



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

Newsletter: 18th September 2026 Term 1 Week 3

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Dear parents and carers,

Don't forget the FOCS (Friends of Cranham School) AGM next Tuesday at 7pm here in the school hall – we really hope you can make it, particularly our newer Beech Class parents. Celebrate last year's successes, give feedback, find out all about this year's fundraising plans and share your own ideas. Whatever your current capacity to support the team this year, we value your input and would love to see you at the meeting.

We have lots of **new dates in the diary**, including church services for Harvest Festival and Christmas – we really hope as many parents as possible can join us for these. Please keep an eye, as dates sometimes change. Many of our parents add our website calendar to their own to be sure of changes. [Full calendar](#)

[Full calendar](#) [List of dates](#)

Week ahead - Term 1 Week 4

Mon 21 st Sept	Choir Club – Miss Boxall (lunchtime)
Tues 22 nd Sept	- Atlas PE: KS1 children bring PE kit / KS2 children wear PE kit - Boardgames & Puzzles Club – Mrs Carlyle (lunchtime) - FOCS AGM 7.00pm school hall
Wed 23 rd Sept	- School Council – Mrs Watters (lunchtime) - Hazel Class Forest School - Food Club – Mr Black (3.15-4.15)
Thur 24 th Sept	- Music ensemble – Miss Boxall (lunchtime) - Beech Class outdoor learning pm - Chess Club – Mr Black (3.15-4.15)
Fri 25 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	

Important dates:

- 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
- Harry Potter themed lunch - census day Thu 01st October
- 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
- Harvest Festival @ church – parents welcome Fri 23rd October 9.00am
- Half term** 26th – 30th October
- INSET day Monday 02nd November
- Term 2 begins Tuesday 03rd November
- KS2 rugby comp @ Painswick RFC Wed 04th November
- Community prayer meeting (staff room) 9am Fri 06th Nov
- GCHQ visit Oak Class Fri 06th November
- KS2 swim gala @ Stratford Park Mon 09th November
- KS2 multiskills @ Archway Thurs 26th November
- Christingle service @ church – parents welcome 2.15pm Wed 02nd December
- Community prayer meeting (staff room) 9am Fri 04th Dec
- Panto @ Everyman Cheltenham Wed 16th Dec
- Last day of term 2 Fri 18th December
- Christmas service @ church – parents welcome Friday 18th December 9.00am
- 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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Our **football team** did really well at Wednesday's tournament; congratulations Ajuma, Bea O, Darcie, Dexter, George, Harry S, Hettie, Hugh, Ollie W and Woody for putting yourselves forward to represent our school. You looked amazing in our new sports kit too! Extra congratulations to Hettie who won a football with her penalty-taking skills.

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>



Congratulations to all of today's values award winners (see names below). Thank you to Annabel and Bea O for performing for us beautifully in today's collective worship – it takes true courage to play in front of the whole school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Sarah Scott

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Celebration Collective Worship Award Winners this week

Beech Class	Phoebe for a great attitude to learning Theo for working hard to become that Y2 role model
Hazel Class	Rory for excellent roleplay as a Tudor child! Elowen for brilliant work in all lessons
Oak Class	Isla for impressive focus and determination in Forest School
Headteacher's awards	Elliott W for hugely improved effort and focus in science – really impressive! Walter for being a supportive and loving big brother
Mr Black's Kiwi Crate	Edith – for being her awesome self every day!
Pebbles	Mrs Watters for caring for our Cranham community so well by taking home, washing and sorting all of our new sports kit





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



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the pledge that no one will be sleeping rough this Christmas.
- Can you think of some different ways that people can help others in their local communities?
- Can you share a time when you needed help from others? What help did you need and who helped you?

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:

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

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Watch as Pinocchio is carved live on stage, see brushes become a fox and the shadow of two saws transform into a giant shark. Follow this much loved traditional story as Geppetto uses objects from a carpenter's workshop to tell the tale of the puppet that wants to be a real boy, and the puppet-maker who wants to be a real father.

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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 26**
- 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.





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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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Fri: 8.00-8.45pm

Advanced MT: 16+

Wed: 8.00-8.45pm



Ellie Wright
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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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that helps to support young people to fight
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

