



Dear families,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Cranmere for the new academic year. We have had an extremely positive start to the school year, and the atmosphere around school has been calm, purposeful and full of enthusiasm for learning.

A huge thank you to our children for the way they have settled back into school routines. They have demonstrated our school values beautifully, showing kindness, respect, curiosity, resilience and self-belief as they have gotten to know their new teachers, classrooms and routines. I would also like to thank our fantastic staff team, who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the children have had such a positive start. It has been a real pleasure to see classrooms buzzing with learning.

As many of you will have seen, there have been some significant changes to our school site over the summer. We have been delighted to complete a substantial amount of building work, with classrooms and spaces moving around the school. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as we have worked through these changes.

There is still plenty to look forward to, with further exciting developments planned over the coming months. One of the projects we are particularly excited about is our new school library. We cannot wait to create a fantastic space that encourages our children to develop a love of reading, discover new authors and immerse themselves in a world of reading.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. We hope that these sessions provided a useful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out more about the year ahead and understand how you can support your child at home. Our curriculum newsletters will be shared shortly, giving you further information about the learning your child will be undertaking this term.

I also wanted to share that our wonderful Site Manager, Roy, is currently off work unwell. Roy is such an important member of the Cranmere team and is always working hard behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly. We know that our families will join us in wishing Roy a speedy recovery and sending him our very best wishes.

Finally, we have some brilliant news to celebrate. Our fabulous kitchen team has been named Primary School Site of the Year with Stir Food! This is a wonderful achievement and a real reflection of the care, enthusiasm and commitment they bring to providing delicious meals for our children each day. A huge congratulations to Chef Abi and her team - we are incredibly proud of you! If your child does not currently have a school lunch, you can sign them up to enjoy the fantastic food prepared by our kitchen team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really positive first fortnight, and we are looking forward to all that the rest of the term will bring - please check the key dates for upcoming events.

Wishing all our families a relaxing and restful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Gilbert

**Cranmere Value Certificates
have been awarded to:**

 Kindness	 Respect	 Curiosity	 Resilience	 Self-belief	 Responsibility
	w/c 7th Sept			w/c 7th Sept	
Rec Red Pandas:	Zac				
Y1 Orangutans	Esmee				
Y2 Hedgehogs:	Reuben	Y2 Red Squirrels	Ethan		
Y3 Bengal Tigers:	Albie				
Y4 Lemurs:	Mete	Y4 Puffins:	Aida		
Y5 Sea Otters:	Lily-Rose	Y5 Manta Rays:	Casper		
Y6 Wildcats:	Daya	Y6 Pangolins:	Charlie		

Year 6 (Wildcats) were our attendance winners this week with 100% attendance and just a few late marks. Well done to you all.



A Happy Birthday shout for the last two weeks ending 13th September, in date order, goes to:

Billie (11,Pangolins); Harold (10,Sea Otters); Cara (9,Lemurs); Narin (10,Sea Otters); Ivy (6,Orangutans); Lily-Rose (10,Sea Otters); Anastasia (9,Puffins); Holly (11,Wildcats); Bella F (8,Bengal Tigers); Nadia (6,Orangutans); Nevaeh (6,Orangutans); Alannah (7,Hedgehogs) and Marcus (6,Red Pandas).

Many Happy Returns of the day from all of us at Cranmere!

Assemblies this week: UNCRC Assembly and Celebration Assembly

Reading volunteering

We are always looking for volunteers to come into school to listen to our children read. If you could commit to an hour a week, we would love to hear from you. We can arrange a DBS check through the office. You can give a preference of age group to work with, but please note that we cannot place you in your child's year group.

Phonics workshops

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families - please note the change of date of the phonics workshops.

- **Reception Phonics Workshop: Tuesday 22nd Sept (before the end of the school day)**
- **Year 1 Phonics Workshop: Wednesday 23rd Sept (before the end of the school day)**

A letter outlining full details, including exact timings, will be sent out to you at the beginning of next week.

- **Year 2 families**, more information regarding your phonics workshop will be coming out in the next few weeks.

SEN Information Session

A reminder of the session on Tuesday 22nd September - **Understanding SEND Support at your school**. This will be hosted by Miss Hamilton (Assistant Head/SENCO) and two SEN advisors from Surrey Council. It is extremely rare that SEN staff from Surrey Council are available for parental questions in person, so if this session is relevant to you, please do come! You are welcome to arrive from 8:45am and the session will start at 9am. If you would like to attend please complete the Google form at <https://forms.gle/qaL7bSYfXFxocyuP7>



Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to our busiest term for events this year, and our first one is the **KS1 Teddy Bears' Picnic** on Saturday 26th September, 12.30-2.30pm! We had over 150 people last year, and we are hoping for another fun afternoon where people can have lunch, the children can play with their friends and parents can get to know one another. Entrance is free through the main side gate. We shall be located in the playground, there will be a few stalls with drinks, snacks and sweets and pocket money toys, as well as a Y6 fundraising table, pre-loved uniform, colouring, games and music! Please bring a picnic, and blankets, we look forward to welcoming you into the new school year!

We wouldn't be able to support the school through Friends without the help of volunteers - and we need you! If you think you could help in any small way with preloved, events, planning, organisation or communications, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. You can email cranmerefriends@hotmail.com, or contact us through the school office, your class rep or one of the committee members (Rob, Marlene and Sarah from Y5 Sea Otters and Shelley Y4 Lemurs /Y1 Orangutans).

Bulletin Board

New on the board this week are the details of the Mayor's **Elmbridge Together Family Fun** run taking place this Sunday. The ethos is to bring the community together to walk, jog or run 5K along the River Thames towpath to raise valuable funds for the Mayor's charities. Also the details of a **free Volleyball club trial session** for children aged 8-14 years old and **Open Events for Esher High School** for September 2027 entry. For more details please go to <https://www.cranmereprimary.org.uk/Bulletin-Board/>

DATES FOR DIARY 2026 / 2027

NB. Dates added since last newsletter are in bold

Autumn Term 2026	
Mon 21 st to Fr 25 th Sept	Y6 Bikeability 2 Cycle Training
Tuesday 22 nd September	'Understanding SEND support at your school' coffee morning with Miss Hamilton & two SEN advisors (from 8:45am)
Tuesday 22nd September	Reception Phonics workshop – before the end of the school day, exact timings tbc
Wednesday 23rd September	Year 1 Phonics workshop – before the end of the school day, exact timings tbc
Saturday 26 th September	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 10am
Saturday 26th September	Teddy Bears' Picnic Nursery to Year 2 12:30-2.30pm
Wednesday 30 th September	School photo day (individual photos)
Thursday 1 st October	School photo day (sibling photos)
Friday 2 nd October	Year 5 to Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium
Monday 5 th to 9 th October	Year 6 residential (PGL on Isle of Wight)
Thursday 8 th October	Year 3 to Rose Theatre in Kingston for Back to the Stone Age workshop (am)
Mon 19th Oct - Fri 30th Oct	October half term holiday (2 weeks)
Wednesday 4 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 4 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 5:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 11 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 11 th November	School tour for Reception families 2027 entry 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 13th November	Cranmere Friends Cranmere Arms Night
Thursday 19 th November	Flu vaccine (Reception – Y6), National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Y6 only)
Wednesday 25 th November	Y3 Ancient Egypt Workshop
Friday 27th November	Winter Wonderland 5-8pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	Y6 swimming (last lesson)
Wednesday 16 th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (12pm finish)
Friday 18th December	Last day of term for Reception – Y6 (1:30pm finish)

Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4th January	First Day of Term for children Reception – Year 6, and Nursery children in Indian Elephants class and doing 30 hours.
Wednesday 6 th January	First Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class.
Thursday 4 th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Thursday 11 th February	Year 5 Car Launch Challenge at Reeds School (one class)
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	February half term holiday (1 week)
Thursday 4th March	Mother's Day Gift Wrap
Tuesday 9 th March	Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum
Friday 12th March	Cranmere Friends Quiz Night
Wednesday 24 th March	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 25th March	Last Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (12pm finish) and for Reception – Y6 children (1:30pm finish).
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12th April	First Day of Term for children Reception – Year 6, and Nursery children in Indian Elephants class and doing 30 hours.
Wednesday 15 th April	First Day of Term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class.
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Wed 26 th – Thurs 27 th May	Year 4 residential (1 night)
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	May half term holiday (1 week)
Monday 7th June	Inset Day (staff only)
Thursday 17th June	Father's Day Gift Wrap
Saturday 19th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 13 th July	Y1 to RHS Garden Wisley
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term for Nursery children in Indian Elephants class (11:45am finish)
Thursday 22nd July	Last day of term for Nursery children in African Forest Elephants class and children doing 30 hours (3pm finish)
Monday 26th July	Last day of term for Reception – Y6 (1:30pm finish)
Tuesday 27th July	Inset Day (staff only)
Wednesday 28th July	Inset Day (staff only)