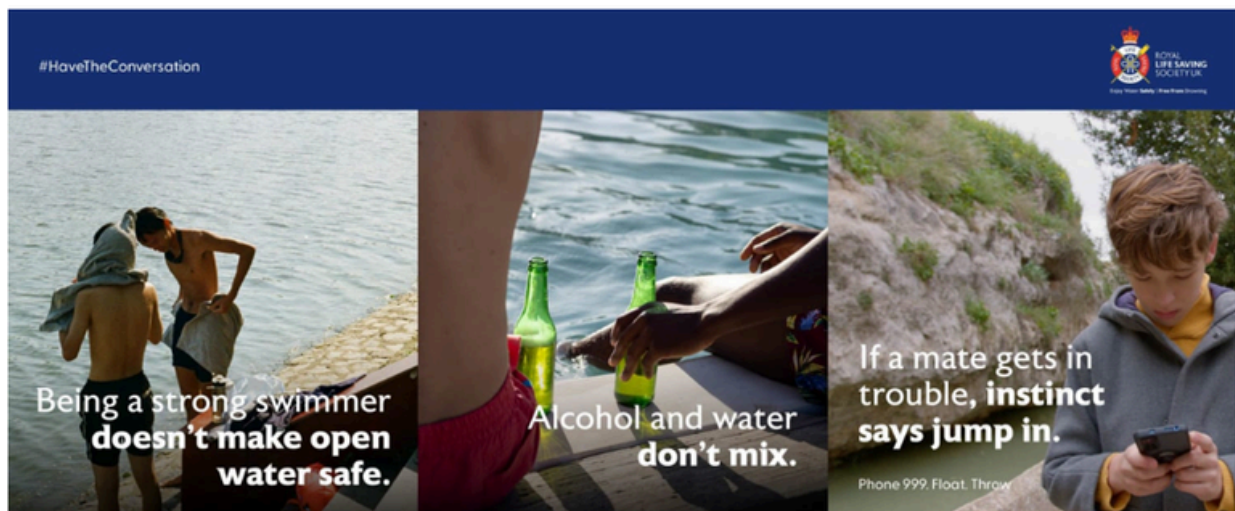
- 88% of drowning incidents involving young people occur without adult supervision
- 84% happen in inland, everyday locations, not at the seaside
- 71% take place between May and August
- There has been a 67% increase in drowning deaths among 13 - 17-year-olds in recent years (National Child Mortality Database)



The Hidden Dangers of Open Water

Even confident swimmers can get into difficulty very quickly. Open water environments can include:

- Cold water shock – sudden immersion can cause gasping, panic and loss of breathing control
- Hidden currents – particularly in rivers and canals
- Uneven or slippery ground – increasing the risk of falls or entrapment
- Submerged hazards – such as branches, rocks, or debris not visible from the surface
- Sudden drops in depth



How Parents and Carers Can Help

You play a vital role in helping your child stay safe. We encourage you to have regular, open conversations with your young person about water safety.

Risky behaviours teenagers commonly take around open water - understand them so the conversation lands

These are the situations worth talking about:

Peer-pressure activities

- Group settings often encourage risk-taking, especially around water
- Teens overestimate their abilities and underestimate hazards

Jumping or diving into unknown water

- Rivers, lakes, and canals can hide rocks, sudden drops, debris, or submerged objects such as shopping trolleys and thick weeds that can entangle limbs
- Water may be shallower than expected or contain hazards that can cause serious injury and make it difficult to get out
- This is a leading cause of spinal injuries and drowning

“Tombstoning” from bridges, walls, or jetties

- Popular in warm weather, especially with groups
- Cold water shock, unseen objects below the surface, and strong currents all increase the risk - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/cold-water-shock-the-facts>

Using inflatables or makeshift rafts

- Inflatables can blow away or flip
- Improvised rafts can collapse or trap limbs

Swimming near boats or jumping from them

- Risk of propeller injuries, being hit by a vessel, or becoming trapped under pontoons

Swimming in cold or fast-moving water

- Warm weather doesn't mean warm water - open water stays dangerously cold
- Cold water shock causes an involuntary gasp and loss of breathing control within seconds - even for strong swimmers
- Even confident swimmers can quickly lose strength, control and coordination. Panic makes it worse
- Additional risks:
 - Strong currents increasing that quickly drain energy
 - Weirs, sluices, or lock systems (powerful structures where water flow can trap or pull you under)
 - Difficulty getting out of the water
- Many drowning incidents happen in late spring and summer when these risks are underestimated
- Coastal waters bring additional risks such as tides and rip currents, which can quickly pull even strong swimmers away from shore
- Open water is unpredictable - what you can't see, control, or feel immediately can put you at risk

Running or messing around on slippery banks

- Banks can be unstable or covered in algae
- Falling into deep water often catches teenagers off guard

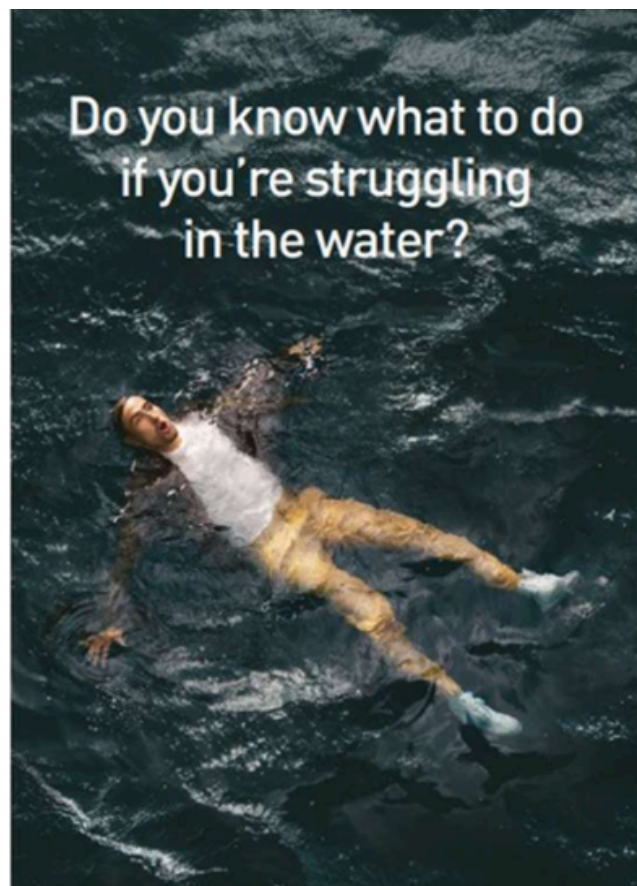
Entering water to “rescue” friends

- Many teenage fatalities happen when a friend gets into difficulty, and others jump in
- Panic and cold water shock can overwhelm even strong swimmers, making rescue extremely dangerous without training

Exploring drains, culverts, weirs, or restricted areas

- This activity is highly dangerous due to:
 - Fast flows
 - Sudden surges
 - Low oxygen levels
 - Entrapment hazards

Source: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-for-teenagers>



FLOAT TO LIVE:

- Tilt your head back with ears submerged
- Relax and try to control your breathing
- Use your hands to help you stay afloat
- It's OK if your legs sink, we all float differently

**In a coastal emergency
call 999 or 112 for the coastguard**

Get more advice at [RNLI.org/keysafetytips](https://www.rnli.org/keysafetytips)

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209602),
Scotland (SC037754), the Republic of Ireland (C191 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of
Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1508 and 0045295), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney,
of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1JZ

#RESPECT THE WATER



Support over the Summer

Mental Health Support

shout
85258

here for you 24/7

- Shout - text 85258

SAMARITANS

- Samaritans - 116123

YOUNGMINDS

- Young Minds - text YM to 85258



- Papyrus - 0800 068 4141

kooth

- Kooth - <https://www.kooth.com/>

- Chat Health - Text 07507 332160 (11-19) or 07507 332417 (parents and carers)



Online Abuse

- CEOP - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

We have lots of additional resources listed on our website

- www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/the-lighthouse

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

If you're worried
about a child:

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk

Which numbers to call in an emergency / non-emergency

999 Emergency
services for
urgent assistance
(Police, Ambulance,
Fire, Coastguard,
Mountain Rescue)

112 Same as 999
111 NHS medical
non-emergencies
101 Police
non-emergencies

Hampshire Children's
Services - 0300 555 1384

Hampshire Specialist
CAMHS - 0300 304 2198

**If someone is at
immediate risk of harm
and you need urgent
help, call 999 or 112**



Performing Arts at Cranbourne

Dear Year 6 Students,

We hope you had a fantastic Transition Day and enjoyed our Performing Arts Showcase. It was wonderful to meet so many of you, and we can't wait to welcome you officially to the Cranbourne family in September!

Now it's your turn to take to the stage...

We're incredibly excited to announce that our next production will be Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr., with performances taking place in April 2027.

Whether you love singing, acting, dancing, or you've never performed before - if you fancy giving it a go, we'd love for you to join us!

Our productions are open to everyone, and they're a brilliant way to make new friends, build confidence, develop new skills, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Rehearsals begin in September!

Our Performing Arts Club will usually run on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. As we get closer to the performances, we'll add a small number of extra rehearsals to make sure we're ready to put on an amazing show. We'll give everyone plenty of notice of these dates. Keep an eye out in September for audition and rehearsal information.

Have a fantastic summer, and we'll see you in September... perhaps as the newest member of the Cranbourne Performing Arts family!

Kind regards,
Mr Juliff

Head of Performing Arts

You Maggots better make sure
you sign up for this!



Safeguarding at Cranbourne

We will listen and we can help

At Cranbourne, every staff member is responsible for safeguarding. All staff are here to promote the welfare of our students and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding Team



Mrs K Reddy
Lead DSL



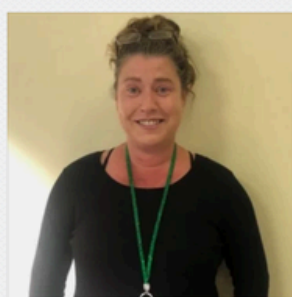
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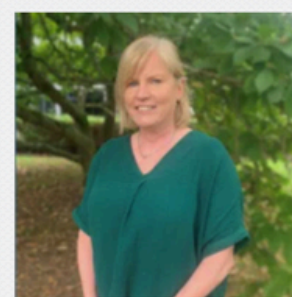
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Mrs C Millett
Deputy DSL



Mrs P Corrigan
Deputy DSL

Head of House Team



Miss R Alner
Head of House



Mrs J Vaughan
Head of House



Mrs T Simpson
Head of House



Mr A Head
Head of House

We want you to talk to who you feel most comfortable - it could be your tutor, Head of House, someone from the DSL team or any other member of staff.

Dates for your diary

First Day of Term: Wednesday 2 September

Early Closure: Wednesday 9 September

Meet the Tutor Evening: Wednesday 23 September



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