Newsletter

Date: Friday 9th October 2026

Working together for all children to prosper, be full of hope and be excited about their future!

Dear parents/carers,

What a busy and memorable few weeks we have had at Cranford! There has been a real sense of excitement around school, with children enjoying new experiences, getting involved in activities beyond the classroom and coming together as a whole school community. From adventurous trips and sporting challenges to our Harvest Celebrations and the launch of our very first afterschool WOW Church, there has been plenty to celebrate!

Year 3 Take on New Challenges

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic day at the Northampton Gymnastics Centre, where they had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities. They tackled rock climbing, archery and trampolining, showing plenty of determination and courage as they tried things that may have been new to many of them. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another, having a go and challenging themselves throughout the day. A great experience for our Year 3 children!













Year 6 Visit Peterborough Cathedral

Our Year 6 children also enjoyed a special visit, this time to Peterborough Cathedral, where they took part in a range of activities exploring the theme of belonging. The visit gave the children the opportunity to think about what it means to belong to a community and the different ways people can feel connected to one another. It was a lovely opportunity to explore these ideas in such a beautiful and significant setting.









Our First WOW Church

We were delighted to welcome families to our very first afterschool WOW Church, with our first session focusing on Harvest. It was wonderful to see children and families coming together after school for a relaxed opportunity to explore our Christian faith, celebrate Harvest and spend time together as a community. A huge thank you to Sandra and the team for all their hard work in organising the session. We already have two more WOW church sessions planned for later in the year so watch this space for more details!







Pro-strike Returns!

We had another successful Pro-strike event in school this fortnight. For those who haven't experienced it before, Pro-strike brings an inflatable goal into school, allowing the children to take penalties and see just how fast they can kick the ball! There was plenty of excitement as the children challenged themselves to beat their previous scores. It was great to see so many children getting involved and enjoying a little bit of friendly competition along the way.









Safeguarding Matters

If you have any concerns about the well being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Tyman (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads :Mrs Payne, Mrs Molsher and Mr Mr Morris. For out of hours concerns please contact the Northamptonshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on:

0300 176 7000 or out of hours (**01604) 626938**

I hope you found our monthly Internet Safety Newsletter to be of help! If you have any concerns or questions about this area please do contact the school office.

A Wonderful Harvest Festival

Last weekend we came together as a school community to celebrate our Harvest Festival, and what a wonderful celebration it was! Our Acorns children looked absolutely fantastic dressed as scarecrows, while the Elms class gave us a wonderful performance linked to fruit and vegetables. Their singing, actions and enthusiasm were a real highlight. The whole school community filled the church with singing, creating a wonderful atmosphere as we came together to give thanks for the food we have, the people who provide it and the community we share. Thank you to all the children and staff who contributed to making the service so special, and to all our families who joined us.









Saying Goodbye to Mrs Leesing

As we approach the end of this half term, we also have a very important goodbye to make. At the end of the half term, Mrs Leesing will be retiring early after over nine years at Cranford Primary. It is difficult to put into words just how much Mrs Leesing has contributed to our school during those nine years. She has been such a constant and familiar presence for our children, families and staff and has given so much of herself to the life of our school.



She is quite simply the beating heart of Cranford Primary. She knows our families, knows our children and has been there through so many changes and important moments in the life of the school. Her warmth, care, and willingness to help have made such a difference to so many people. We will miss her tremendously.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Jones will be joining us as our new school administrator. Mrs Jones brings with her a wealth of experience, and we look forward to welcoming her to Cranford and introducing her to our school community.

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Cranford community. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing new experiences, challenging themselves and coming together to celebrate Harvest. As we move towards the end of this half term, there is still plenty to look forward to, and we are grateful for all the ways in which our children, staff and families make Cranford such a special place to be. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another busy and exciting week in school!

Mr Tyman

Autumn Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the beauty of autumn, for the changing colours of the leaves, the crisp mornings and the gifts of nature all around us.

As the seasons change, help us to welcome new beginnings and to embrace the opportunities each new day brings.

Help us to be thankful for the people who care for us, to be kind to those around us, and to remember those who may be finding life difficult.

As the trees let go of their leaves, remind us that change can bring new opportunities and that we can always grow, learn and begin again.

May our school be a place where everyone feels welcome, where kindness grows and friendships flourish, and where we look after one another and the wonderful world you have given us.

Amen

Attendance Matters at Cranford

Every school day counts! Being in school regularly helps children to build strong friendships, develop confidence, establish routines and make the best possible progress in their learning.

Be here
Belong
Thrive

Better learning
Regular attendance helps children make the best progress in all areas of their learning.

Stronger friendships
Being in school helps children build and maintain positive friendships.

Growing confidence
Regular routines and new experiences help children to develop confidence.

Brighter futures
Good attendance now helps to open up more opportunities in the future.

Our attendance so far this academic year

97.1%

Thank you to all our families for continuing to make attendance a priority.

This week's class attendance

Acorns	Elms	Sycamores	Oaks
100%	95%	94%	97%

Well done Acorns!



Every day makes a difference...

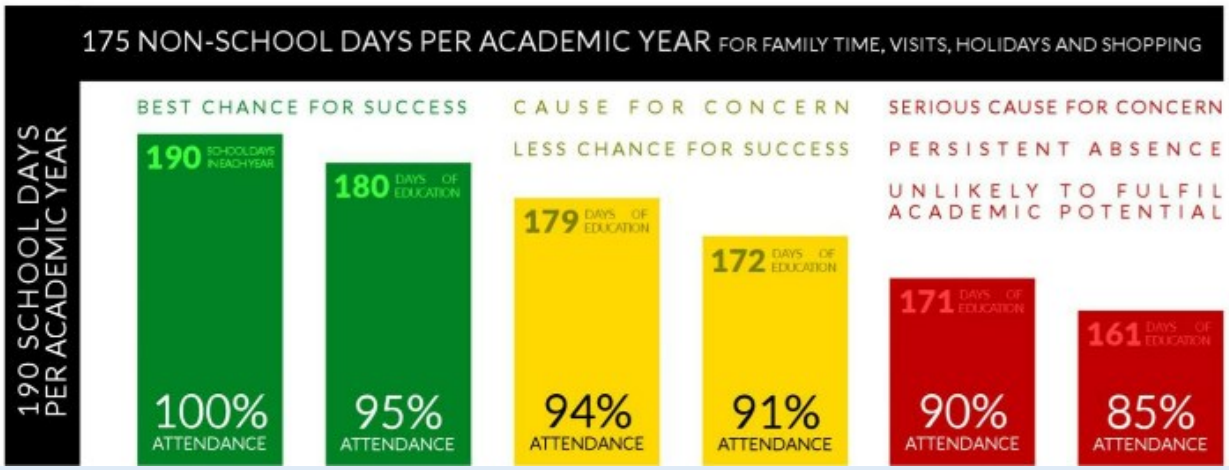
We understand that children will sometimes be unwell or have unavoidable absences, but we encourage all families to make attendance a priority wherever possible.

Our aim

We aim for all our children to have at **least 96%** attendance, so that they can make the most of every opportunity at Cranford.

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME (BETWEEN 180 & 190 DAYS)



Autumn Term

Monday 12/10/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Tuesday 13/10/2026– Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 14/10/2026– Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 14/10/2026- KS2 Cross Country Event– children have been notified
Friday 16/10/2026– RE Day– Spirituality at Cranford
F**riday 16/10/2026**– No Celebration Assembly due to RE Day
Monday 19/10/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Thursday 22/10/2026– FOCS Fairies and Scaries Disco 6pm to 7.30pm in school hall.
Friday 23/10/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Friday 23/10/2026– End of Term

Half Term

Monday 02/11/2026– Training day
Tuesday 02/11/2026– Start of Term
Wednesday 04/11/2026– Key Stage 2 Girls Football Tournament– selected children will be notified
Friday 06/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 09/11/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Tuesday 10/11/2026– Remembrance Service with Rev Jez– sorry no parents!
Friday 13/11/2026– Chocolate Mufti Day for Chocolate Bingo
Friday 13/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 16/11/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Monday 16/11/2026– Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 19/11/2026– Tempest Individual School Photos
Thursday 19/11/2026– FOCS Chocolate Bingo– more info to follow
Friday 20/11/2026– Children in Need Mufti Day
Friday 20/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 23/11/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 25/11/2026– Key Stage 2 Net/Wall Festival
Friday 27/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 30/11/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Tuesday 01/12/2026– KS2 Sports Hall Athletics
Friday 04/12/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 07/12/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 09/12/2026- Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 09/12/2026– Carols in the Community
Friday 11/12/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 14/12/2026-Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 16/12/2026– Key Stage 2 Carol Service– more details to follow
Thursday 17/12/2026– School Panto (Peter Pan)– Kettering Lighthouse– more details to follow
Friday 18/12/2026– Last Day of Term– Mufti/Christmas Jumpers– Christmas Party