



THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2025 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

February

11th – Safer Internet Day

12th – Parents Evening & Preloved Uniform Sale

13th – Parents Evening & Preloved Uniform Sale

17th – 21st – Half Term

24th – Return to school (teacher led clubs start again)

March

3rd – Book Week

4th – Book Week

5th – Book Week

6th – Book Week

6th – Aspens World Book Day Menu

7th Book Week

7th – Book Day Dress Up Parade at 9:05am

10th – INSET Day

11th – Year 5 Manor Farm Trip

13th – Spring Concert

14th – Year 2 Sea City Museum Trip

All dates are on the website [calendar](#).

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

Despite January feeling like a really long month! Our children have been working incredibly hard to embody our school values, and it has been heart-warming to see so many of them proudly displaying their values key rings. These key rings are a testament to their dedication and commitment to values.

I would like to address a small concern that has come to my attention. Recently, I have noticed a growing number of children wearing make-up to school. I kindly ask that we ensure no children are wearing make-up during school hours, as it is important for us to maintain a focus on learning and personal development.

On a brighter note, I have been thoroughly impressed with the progress of our girls' football team. The girls have shown remarkable improvement, going from losing by wide margins to securing their first two draws. This achievement reflects their hard work, perseverance, and team spirit. Well done, girls! Your dedication is truly inspiring.

Thank you to those parents, staff and pupils who filled in the wellbeing survey. The MHST team will send out some outcomes from this soon. As headteacher, I was really proud with how our stakeholders view the school and we have been informed that the school ranked as one of the highest of all the schools who completed the surveys. We will continue to work on the mental health of all our stakeholders and improve further.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a positive and productive learning environment for our children. Let's keep up the great work and continue to grow as a school and a community.

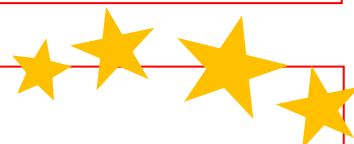
Our star value performers!

Well done to Dante in Year 3. Dante has truly embodied our school's value of aspire by taking his science learning beyond the classroom. On his own initiative, he applied his knowledge to create a model vehicle at home. This kind of self-motivated learning and creativity is exactly what we aim to inspire in our students.

It's wonderful to see Dante reaching for the stars and demonstrating such aspirational qualities. Keep up the fantastic work, Dante!

Current Vacancies:

[Vacancies | The Crescent Primary School](#)



Year R news:

In Year R we had a visit from Sublime Science and loved watching science in action! We then tried our own experiments and the children found out about sound, liquids and changing materials. This week we are continuing our science with finding out about floating and sinking before designing our own boats to sail around the world.



In phonics we have been learning the phase 3 diagraphs and trigraphs which we will revise over the next term. In maths we have been learning how to make 6 and 7. We are now learning to compare sets and understand more and fewer.

Year 1 news:

Year 1 had an excellent time on their trip to the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. They enjoyed two workshops throughout the day. In the first workshop, they explored the 'Teddy Bear Museum' and looked at toys and games from the past. In the second workshop, the children played lots of games including pick up sticks, tiddly winks, hopscotch and skipping. They also had time to explore the museum and see what life was like. In science this half term, the children have been learning about humans. They enjoyed looking at their baby photos and deciding how they have changed since they were babies. They have also learnt about the parts of the body and the five senses. They especially enjoyed exploring taste where they got to taste some chocolate!



Year 2 news: Year 2 really enjoyed their African dance workshop back at the beginning and term. They all learnt a class dance and then performed this to year one. The children listened well to instructions and showed real enjoyment in their performances. As part of our African arts focus the children have been looking at and recreating their own African patterns ready to put onto their clay tiles. Keep an eye out for these coming home!



In English the children have been involved in 'Story Telling Week' and have been looking at the work of the author and poet Joseph Colleho. They have read his story 'Our Tower' and joined him on a live workshop to help write their own poems. In Maths the children are starting to learn about multiplication and division, and learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3 news: Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their art workshop with Southampton Art Gallery. They got to see a real-life Picasso print named 'Jacqueline'. The children how to create a portrait of the friend in the style of Picasso using 'mono-printing'. They created some fantastic pieces of artwork!



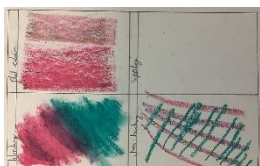
In English, the children have been reading 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. They wrote diaries as Floella explaining things they would miss in Trinidad and things they were looking forward to in England. Year 3 have been enjoying their learning in maths on length and perimeter. They been measuring carefully in millimetres, centimetres and metres. The children have been learning how volcanoes are formed as part of our geography learning. They related this to how Mount Vesuvius erupted in Pompeii.

Year 4 news:

In English, Year 4 have enjoyed writing their own information text about dragons. After designing their own dragons, they wrote their own information text about where dragons live, what they look like and what they eat. They enjoyed publishing their final piece and thinking creatively about how to present the information.

In Geography, we have been comparing Eastleigh with Vik, Iceland. We studied what made a place a village, a town or a city. We explored the human and physical characteristics of Iceland and compared these with Eastleigh. We also used the compasses to understand different directions.

We have also been studying Chris Ofili in Art. We looked at his different artwork and discussed the meaning behind his work. We have experimented with oil pastels and looked at the different techniques for blending and creating patterns. After this, we will be create our own final piece based on the style of Chris Ofili.



Pre-loved uniform sale at Parents evening:

The preloved uniform will be on sale in the school reception area during the below times.

- **Wednesday 12th from 4pm until 7pm**
- **Thursday 13th from 4pm until 6.30pm**

There will be a price list displayed and a QR code for self-payment (apple/google pay or credit card) and a donations box for cash payment.

Friends of The Crescent



Governor spotlight:- Teaching and Learning Committee

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

- **Scrutinising School Standards:** We rigorously review the school's performance data and academic standards to ensure that all pupils are achieving their full potential.
- **Inputs from Key Leaders:** We regularly receive presentations from key leaders within the school, providing us with valuable insights into various aspects of teaching and learning. We also do learning walks and book scrutiny.
- **Monitoring the School Development Plan:** We ensure that the School Development Plan is effectively implemented and having a positive impact on educational outcomes.
- **Understanding Safeguarding:** We gain a comprehensive understanding of safeguarding practices and other structures in place to keep your children safe, ensuring that the school provides a secure and supportive environment for all pupils.

Year 5 news:

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their food D.T. topic this term. They watched a demonstration of how to make savoury scones, then taste tested a range of flavours, before choosing their favourites. Following this they made their own scones and the smell across the school was incredible! The children were really enthused and requested the recipe for home to make some more!



In maths, the children have been learning how to add, subtract and multiply fractions. They have challenged themselves, as this often involved converting fractions with different denominators – excellent job Year 5! We are loving our English unit of work on, 'Alex Rider Stormbreaker' and it has been lovely seeing so many of the children choosing to read the book independently.

Year 6 news:

We are incredibly proud of Year 6s effort in their dedication and hard work in their recent mock tests.

In PE, the children have been enjoying golf. They've even come up with their own crazy golf courses, showcasing their creativity and teamwork skills. This term has been all about exploration in science. The children have been busy investigating different types of electrical circuits, and they are now gearing up to create their very own loop games.



In art, Year 6 have designed and created abstract collages inspired by the artist Beatrice Milhaze. The children have loved writing their own chapter 7 for our text driver Aveline Jones in English. They have written using suspense and they have even managed to scare the teachers with their writing!

School Notice Board!

Parents evening is approaching next week, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. We encourage all parents to book in for a meeting with their child's teachers. This is a great time to see your child's progress and be able to offer the most support with their learning and development. This is also a great time to discuss any queries or concerns you have with your child's teacher.

If you haven't already booked a slot please get in contact with the office and we can re-send the link or book over the phone.

Safeguarding spotlight- Mental Health

The link below is a fantastic opportunity to sign up for free workshops on many areas of mental health, from eating difficulties to trauma recovery and managing anxiety. These CAMHS based workshops are a fantastic way to get free support.

[PACE New Forest, 7th November 2025 – CAMHS](#)