



THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

March 2025 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

March

10th – INSET Day

11th – Year 5 Manor Farm Trip

13th – Spring Concert

14th – Year 2 Sea City Museum Trip

17th – Year R Stay & Play 2:30pm

17th – Minstead Group 1

18th – Minstead Group 1

19th – Minstead Group 1

19th – Minstead Group 2

20th – Minstead Group 2

21st – Minstead Group 2

25th – Mother's Day Shop (YR, Y1 and Y2)

27th – Mother's Day Shop (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)

27th – Year R Millers Ark Farm Visit

28th – Red Nose Day

31st – No Teacher-Led Clubs this week

31st – Parent Forum 2.30pm

April

1st – Year 4 Viking Video Viewing

2nd – Year R Showcase Assembly 2:45pm

3rd – FOTC Spring Disco 3:30 – 7pm

4th – Easter Bonnet Parade 9am

For all calendar dates please visit our [website](#)

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

I am delighted to share that our recent Reading Week was a tremendous success! The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students was fantastic. The fantastic outfits worn by the children added a lovely dynamic to the celebrations, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of engaging activities designed to foster a love for reading. We have had interactive storytelling sessions, children using their curiosity to explore and a real sense of creativity. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the costume parade, where students dressed up as their favourite book characters, showcasing their creativity and passion for reading.

I would also like to commend our students for their exemplary learning behaviours around the school. Their dedication and positive attitude towards learning have been remarkable, and it is wonderful to see them embodying the values we strive to instil. I have conducted over 30 adult tours over the past 4 weeks and most visitors comment on the calmness and the engagement across the school.

Unfortunately, I must address an ongoing concern regarding parking around the school premises. Some parking issues have led to residents taking action around their parking spaces. I kindly urge all parents and guardians to park responsibly and considerately to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation around this.

There are lots of things to look forward to in March and I can't wait to see how the children enjoys the trips, residential and concerts - these experiences help to shape childhoods and give lovely lasting memories.

Our star value performers! – Aspire

A huge well done for the improvement in our girls football team. They have worked really hard this season to improve their skills and performances. They have not been deterred by some results earlier in the season and have strived to do better. They have now become competitive and showed aspiration in working hard and learning from their mistakes.

They have been a real credit to the school and we are all very proud of them!

Current Vacancies:

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Year R news:

At the end of half term we were learning about Dame Ellen MacArthur and David de Rothschild. We made our own junk model boats and tested to see if they could float. We also learnt about the Jewish tradition of Shabbat and set up a Shabbat table and tried some sweet bread and grape juice.



In the first week we have been learning about Minibeasts and now we have 5 caterpillars in each class to look after. We will update you on their progress and we have our fingers crossed for butterflies before the end of term!

Year 1 news:

Year 1 have made a great start to the new term. They have completed an art project looking at Japanese Artist Yayoi Kusama and enjoyed exploring her art and creating lots of different things in the same style. As their final piece, they then made their own picture, using stencils and cutting out their own shapes before assembling it and decorating in the artist's 'dotty' style. In maths, the children have started to look at the place value of numbers to 50 and have started to explore partitioning into 10s and 1s. In English, the children have been enjoyed reading the book 'The Giant of Jum' and are ready to write their own parts of the story in the next couple of weeks.



Year 2 news:

Year 2 have enjoyed writing their own stories based on Oliver Jeffers book 'Lost and Found'. They published these beautifully into their own little books. In Maths we have continued with multiplication and division, looking specifically at learning the 2, 10 and 5 times tables. In Guided Reading this week we enjoyed sharing the book 'Leaf' and completed a range of drama activities that helped the children understand the character's emotions.



In RE we have been considering the concept of 'Welcoming' and have discussed where the children feel welcome and how we would welcome someone new to our school. In history we have started to learn about the maiden voyage of the Titanic, which the children are very interested in.

Year 3 news:

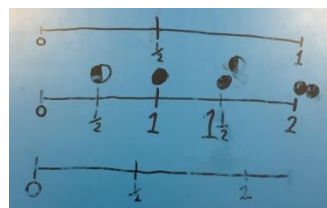
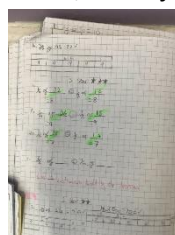
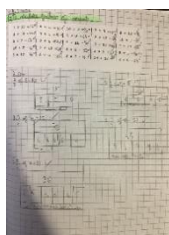
Year 3 have had a great start to the term – working very hard! In RE, the children thought of how light makes them feel. They wrote some amazing poems on their feelings on light: -



In English, the children have been reading Joseph Coella poems. They thought of different rhyming words that could be used in poetry writing and went on to writing some fantastic tongue twisters which were very difficult to say aloud! In Maths, the children have been calculating perimeters of shapes. They used this skill to solve missing perimeter lengths problems. The children enjoyed thinking about the good things in Eastleigh in their Geography learning. They went on to thinking of different ideas of expanding Eastleigh which included theme parks!

Year 4 news:

Year 4 have had a great start to the term – we have a brilliant attitude towards our learning. In English, we finished writing our own stories for The Boy who Lost His Spark. We have now started Varjak Paw. We have read the first few chapters and inferred what type of characters the different cats are. For Book Week, we enjoyed studying the book 'Leaf' and creating our own art work for the whole school display.



In Maths, we have continued with our work in Fractions. We have looked at tenths, thirds and quarters. After this, we started to investigate how to solve fractions of amounts. We have done this through drawing bar models and working out how many equal parts to split our number into. In History, we have researched the Vikings and explored why they came to Britain. The children have started to learn their lines for the Viking production video and we look forward to sharing this with you at the viewing at the end of term.

Year 5 news:

Year 5 have made a great start to the new term and have hit the ground running with their learning! They are enjoying their new unit of work in English based on Pandora the setting of the Avatar films and have already demonstrated their writing skills by writing a 'show not tell' description. In maths, they have been learning how to convert fractions into decimals and percentages and have been applying their knowledge in various problem-solving contexts. In computing, the children are enjoying applying their word processing and desktop publishing skills to create a multi-media fact file.



A highlight this term, so far, has definitely been using the African drums creating different rhythms on top of each other in class performances.

Year 6 news:

Year 6 as we've had a brilliant start to this half term. In English, the children have explored the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. This week they have written sensory descriptions and have used ambitious vocabulary and punctuation. We have been amazed at how quickly the children have grasped the concept of algebra. It's brilliant to witness their confidence grow as they tackle new mathematical challenges.



In History, we are continuing to explore the golden ages. The children have produced some really creative posters about trade on the Silk Road in Baghdad, showcasing their understanding of this significant historical period.

Mother's Day Shop:

Tuesday 25th March – Mother's Day Shop – Years R, 1 and 2

Thursday 27th March – Mother's Day Shop – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Token gifts will be available for the children to purchase during the school day only. Prices will range from 50p - £2.50. Please send cash in a named envelope with your child on the day if they wish to participate.

Friends of The Crescent



Governor spotlight:- Resources Committee

As governors on the Resources Committee, we play a vital role in maintaining and enhancing the operational standards at The Crescent Primary School. Our key responsibilities include:

- **Financial Oversight:** We rigorously review the school's budget and financial performance to ensure that resources are being used effectively and efficiently.
- **Facilities Management:** We oversee the maintenance and development of the school's facilities, ensuring that the learning environment is safe, welcoming, and conducive to education, as well as generating money through lettings.
- **Health and Safety:** We ensure that robust health and safety policies are in place and adhered to, providing a secure environment for students, staff, and visitors.
- **Monitoring the School Development Plan:** We ensure that the School Development Plan is effectively implemented and having a positive impact on operational outcomes.

School Notice Board!

On Thursday 13th March we have our annual Spring Concert at The Point in Eastleigh. We have two performances this year, the first at 1:00pm and the other at 6:30pm

For the afternoon performance children will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals (Years R, 1 & 2) or entitled to a statutory Free School Meal, and you would like the school to provide a picnic lunch for your child, please let the office know by the 10th March.

Safeguarding spotlight- NSPCC Support

[Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#) - this is a great resource to help parents with advice in many areas of childhood and parenting. We highly recommend using the resources and links on this page to help us navigate relationships, online and many other areas that can be tricky for our young people of today.