



The Cranbourne Catch Up

A School Newsletter



Edition 2 - Friday 9 October

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Tuesday 29 September we were excited to host a Groundbreaking Ceremony to commemorate the start of construction work for our new school site.

Representatives from the Department for Education, Hampshire County Council and GRAHAM came together with Cranbourne staff to reflect on the process so far.

We were also honoured to be joined by students at two points in their Cranbourne journey: Year 11 Student Leaders Sam and Amanda and Year 7 students Lexi-Mai and Georgia. They represent our past and our future and remind us that every decision we make must be in the best interests of our young people.

This project has been three years in the making and to finally see those plans becoming reality is a proud and hopeful moment. This is a school for our students, their families and for the wider community that supports us.



Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Service will be at Cranbourne on Friday 13 November to administer the Flu Vaccine to eligible students.

Parents and carers will need to complete the e-consent form by 9am on Wednesday 11 November:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH116432>



Don't forget! The Cranbourne Food Pantry opens every Thursday between 11.15am and midday.



Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to once again be supporting the Rotary Club with their Christmas Shoebox Appeal!

This year we're asking each of our tutor groups to collectively make up one or two boxes.

Items must be brought into school by **Monday 12 October.**

Guidance on what to fill shoeboxes with can be found here:

<https://www.rotaryshoebox.org/suggested-box-contents/>

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, parents and carers must report this to us as early as possible, letting us know the reason and the expected return date.

You can do this by emailing student.absence@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk or calling your CPP.

More information at www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/student-absence

Help Shape Our Careers Programme

We want to improve how we share information about the careers programme at Cranbourne, and your feedback is invaluable to help us shape this.

The Careers & Enterprise Company has created a quick parent/carer questionnaire to understand what families find most useful. It only takes a few minutes and will support us in keeping you better informed throughout the year.

Visit

<https://www.cecparentcarer.co.uk/5761a99b-94fd-4060-aa88-75523ad0465b>

KS3 Food and Nutrition Contribution

A reminder that we're offering parents and carers the opportunity to make a one-off payment of £20 to cover the cost of ingredients for Year 7 and 8 Food and Nutrition practicals.

The second practicals are due to take place next week. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please make payment via ParentPay.

Full information can be found in the letter on the Edulink Noticeboard.

Cultural Diversity Evening

Our annual Cultural Diversity Evening will take place on Friday 16 October between 5pm and 7.30pm.

The evening is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate inclusion and showcase the range of cultures we have here in our Cranbourne Community.

Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see as many people there as possible! Students wishing to participate should speak to Mr Ndlovu.

Salisbury Cathedral Trip

Year 7 students will be visiting Salisbury Cathedral as part of their History and Religious Studies curriculum on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 January.

Payment must be made via ParentPay by Friday 4 December. Full information can be found in the letter on Edulink.

A Message From The Chair of Governors

Cranbourne's Governing Body met earlier this month for our first meeting of the term to reflect and plan our areas of focus for the coming year. We heard about the busy start to the new school year as staff welcomed 241 new Year 7 students to start their Cranbourne journey. We wish them well over the coming years.

The board heard from the Headteacher and Governors who had been at the school's opening evening and it was great to see not only the buzz and excitement of those who had attended but also the large number of students who had turned out to proudly show off their school to prospective parents and students by being present in classrooms or hosting tours.

The board was extremely pleased to hear the excellent results achieved by last year's Year 11, with the hard work and dedication of all the staff continuing to support the successful outcomes Cranbourne has been building year on year. I had taken the opportunity to be in school on results day and it was a pleasure to share in the atmosphere and emotions as students opened their results.

Another significant milestone was reached over the Summer with mobilisation of our contractors to start work on the new school build. As this starts to take shape and become a tangible asset, the board is working closely with the school to support them in planning for the transition in 2028.

Whilst we look to the future with the new school build, we have also had the opportunity to look at our history. The board heard that we have a number of staff who have given significant service to the school and along with two of my fellow governors we had the pleasure to present awards to five members of staff, **Ms Conlon, Mr Kimber, Mrs Mead, Miss Miller and Ms Whitehouse**, who have each been at Cranbourne for 25 years - a significant achievement and one which underlines Cranbourne as a community and family. The board looks forward to presenting more long-service awards in the not too distant future!



Meet the Cast of Matilda Jr

We're delighted to announce our cast list for the upcoming production of Matilda Jr!

Our Performing Arts Department were absolutely blown away by the number of students who braved auditions this year and are so proud of every student for giving it their very best shot.

We can't wait to get started with rehearsals – keep your eyes peeled for when tickets go on sale!

Year 9 Drama

Some excellent homework has been coming in from our Year 9 Drama students!

Mr Juliff set the challenge of creating a visual representation of levels and proxemics and some students really took the task to the next level!

From thoughtful visual designs to fully constructed model boxes, these students have shown incredible creativity and attention to detail.

What's particularly impressive is the thought that has gone into showing how space, positioning, levels and relationships between characters can communicate meaning on stage.

It's fantastic to see students taking what they've learned in the classroom and interpreting it in their own creative ways. A brilliant example of learning, creativity and ambition coming together!



Cranbourne Has Talent

Join us on Wednesday 14 October for the Cranbourne Has Talent Final 2026! We've got a fantastic line up and it's sure to be a night of incredible performances, amazing talent and unforgettable entertainment.

Congratulations to Leala, Berat Emil, Sabrina, Rhoda, Lily, Olivia and Lydia.

To keep the Arts accessible for all, the Performing Arts Department operate a pay what you can system, however the suggested donation price is set at £5 a ticket. All proceeds go directly back to funding the Arts at Cranbourne and will support our upcoming production of Matilda Jr.

Secure your ticket at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbourne-school

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Matilda JR.
THE MUSICAL JR.

CAST LIST
CRUNCHEM HALL STUDENTS

LITTLE KIDS
HATTIE B, MACIE C, KAYLEY G,
HARRIET H, SKYE H-M, EMMA K,
LEAH L, FLOURISH O, NIAMH C, BELLE
K, ISSY W, LEXI-MAI M, MAYA C,
JOSIE F, TYLER D

PARENTS/ BIG KIDS
MERRYNN L, MOLLIE A, POPPY-MAY C,
MYLINH M, IZZY L, ESMAE W, SYBIL N,
RUBY B, LAILA C, BONNIE C, MIA M,
POPPY-MAE H, ERIN W

CRANBOURNE PERFORMING ARTS

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MATILDA SABRINA-J	MISS HONEY ELOISE S
LAVENDER MYA F	AGATHA TRUNCHBALL TED S
ERICA ORLACH G	MRS PHELPS MEGAN D
TOMMIE LYDIA B	ESCAPOLOGIST ANABELLE M
BRUCE MJK	ACROBAT RUBY S
ALICE WILLOW M	RUDOLPHO SAMUEL M
HORTENSIA AVA R	SERGEI JAMIE P
AMANDA AUBREY R	BIG KID 1 JACKSON B
NIGEL OLLY M	BIG KID 2 ANNABELLE E-S
MR WORMWOOD JADEN S	BIG KID 3 MACIE R
MRS WORMWOOD PIPER R	
MICHAEL WORMWOOD AVA-ROSE L	

CRANBOURNE PERFORMING ARTS

Parking Reminder

As you are aware, our school site is located in a residential area and parking in the surrounding areas can be very limited. Our wider community is extremely important to us and we'd like to remind parents and carers to be considerate towards our neighbours during school drop off and pick up times.

Parked cars should not be blocking driveways, garages or junctions and you should always switch off your engine while waiting. The car park for the King of Wessex is for customers of the establishment only, and parking to pick up Cranbourne students is not permitted.

We have also been made aware of a number of our students using the toilets inside the King of Wessex after the school day has finished. In the UK, the law prohibits children under the age of 18 from entering a pub without being accompanied by an adult. This behaviour from our students is not appropriate and we would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child. The toilets at Cranbourne remain open for all students to use before they leave the school site.

We appreciate your support in helping to keep our Cranbourne Community safe.

ParentPay Shop

We're pleased to launch our new ParentPay shop, where families can purchase items such as revision guides, phone pouches, toolkits and ties.

There is no need to log into your ParentPay account and the link can be shared. Any items purchased through the shop will be delivered to students during the school day.

Families should continue to use ParentPay in the normal way to top up lunch money and make payment for trips.

If your child is in Year 10, their personalised revision guide list will be sent out before the half term.

You can visit the shop at

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/default.aspx?shopid=21543>

Rio's Competition Success

Congratulations to Year 7 student Rio who competed at the South Regional Men's Artistic Championships on 27 September, placing 5th overall with some fantastic results in each category.

Rio has also been selected to represent the South at the National Finals in Telford!



Young Leaders Event

On Friday 1 October, our Student Leadership Team took part in the Young Leaders Training Day at Queen Mary's College, where they developed key skills in leadership, teamwork and communication.

Students worked collaboratively on a series of leadership challenges including a high-pressure 'Response to Crisis' activity, where they were tasked with leading an effective response to an alien invasion. The exercise challenged students to communicate clearly, make decisions under pressure and work together to solve complex problems.

Our students had a fantastic time and returned to us much more confident and ready to lead our community. A big thank you to QMC for hosting such a valuable event for our students.



October Attendance Streak

Our October Attendance Streak started on Monday 5 October and runs until Wednesday 21 October.

Students who achieve 96% attendance or above during this period will be invited to take part in a special Autumn Jumper Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 22 October.

Regular attendance has a significant impact on learning progress, wellbeing and relationships with peers. Our attendance streaks are designed to encourage positive habits and recognise the efforts students make to be in school each day.

We understand every family's circumstances are different, and individual circumstances will be considered when reviewing eligibility.

Role Model Students Award

w/c 05.10.26 recipients

Challenge	Care	Creativity	Community
Olivia G	Eben V E	Daniella A	Isla S
Manha H	Ivy J	Isla D	Phoebe C
Peyton V	Demi A		Martha T
Maicie W-T	Dolly-May S		Peter G
Isla R	Annabelle L		Emily G
Poppy M	Grace C		Ralph W
Nina G	Isla B		Jedidi J
Piper R	John Boy M x2		Ian G
Grace J	Danny H		Beth D
Rudy F	Rhoda O		
Lucie S			
Erin P			
Mia H			
Harley H-P			
Romik R M			
Samuel E			
Luke N			
Isaac Y			
Mya F			
Oluwaseyitan A			
Oakley A			
Sabrina J			
Akeelah E			
Jamie P			
Kornelia S			
Ria W			
Brooke B			
Jedidi J			
John Boy M			

Model Student

Well done!

Book Reviews

Write a book review and earn 20 House Points!

- Choose a book from the library (must be 50+ pages and not a graphic novel)
- Register your book with the library – you'll receive a confirmation email with details
- Read the book and write your review (no spoilers!)
- Send your review to the library by replying to your confirmation email

Reviews do not need to be a formal essay – we want to hear your thoughts and opinions. Tell us what the book is about, your favourite part, what you thought of the writing style and whether you'd recommend it to a friend.

Selected reviews will be featured in our newsletter and on social media. If you get stuck, find Miss Bessmertha in the Library who will be happy to help. Happy reading!

LEARNER OF THE LESSON

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William M	Evie M	Bodhi T	Sienna H	Tahlia A
Hamish H	Sonny W	Kristalyn A	Hamish F	Madi B M
Kaine D	Trishanjit C	Mia R	Samyo L	Ellie G
Kaitlyn N	Amelie R	Manha H	Mason W	Sophie O
Shona N	Belle K	Alexander G	Stanley F	George S
Romik R M	AJ W	Dylan C	Alicia H	
Mollie A	Eliza B	John Boy M	Robert F	
Mia M	Scarlett C	Macie C	Yury A	
Grace J	Nethuli A	Jessica O	Oscar G	
Xander F	Ava R	Chase E	Andrew C	



Dates for your diary

October

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	31	

Model UN Trip - 14 & 16 October

Cranbourne Has Talent - 14 October

Cultural Diversity Evening - 16 October

Photo Day - 20 October

Careers Fair - 21 October

INSET Day - 23 October

Half Term - 26 to 30 October

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POST 16 OPEN TRAINING SESSION

Our Chelsea Football Club Post-16 College Programme offers both male and female players the opportunity to broaden their educational learning, while participating in a fully comprehensive training programme.

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026
Location: Sparsholt College, Westley Lane SO21 2NF
Time: 09:00 - 12:00
Age group: U16 +
Scan QR Code



BTFC FOOTBALL & EDUCATION OPEN EVENING

20.10.2026 | 17:30-18:30 | WINKLEBURY FOOTBALL COMPLEX

- NCFE Extended Diploma | Up to 168 UCAS points
- Full-time football training | First-team pathway
- Hampshire U18 Cup holders
- ESFA Super Cup | U19 National Youth League | FA Youth Cup
- Routes to professional football
- Routes to USA scholarships, university & employment

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