



THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2024 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

November

- 4th – First day back
- 5th – ASPENS sparkle menu
- 8th - 14th – Year 6 Bikeability
- 8th – Yr4 Anglo Saxon visit
- 9th - Open morning for Year R 2025 @10am
- 07th – Sibling photos
- 14th – Individual photos
- 15th – INSET DAY
- 16th – Choir performing at Eastleigh Christmas lights switch on
- 18th FoTC Raffle sales for Christmas Fayre
- 19th – Year R Wonderdome visit
- 20th – Open morning for Year R 2025 @6pm
- 21st – Y6 visit Ufton Court
- 22nd – Y3 visit Butser farm
- 22nd Y5 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
- 26th – Flu spray day
- 26th – Year R Stay and play @2.30pm
- 28th - Open morning for Year R 2025 @9.30am
- 29th – Non-school uniform for tombola donations

December

- 3rd – Year 2 Nativity 9:30 – 2:30
- 4th - Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert 1:30 & 6:30
- 5th – Toy & book donations
- 6th – Cakes & Bakes donations
- 7th – Christmas Fayre
- 11th – Last Karate Session
- 13th – Year R Nativity 9:30 & 2:30
- 17th – FOTC KS1 Christmas shop
- 18th – Christmas jumper & lunch day
- 19th – FOTC KS2 Christmas shop
- 20th – Year 1 Christmas video

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

This past month has flown by! I have really enjoyed seeing the children's learning and engagement grow over this time. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in and around the school, whether that is at The Reading Café, sports fixtures or Year R stay and play. Your engagements with these events really help to strengthen the school community and I feel that when home and school work together, we really do get the best for your child.

I hope that since the start of the school year, that you have seen our new vision and values and that the children can articulate these well. It has been lovely to see the children come in with their value key rings on their back pack and the pride they get when they earn a value certificate.

I have been recently reflecting on my first year as permanent headteacher (I was appointed in November last year!) and I have to say how incredibly proud and privileged I feel to lead this school. I would like to thank you for your support and useful feedback. I feel just as energised to continue to build on the school's successes in my second year. I visit a lot of schools and communities and I cannot emphasise enough, how our children shine with their growing personalities and general behaviour.

Our star value performers!



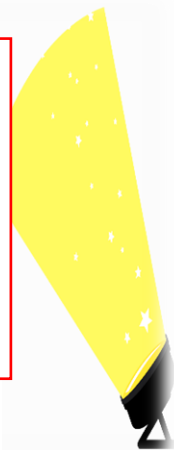
A huge thank you to Beth and Rhys for showing the values of love and belonging by representing the school at the Eastleigh Remembrance service. They helped to decorate the recently vandalised bandstand. I know that they did our school proud and deserved a special mention in the newsletter.

If your child is about to embark on something extraordinary, please drop Mr Wartnaby an email on adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk to be featured in this section.

Current Vacancies:

We are currently recruiting for a school cleaner. Please see the link below for further information.

[Cleaner - The Crescent Primary School | 18 November, 2024 | Jobs and careers with Hampshire County Council](#)



Email: adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk

Call: 02380 612536

Search: www.thecrescentprimary.com

Facebook: [TheCrescentPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/TheCrescentPrimarySchool)

Year R news:

The Year R children have been developing their reading and writing skills in Phonics. We have now completed the Phase 2 sounds and are busy learning the Phase 3 sounds now. In maths we have become experts with subitising and knowing how to count accurately to 5. As part of our topic we made maps of Eastleigh and linked to the story 'The Tiger Who came to Tea', we talked about where we like to go for dinner and designed healthy dinners.

In the last week, Year R enjoyed learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We made lanterns, Rangoli patterns and Mehndi hands. We also enjoyed performing at the Harvest Assembly. The children sang 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and 'Harvest Rock and Roll'. They helped to make a scarecrow and display the generous donations of food.

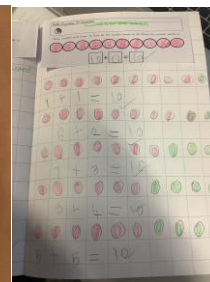


Year 1 news:

Year 1 enjoyed ending last term with a DT project. They learnt how to make levers and sliders and then chose which one they wanted to make for their final project. Some of their work is displayed in the Year 1 corridor.

In maths, the children have started their unit on addition and subtraction. They have been learning about number bonds to 10 and have learnt how to use a part whole model.

In English, the children went 'camping in the forest' this week. They explored the classroom listening to woodland sounds and spotting lots of different nocturnal animals.



Year 2 news:

Year 2 ended last term with great creativity. They all completed their final piece of art work in the style of the artist Alma Thomas and these are now on display in the Year 2 corridor. The children also had fun planning and writing an alternative ending to the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They worked really hard to explain their ideas clearly and make good word choices. In Maths the children have continued to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction, linking their work to knowing their number bonds for 10. In science the children have had fun growing a range of seeds and we have all been amazed at how well they have grown at this time of year.

All of the children have settled well on their return from half term. We have completed our computing unit and have been considering where we use IT (Information Technology) at school and at home. They have also started their new PE unit on basketball, where they are learning the skills to control the ball and play as part of a team.

Year 3 news: Year 3 have been busy creating their own Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculptures using natural resources last term. They had to use anything in the outdoors and created some fantastic masterpieces!



The children have had a great start to the new term. In English, they have been reading 'Stone Age Boy' and wrote some setting descriptions using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In maths, they have been applying their number bonds knowledge to addition and subtraction. The children are looking forward to their visit to Butser Farm. A polite reminder that we must have all permission slips before taking the children.

Year 4 news:

Year 4 ended last term by making their own healthy wraps. The children enjoyed sampling different ingredients and trying foods they hadn't tasted before – especially falafel and spring onions! We also enjoyed our walk to the River Itchen – it was very muddy but at least the weather was dry! In English, the children published their own version of 'Until I Met Dudley' using their knowledge of the digestive system as inspiration.



The children have made a brilliant start to the new term. On Wednesday, we were visited by the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. We learnt about the training a guide dog goes through and also learnt how to sign 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'. We have taken part in the BBC 500 Words challenge – they enjoyed writing their own stories using their imagination. In Maths, the children have shown a good understanding of area so far. They have continued to work hard on their times tables and enjoy participating in their weekly MTC tests. We also enjoyed our Anglo-Saxon Day on Friday.

FoTC are getting ready for our Crescent Christmas Market on Saturday 7th December from 11am-2pm!

Friends of The Crescent

We are looking for stall holders for our event – please drop us an email to fotc.contact@gmail.com

We are also looking for local businesses who would like to donate a raffle prize to our big raffle!



Governor spotlight- Robert Wayman (Chair of Governors)

My name is Robert and I am honoured to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors. I have been a governor at the Crescent for the past seven years including holding roles as vice chair and co-chair. I am proud to take on this key role within a school community that is so close to my heart—both figuratively and literally, as my husband and I live within walking distance.



In my current professional role as a Director at Solent Mind, I oversee income generation, including fundraising, external communications, PR, marketing, volunteering, internal communications, workplace wellbeing training, and IT. I hold an MBA, am a Chartered Manager, a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) as well as the Institute of Fundraising.

Outside of work, I am dedicated to supporting young people and giving back to the community I live within. I'm a Trustee at Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust. I also have a personal passion for theatre, the gym, and theme parks.

I am excited to bring my experience and enthusiasm to our governing board and look forward to continuing our collective efforts to reach for the stars.

Year 5 news:

Year 5 have had a great start to the new term and have already demonstrated a good understanding of how to find multiples of numbers in maths. They enjoyed investigating the properties of materials in science and were able to make sensible predictions as to which materials were magnetic, would conduct electricity and which were transparent or translucent.



In English the children have started their unit of work inspired by the book, 'The Story of Tutankhamun,' and have been investigating different artefacts, thinking about what they would have been used for. At the end of the unit they will be creating a non-chronological report about the Ancient Egyptians.

Year 6 news:

Year 6 ended last half term by designing and making seasonal pizzas. They explored the cost of making pizza rather than buying them from a take away establishment and the children were surprised at the difference in price! They made their pizzas from scratch and practised the skill of kneading- they were really proud with how they turned out and enjoyed eating them after they were cooked.



Year 6 loved the STEM day where they took part in a dragon's den project throughout the day. The team at Milestones were so impressed with their ideas to keep road workers safe and will be introducing some of them on the motorways in the future. The children have returned with a really positive attitude after the half term and have enjoyed planning and writing an alternate story ending to a short film, Alma. We have been amazed with their maths skills recently and the resilience we have seen when exploring the order of operations (BODMAS). Well done Year 6!

School Notice Board!

Attendance:

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell, NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough, sore throat or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. Further guidance on whether children should be kept off school can be found here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you do decide to keep your child at home, it's important to phone or email us at attendance@crest.hants.sch.uk before 8:30am on each day of absence giving a reason for absence. If we have not heard from you by midday we will carry out a home visit.

Remember, if you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, please talk to us as a first step so we can help. We appreciate your continued support in giving your child the best opportunities through good attendance at school.

Safeguarding spotlight—Online Privacy

[Taking care of your privacy and digital footprint | Childline](#)

The link above is a child friendly page about how we keep ourselves private and safe online. It is aimed at our children who are starting to engage in online communication. It is recommended that children do not do this until later into their teenage years, however I respect that ever-challenging pressures on our young people and parents may cause this to be earlier. If your child is online, this page will help shape conversations between you and your child.