



SOWING THE SEEDS OF LEARNING, THROUGH
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Cranham Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter: 11th September 2026 Term 1 Week 2

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Dear parents and carers,

Our PTA, **FOCS** (Friends of Cranham School) will be holding their **AGM** in our school hall on Tuesday 22nd September at 7pm. Every parent in our school is automatically a member of FOCS and the team is very keen to have good numbers at this meeting. Whatever your current capacity to support the team this year, we value your input and would love to see you at the meeting.

Please take a look at our **curriculum webs** below by clicking on the link and scrolling down to the blue bars. This will help inform you of what your child will be learning about this term. Please continue to support this learning at home in any way you can – even just a quick discussion at mealtimes can have a huge impact on consolidating the knowledge they have acquired in lessons.

[Beech Class EYFS](#)

[Beech Class Y1&Y2](#)

[Hazel Class Y3&Y4](#)

[Oak Class Y5&Y6](#)

Important dates:

- KS2 football comp @ Painswick RFC Wed 16th September
- Reception children stay for lunch w/c 21st September
- FOCS AGM Tuesday 22nd Sep 7pm in school hall
- Reception parent meetings Wed 23rd September
- Reception children full-time if ready Mon 28th September
- Community prayer meeting (staff room) 9am 02nd Oct
- KS2 cross country @ Stratford Park Wed 14th Oct
- Hazel visit Black Country Museum Monday 19th October
- Parents' evening Wed 21st October
- Last day of term 1 Fri 23rd Oct
- **Half term** 26th – 30th October
- INSET day Monday 02nd November

Full calendar List of dates Week ahead - Term 1 Week 3 Teacher-led clubs begin	
Mon 14 th Sept	• Choir Club – Miss Boxall (lunchtime)
Tues 15 th Sept	• Atlas PE: KS1 children bring PE kit / KS2 children wear PE kit • Boardgames & Puzzles Club – Mrs Carlyle (lunchtime)
Wed 16 th Sept	• KS2 football @ Painswick RFC • School Council – Mrs Watters (lunchtime) • Oak Class Forest School • Food Club – Mr Black (3.15-4.15)
Thur 17 th Sept	• Music ensemble – Miss Boxall (lunchtime) • Chess Club – Mr Black (3.15-4.15)
Fri 18 th Sept	• Atlas PE: all children wear PE kit to school • Morning run – Mrs Scott 8.00am
Wraparound care to be booked through ParentPay: Breakfast Club yoga and crafts 7.45-8.45am Chillax activity 3.15-4.15pm / Chillax activity, light meal & reading 4.15-5.15/5.45pm	

- Term 2 begins Tuesday 03rd November
- KS2 rugby comp @ Painswick RFC Wed 04th November
- Community prayer meeting (staff room) 9am Fri 06th Nov
- KS2 swim gala @ Stratford Park Mon 09th November
- KS2 multiskills @ Archway Thurs 26th November
- Community prayer meeting (staff room) 9am Fri 04th Dec
- Panto @ Everyman Cheltenham Wed 16th Dec
- Last day of term 2 Fri 18th December
- **Christmas Holidays** 21st Dec – 01st Jan
- INSET Mon 04th Jan
- Term 3 begins Tuesday 05th Jan
- Young Voices @ Birmingham Arena Wed 06th Jan





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We have been delighted to welcome our **new Reception children** every morning this week!

They have been outstanding in their enthusiasm and listening skills, and their big smiles have been completely contagious. Welcome also to Hunter who has made a very positive start in Year 1. Very well done to each of our new children, and to mums, dads and carers for working with us to give them such a positive start. Their buddies have been delighted to spend some time with them too...



We've had a couple of parents mention their concerns over **road safety** at drop-off and pick-up time. Please remember to drive slowly, and to keep a close eye on your children when walking on the road: although we are situated on a quiet country lane, reversing cars and parents in a rush can result in accidents, and small children should *never* be on the road unattended (while you may feel your child is road-savvy, this is not a good example for other, less traffic-conscious children). Although the majority of our Cranham locals are very supportive of the school, and avoid the road at this time, it is also worth reminding parents to model patience and good manners towards other drivers in front of their children, even when not receiving this in return! Thank you so much for supporting us with this.





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The **Beacon Benefice** is running a **party** this Sunday at Painswick Church – this is a great opportunity to get to know other families in our Benefice and to enjoy some family fun with your little ones:



Congratulations to all of today's award winners (see names below).

KS2 football next Wednesday is only for children who have signed up – you will have been informed if your child has asked for a place on the team. **Teacher-led clubs** begin next week, with Hazel Class invited to Mr Black's Food Club this term (Beech Class and Oak Class will have opportunities to sign up later in the year). Spaces are limited, but let us know if your child didn't get the place on the club they had hoped for and we will pop them on a waiting list for next time.

A reminder for all our parents, **parent communication** moved to a WhatsApp community group at the end of last year – this group is organised and run by our parents and is a great chance to ask questions, share advice or get reminders. If you haven't already joined, you can do so by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/cranhamwhatsapp>

Have a relaxing weekend.
Kind regards, Sarah Scott

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Celebration Collective Worship Award Winners this week

Beech Class	Valentina for brilliant recount writing! Beatrice, Camilla, Jaidon, Odette, Oliver D, Olliver R, Seb and Xanthe for an awesome first week in Reception
Hazel Class	Woody for very impressive results in 'Hit the Button' (from Mrs Hodges) Tilly for stepping right up to the Y4 workload and taking great care in her work Jack for giving 100% effort in every lesson
Oak Class	Woody for excellent listening skills in history Cecily for stepping up to becoming a Y6 role-model (and for an excellent summary of the beginning of WWII)
Headteacher's awards	Gene for using scientific terminology with accuracy and confidence! Hugh for showing understanding and confidence with geometry
Mr Black's Kiwi Crate	None this week
Pebbles	Ajuma, Annabel, Anna-Maria, Bea O, Florence, Georgia, Rae and Sylvia for performing country dances with confidence and style in front of their Craham community at the Feast! Jack L, Albert and Boris for showing true courage by overcoming their fear of the flu vaccination





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Here's what we've been talking about in Current Affairs this week...

TAKEHOME

7th - 13th
September



In the news this week

Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men. The five-day race began in Lincoln and travelled through Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, before finishing in the Scottish Borders on 6th September. In the men's event, the cyclists cover nearly 900 kilometres, tackling steep hills and challenging conditions along the way. Thousands have been gathering along the route to watch and cheer the riders on.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when something felt difficult, but you kept going?
- > What helped you to persevere?
- > Who encourages you when you face a challenge?
- > When might taking a break or asking for help be the best next step?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Please continue the discussion at home!

A monthly Prayer Time in school for parents and governors

This special time is open to anyone who would like to come, to pray for the needs of the school and to ask God's protection over all the people and activities. It will be on the first Friday of each month, just for 30 mins in the staff room. Please just turn up.

The next meeting is on
October 02nd at 9.00am.

From Rev Helen Sammon (Governor) and Victoria Soutar (church all age minister).





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Out-of-school activities your family may be interested in this term:

Cranham Tennis Club

Cranham has a single hard surface tennis club, in a beautiful setting in the village.

We love to welcome new members and offer:

- Social evenings, every Thursday 6-8pm
- Junior coaching in May and August
- Adult coaching for those who wish
- A doubles round robin tournament through the summer
- 'Crambledon' – a one-day charity tournament in July
- And this year we are introducing a singles tournament
- An online court booking system
- Great value at £30 adult, and £55 family membership per year



If you are not already a member and are interested to join the club please email Helen, secretary at: Cranhamtennisclub@gmail.com for an application form.

Current members will shortly receive an email to renew membership.

The entry form for the **2026-2027 Stroud Junior Table Tennis League** is available from this link: <https://stroud.ttleagues.com/article/stroudjuniorleague-2>

Main points to note:

- The Stroud Junior Table Tennis League is for young people of all ability levels from beginners to the more advanced and provides some friendly competition.
- Entrants must be born in 2008 or later and are not restricted to the Stroud District
- Team entry fee: £18.00, payable by bank transfer to STTDF, **sort code 30-54-66, account no. 44317468**
- Venue: Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4LF
- Dates: Sundays – **November 8, December 6, February 7**
- Playing time: 2:30pm to 5:30pm
- **Closing date for entry - October 25**
- 2 players per team per match
- Teams may be entered from schools, clubs and individuals.
- Teams will be split into divisions based on age/ability.
- Teams will play multiple matches on each day and play each other once.

Thank you and best regards, Jim





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PAINSWICK JUNIORS CLUB NIGHT

- ✓ Free to attend
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Ages 8-16
- ✓ Prizes
- ✓ Hotdogs



THURSDAY EVENINGS 6.00-8.30PM



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Cranham Beavers desperately needs your help

We have a strict ratio of adults needed to keep the Beavers running so really need 1 or 2 adults to join the team.

It truly is fun and rewarding, if you have time to spare please get in touch for more details
Cranhambeavers@gmail.com

You would be needed from approx. 4.30/4.40 pm
– 5.50/6pm Wednesday evenings term time.

Please help us keep Cranham Beavers running



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fears and manage worries, recommended
by Gloucestershire Healthy Living &
Learning)

Hello,

I am offering a free guitar/piano taster lesson for students at Cranham Primary.

My aim is to get students to experience the joy of playing music right from the first lesson. The lessons are tailored to suit individual's interests and learning approaches as they develop. In lessons, we focus on both solo and ensemble playing through jamming together and using backing tracks. I develop student's technical and notation reading skills through the use of RSL/ABRSM syllabus books and my own materials. I also have a YouTube channel that I upload tutorials to in order to support parents and students at home.

A bit about me:

I learnt drums and guitar in my teenage years. In my mid-twenties, I studied piano to grade 8 then went on to Middlesex University gaining 2:1 on their Jazz BA programme. Since then, I have taught as a secondary music teacher but more recently have been teaching 1:1 lessons at local primary schools. It goes without saying that I love teaching, seeing students progress and getting a buzz out of music making. I appreciate all types of music from around the world: rock/pop, folk, classical, jazz and hip hop etc.

The lessons are 20 mins long. Rates are kept in line with Musician's Union recommendations and cost £14.67 per lesson. If your child enjoys the taster session and would like to continue in September, I will invoice for lessons until the Christmas break (14 weeks). Please do get in touch if you have any questions/ would like to register interest in lessons for your child.

My email is alfoster1983@gmail.com

Best wishes,

Alex Foster

