



Cranwell Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope very much that you and your families enjoyed a safe and pleasant summer holiday.

We would like to welcome all of the new children and their families to the school.

Foundation Stage

The new children in Foundation Stage have enjoyed their first day at school. We wish to express our thanks to the parents of the Foundation Stage children, who have openly encouraged a positive start for their children, how brave they have been! Well done Foundation Stage, and fantastic smiling!

Starting school is an important milestone in their young lives and we aim to make the experience a very pleasant one for all concerned. We appreciate that this is not only important for the children, but also for parents as they see their children embark on their educational journey.

Already the children have been learning about each other and how to care for each other, making their class rules together, getting used to routines as well as becoming familiar with their classroom and the school.

Uniform

We have been very impressed with the children looking so smart today.

Please remember that long hair should be tied up, and jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not allowed. We would be grateful if parents could support the school with these rules.

Remember—Name Everything!

Be aware that when you have a class of 30 children the majority of white shirts are the same size and often from the same providers. Ties are identical! Shoes also look very similar. Trying to distinguish whose items are whose is very difficult without them being named!

Thank you for your help

More information regarding School Uniform can be found on our school website

School Drive and Gates

As you will have seen, our driveway into school has been resurfaced. We are currently awaiting installation of new gates immediately outside school. This is scheduled to take place next week. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your understanding in the matter.

Timings of the School Day

School drop off is between 8:40am and 8:50am.

School starts at 8:50am.

Drop your child at the school gates, and allow them to walk around to the green gate.

School finishes at 3:20pm for all children.

Please note, this is when lessons end. Children will be out a few minutes after this point. Additionally, sometimes unforeseen things happen in class which result in the children

coming out a few minutes later. Thank you for your understanding.

Please try not to stand immediately in front of the yellow-hatched box gates at the front of school. This will allow children to easily exit the school and locate their parents.

If you wish to speak with your class teacher please make an appointment either by emailing or telephoning the school office, or see the member of staff at the gates at the end of the day.

Ordering Hot Meals

Please remember that infant classes are provided with Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please remember to order and outline any allergies. Children in Key Stage 2 currently can order hot meal lunches through Ideal School Meals, our food provider, or parents may wish to send in a packed lunch instead. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One also receive a piece of fruit each day through a Government initiative.

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression.

Lunches

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx

...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family.

Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

Allergies—Urgent! Please read!

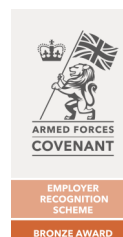
We currently have a number of children in school who have severe allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that packed lunches or snacks **do not include nuts/peanut butter/sesame seeds, chocolate spread etc. We also have children who have a Coconut allergy. This includes coconut based foods, cosmetics and other products e.g. sun lotion and hand cream.**

Please make sure you contact school if your child has any new allergies. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

New Reading Records

Your child by now should have received a new Reading Record. We are encouraging the children to look after these new booklets with pride.

Children will be issued with a new reading record at the beginning of each year, however if they are lost there will be a small charge to replace them.





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Individual Photographs

On Thursday 12th September 2024, the school photographer will be taking individual photographs. Family photographs together with pre-school are available in the morning from 8:30am. Please enter the school via the school reception if you wish to have a family photograph.

Medical Info & Absences

If your child has a medical appointment, if possible, can you please send a note into the class teacher giving prior notice. Please notify the school office of all absences either by email or phone, stating reasons.

Internet Safety

Help your child become a smarter, safer and happier explorer of the online world.

Google have a 'Be Internet Legends Parent's Page' — a helpful handbook full of tips and tricks for supporting your child's digital education.

There are lots of simple ways to reinforce the important online safety lessons your child has been learning in school, through Google's Be Internet Legends programme. Created in partnership with Parent Zone, the programme is empowering families to make the most of the internet by helping them become confident digital citizens.

See more at : https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified of any change in your contact details.

Parentmail

Please remember to check your emails daily as school news and information will be sent via ParentMail. If you have not signed up or updated your email address, please do so via the school office: enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Term-time Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!

More information regarding absence and attendance can be found on our Attendance Policy www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp

Travelling to and from School

We openly encourage children to either walk or ride their cycles to school, but they must do so safely.

Top Tips for Riding to School

- Ride with your children.
- Do not let your child ride to school if they are not riding with you, or not attending Bikewise Training, or not safe to do so alone.
- Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ride on the pavement when you can.
- Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road.
- Wear bright colours and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning.

Please see below some useful websites to help you teach your child the rules about cycling:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/essential-cycling-skills-for-families/>

<https://www.raleigh.co.uk/gb/en/cycling-advice/riding-guide-cycling-to-school-safely/>

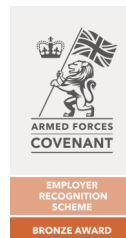
Please can we all help keep everyone safe by ensuring children dismount their scooters and bicycles as they enter the school grounds. Many thanks.

Harvest Collection

We are collecting donations for the Sleaford Community Larder. If you would like to donate, please bring donations into school by Friday 13th September.

UHT Milk, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tinned hotdogs, Fray Bentos Pies, tinned puddings, tinned soup, tinned meat etc would be welcome.

The collection will be in the School entrance Hall.





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Road Safety

A reminder to please take care driving in and around the school area.

Please remember there is a 5mph speed limit on the drive.

Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I ask all parents that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your children. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past? Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the Costcutter car park.

Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths. School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate. Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Exit on the Left

The one-way system in the morning is continuing to work really well with parents dropping their children off. Please make sure your child leaves their car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

Disabled Parking Considerations

We have limited disabled parking on the school premises, and we do have families who require these.

We are unable to enforce this but please be considerate and keep these spaces free for those that require them.

To avoid any misunderstanding when using the disabled bays please display your Blue Badge.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Mobile Phones and Watches

We do not support children bringing mobile phones into school, however we do realise that some older children need them for safety reasons if they are walking home alone. If this is the case, phones must be left with the class teacher during the school day.

The school is not responsible for damage or loss of phones. We do not allow watches into school which take photographs or have communication capabilities. Please understand this is for Safeguarding purposes.

Phonics

There will be a phonics workshop for parents on Wednesday 18th September at 2.15pm. This will include an overview of how phonics is taught in Early Years and Key Stage 1. If you would like to attend, please email rebecca.lawson@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Relationships & Sex Education — RSE

RSE curriculum has been compulsory in Primary Schools since 2020. [Relationships education \(Primary\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

We will be holding an information event concerning all aspects of RSE and how it is taught in our school on the 9th October 2024 at 14:00.

If you wish to attend, please email the school at enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Information Evening

Would you like to find out more about what your child is learning in Maths and English?

Once again, we are hosting a drop-in session in the school hall where all the year group teams will be available to show you samples of children's work, share resources used and answer any questions you may have. Some of our Governors will also be available to chat to.

The session will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

We appreciate that you may have children to bring along – please feel free to do so! We will set up a reading and games area in a corner of the hall, so that you can still attend, whilst at the same time keeping an eye on your little ones!

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you have any specific questions or queries, please do email us and we will do our best to prepare for these in advance.

If you would like to attend, please email the office at enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk or rebecca.hill@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk by Tuesday 17th September.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2024-25

Term 1 : Wed 4th Sept — Fri 18th October 2024

Term 2 : Tues 29th Oct — Thurs 19th Dec 2024

Term 3 : Mon 6th Jan — Fri 14th Feb 2025

Term 4 : Mon 24th Feb — Fri 4th April 2025

Term 5 : Tue 22nd April — Fri 23rd May 2025

Term 6 : Tue 3rd June — Tue 22nd July 2025

Academic Year 2025-26

Term 1 : Thur 4th Sept — Thur 23rd October 2025

Term 2 : Mon 3rd Nov — Fri 19th Dec 2025

Term 3 : Tue 6th Jan — Fri 13th Feb 2026

Term 4 : Mon 23rd Feb — Thurs 2nd April 2026

Term 5 : Tue 21st April — Fri 22nd May 2026

Term 6 : Mon 1st June — Wed 22nd July 2026

