



End of Year Newsletter

As we reach the end of another successful and memorable school year at Crabtree Farm Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, commitment and enthusiasm.

This year has been filled with wonderful learning experiences, achievements and opportunities that have helped our pupils grow both academically and personally. It has been a pleasure to see the confidence, resilience and kindness that our children demonstrate every day.

One of the highlights of the final term has undoubtedly been our World Cup Week and World Cup Carnival. The school has been buzzing with excitement as pupils have taken part in lessons linked to countries from around the world, learning about different cultures, traditions and communities. The week culminated in our fantastic World Cup Carnival, where pupils came together to celebrate their learning and enjoy a memorable end to the project. The enthusiasm, teamwork and pride shown by the children throughout the week were truly wonderful to see.

As always, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff team, who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities for every child. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support and partnership throughout the year.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. You leave Crabtree Farm with many wonderful memories, as well as the skills and values needed for the future. We are extremely proud of all you have achieved and know that you will continue to make us proud.

As we look ahead, I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of excellent attendance. To fully embrace the fantastic education and wide range of opportunities that Crabtree Farm offers, children need to be in school every day. Regular attendance plays a vital role in academic progress, personal development and building positive relationships, ensuring every child can make the most of their time at school.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned summer break, filled with rest, fun and quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September for another exciting year of learning and achievement.



Year 3 Visit to Rand Farm

Our Year 3 children had an amazing time at Rand Farm! Some children enjoyed a fun-packed day visit, while others stayed for an exciting three-day residential adventure.

During their visit, everyone had the chance to become a real farmer! The children fed the animals, cleaned out their pens and even collected fresh eggs from the chickens. They loved getting hands-on, learning new skills and finding out what life is really like on a busy farm.

We are so proud of all of the children for showing such enthusiasm, kindness and confidence throughout the visit. They embraced every activity with big smiles and lots of determination, making memories that will last a lifetime. Well done, Year 3, on such a fantastic adventure!

Me vs Me Challenge

Year 4 were part of a challenge to beat their personal best whilst taking part in a number of athletics events. This was planned and delivered by our School Games Organisers who works with lots of other schools across Nottingham City. The children all took on the challenges and put in all of their effort to get better and better. The children were asked to try and practise the skills and challenges before this event was repeated again a few weeks later. When the children took part again- they had ALL beaten their previous scores.

Crabtree Farm was the only school to have achieved this across the city of Nottingham.

Road Safety Quiz

Our Key Stage 2 children took part in our annual road safety quiz again in May. The children learn lots about keeping safe on and around roads and then are given a fun multi-choice quiz to test and embed the children's knowledge. It's a great way to deliver such important messages to the children. Overall, we achieved a great score, the children did themselves proud. We hope they remember the importance of keeping safe on and around the roads.



World Cup Week

On Monday 6th July, Crabtree Farm hosted a fantastic, fun filled, creative week learning about the World Cup and all the countries that were part of the tournament. Every class had their own country to explore throughout the week and the children learnt lots of information about the culture, traditions, the arts and way of life. The children also got the opportunity to be creative and try new activities that they haven't previously experienced. On the final day, we had a whole school celebration, where the children got to share what they had learnt with all of the school and the parents/carers. For those of you that came to support the event, we are sure you'll agree that the children were fabulous. Thank you to all those that came to watch and cheer us on!

Joel Fearon

Our athlete visit proved to be a massive success. Joel Fearon, a GB sprinter and bobsleigher, visited our school and brought so much energy, fun and enthusiasm to our school. The children got to hear his inspirational story and how he became the athlete he is today. Then the children all took part in some circuits and the hall was full of happiness and energy- they cheered each other on and worked together to create a great atmosphere. As a school, we have raised over £600 which is absolutely brilliant- we are so grateful to our school community for all of this sponsorship. We will look for more events like this in the future.

Children vs Staff Football Match

On Tuesday 14th July, we held our annual children vs staff football match on the school field. The children really enjoyed themselves and the staff did too- it was a tough game with lots of determination and effort! We are pleased to announce that the staff won! What a super event.

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Nottingham Tennis Centre



Year 6 were invited to Nottingham Tennis Centre this year to take part in some fun tennis activities and games. This year, we were introduced to the game of paddle too, which the children really enjoyed. Two of our children were chosen to represent the school on the famous centre court and got to meet two tennis players, the girls had to throw the coin with the players to decide who starts the match so there was lots of pressure on them, they did a great job and the school even got to keep the coin! All of the children also got to experience watching some tennis matches too, which was great fun and a super day was had by all.

Year 6 Prom

On Monday 20th July, our Year 6 pupils arrived in style for their eagerly awaited Year 6 Prom. Dressed in their finest outfits, they were ready to celebrate the end of their memorable journey at Crabtree Farm. Organised by our wonderful Parents' Group and dedicated Year 6 team, the evening was filled with laughter, excitement and special moments.

The children enjoyed an evening of dancing at a fantastic disco, captured fun memories in the outdoor photo booth, and shared a delicious selection of traditional party food with their friends.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success. The Year 6 Prom was a truly unforgettable occasion and a perfect way to celebrate the end of a very special chapter before the children embark on their next adventure.

Ancient Maya Workshop

During summer 1, Year 5 took part in an exciting workshop with Partake. They learnt lots about Ancient Maya including Maya civilization and who the Mayans were and how Maya life compared to modern day life. The children enjoyed learning how to make Glyphs out of clay, how to make Mayan hot chocolate from scratch, discovering and handling Mayan objects and tools and playing a game of pokatok.



Year 6 Graduation

Laughter, smiles and a few tears filled the Upper Hall during our heartfelt Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. It was a special opportunity to celebrate the many achievements, memories and experiences that have shaped our pupils throughout their time at Crabtree Farm.

We are incredibly proud of everything these remarkable young people have accomplished. Their hard work, determination and positive attitude have helped them achieve so much, and we have every confidence that they will continue to thrive and succeed as they begin the next stage of their educational journey.

From everyone at Crabtree Farm, we wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for the future. Remember to let us know how you are getting on in your new schools, and continue to reach for your goals. We know you will make us proud!

F2 Visit the Theatre Royal

Our Foundation 2 children had a fantastic trip to the Theatre Royal to watch The Enormous Crocodile. From the moment the curtain rose, the children were captivated by the colourful characters, lively music and exciting story. The highlight of the performance was the amazing puppets, which brought Roald Dahl's beloved characters to life in a truly magical way.

The children loved every second of the show, laughing, singing and joining in with the adventure. The puppeteers were incredibly skilled, making the animals move and interact so realistically that the audience was completely absorbed in the performance.

It was a wonderful experience for our young learners and a memorable day out that sparked lots of conversation and excitement on the journey back to school. We are very proud of how well the children behaved and represented our school throughout the trip.

RSE Day 2026

Our school choir enjoyed a truly unforgettable experience as they were given the red-carpet treatment at the Broadway Cinema to celebrate the launch of the RSE Day 2026 song. The children were thrilled to attend this special event and see their hard work recognised. One of the highlights of the day was hearing the finished song for the first time and knowing that they had helped to create it. It was a proud and exciting moment for everyone involved, and an experience that the children will remember for many years to come. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and outstanding contribution to this national project.

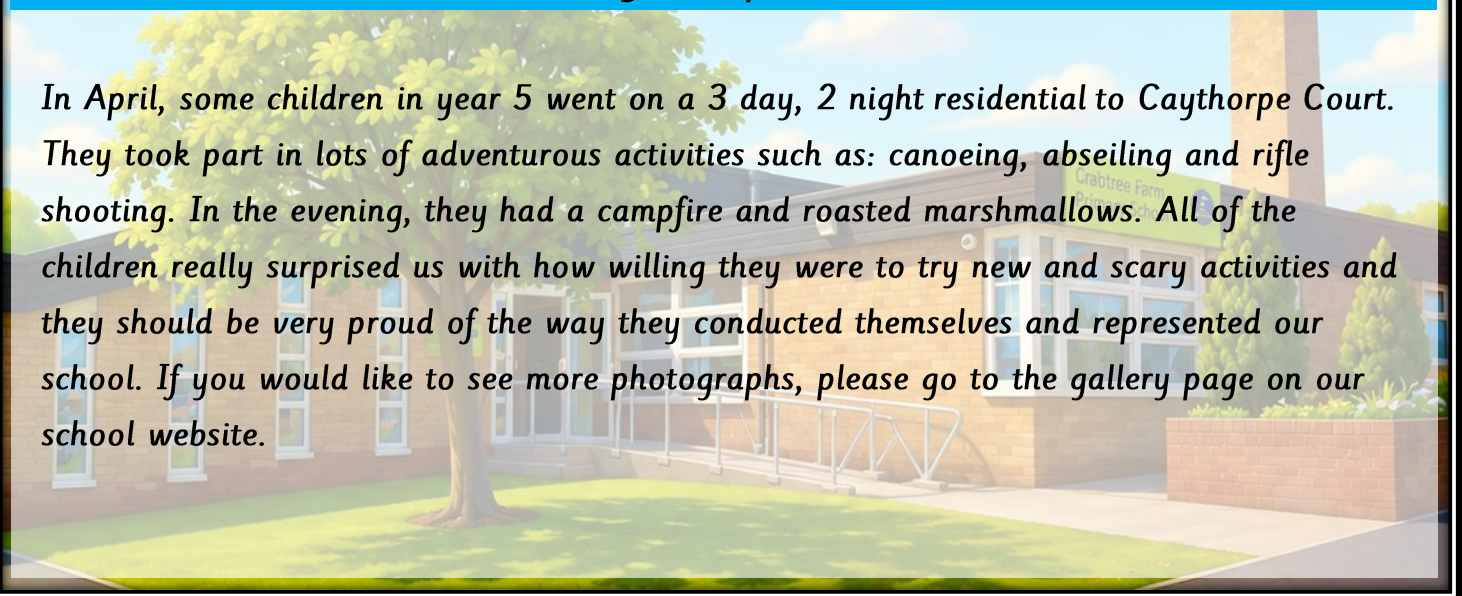


Crabtree's Got Talent!

The talent show is always a firm favourite event with the staff and children in school and it's the event that brings so much joy to the school hall. The children are confident, resilient and work so hard to be the best talent. This year we saw some unbelievable talent including some great choreographed dance routines, magic magicians, cup demonstrations, joyous jokes and some skilful gymnastics. Each year, the talent seems to grow more and more! We can't wait to see what is in store for us next year. Thank you to all the children that took part in the fabulous show.

Year 5 PGL Caythorpe Court Residential

In April, some children in year 5 went on a 3 day, 2 night residential to Caythorpe Court. They took part in lots of adventurous activities such as: canoeing, abseiling and rifle shooting. In the evening, they had a campfire and roasted marshmallows. All of the children really surprised us with how willing they were to try new and scary activities and they should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves and represented our school. If you would like to see more photographs, please go to the gallery page on our school website.





Area Band Summer Jam

Our area band members were joined by staff from the Nottingham Music Service in July. They learned a new piece of music by ear and then performed it alongside the staff band. Their music will be included in a promotional YouTube video! Well done to all of our committed area band members for their hard work at this event and all year long.

Reading Partnerships



This year, our school has worked closely with the Nottingham Hub of the National Literacy Trust (NLT), and it has helped children enjoy reading even more. We have been lucky to have visits from authors Peter Burns, A.F. Steadman and Matt Oldfield. They inspired the children and made them excited about reading and writing. We have also received lots of lovely books and donations from Experian, Harper Collins and Simon & Schuster. A special highlight was that every Key Stage 2 child received their own copy of a Skandar book to keep. This helped children build their own book collections and continue reading at home. Another favourite was Our Little Big Book Club, which brought families together to enjoy stories and share a love of reading.

We have also been fortunate to receive support from the Bookmark Reading Charity – which has helped our school in lots of ways. They have given us Rocket Packs, which are themed sets of books that children can enjoy in class and use to learn about different topics. We also receive 'The Story Corner' magazines, filled with exciting stories, facts and activities. These resources help children discover new books, build a love of reading, improve their reading skills and become more confident, enthusiastic readers. In addition, children can take part in online author talks, where they meet writers, hear about the creative process, ask questions and gain inspiration for their own reading and writing.

Hoodwinked



Year 6 have proudly presented the end of year production - Hoodwinked. They have made their costumes, designed the set and even put together the choreography for the music. Loxley and Trent have worked incredibly hard to showcase their drama, singing and art skills which have been enjoyed by every child in the school.

Reading

Reading for just 15–20 minutes a day can help children keep learning and growing. It helps them learn new words, read more smoothly, understand books better and feel more confident. Regular reading also helps stop children forgetting what they have learned, so they are ready to do their best when they return to school.

For more ideas and support with reading at home, the Open University has lots of tips and advice: <https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah>

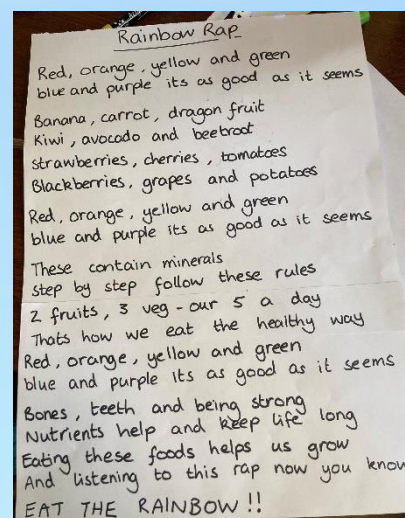


Primary Parliament



Our head and deputy pupils have had a busy summer term representing the school at Primary Parliament. In April they attended the rescheduled spring event, which had the theme of 'Safe, Positive Neighbourhoods'. The children got to explore the Greenheart space in the city centre, located at the old Broadmarsh site, before completing some activities and then working in collaboration with another school to present their ideas, as a great news report!

In June the Primary Parliament event's themes was 'Healthy and Happy Me'. The children took part in activities that included a dance workshop and creating fruit faces. For their presentation at the end they were inspired to write a fantastic rap about eating the rainbow!



In July the children were invited to a very special Primary Parliament Showcase. Crabtree Farm was chosen as one of only six schools to represent all schools in Nottingham. This event was about sharing children's voices in Nottingham and they presented to special guests, which included the Sheriff of Nottingham, local Members of Parliament (including our local MP, Alex Norris) and Council Officials. The brief was about: How can Nottingham be a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone who lives here, especially children? The head and deputy pupils drew on their experiences from the previous events and living in the city. They pulled together a fantastic presentation delivered as a news report, with features including a rap about Nottingham's environment, a talk on safety concerns in the city and an educational drama about littering. The children then took part in a Q & A with the special guests. They challenged officials to hear their voice and asked for accountability!



The head and deputy pupils have been amazing advocates for the school this year at the various events and often receive fantastic feedback from the public and event hosts about how articulate and well behaved they are, whilst also bringing energy and enthusiasm! We are all incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing how our Year 5 pupils carry this on next year, when they take up the roles!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

AT CRABTREE FARM

Every school day counts!

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80



£160



2

Irregular Attendance

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, then the school will consider prosecution.

1 day = 2 sessions

3

A Penalty For Each Child



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 Children and 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

For A Family Of Two Parents



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 Children and 2 parents = £1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

Second Time
2 parents and ...

1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1,280

No Discount for early payment



Third Time

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

3
days lost
each year!

5

minutes
late per day

6.5
days lost
each year!

10

minutes
late per day

10
days lost
each year!

15

minutes
late per day

13
days lost
each year!

20

minutes
late per day

19
days lost
each year!

30

minutes
late per day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



CRABTREE FARM ATTENDANCE

Below are some statistics from this school year
(Cut off point 20.07.26)



PENALTY NOTICE
REFERRALS:

39



DAYS MISSED
THIS YEAR:

5895



LATE'S
THIS YEAR:

2771

A huge well done to the following groups of children for
their fantastic effort at coming to school!



BEST ATTENDING
YEAR GROUP:

5



BEST ATTENDING
CLASS:

**NOTTINGHAM CASTLE
(FULL TIME NURSERY)**



BEST ATTENDING
HOUSE:

ASPEN

On Tuesday we celebrated our many achievements across school.
19 children were awarded for their amazing **100%** attendance, along
with **72** others who also were celebrated for their attendance being
between **99.7%** and **98.0%**! We are also super grateful to you our
parents/carers, who ensure your children are in school each and every day,
so a **HUGE** thank you!

REMINDERS FOR NEXT YEAR:



If you need a 'Leave of Absence' for an exceptional circumstance, a form needs to be completed at **least 4 weeks** before you plan to take your child out of school. This gives us ample time to consider your leave. If your form is not submitted, exceptional circumstances will not be considered at all, and you will be referred to the LA for a penalty notice.



Always remember to let school know when your child is poorly or cannot attend. This can be one via telephone call, text or Arbor message. Absences of **3 days or more** will result in a welfare check at home.



Please see our school attendance policy that states that leave of absence can now be linked to **bank holidays and Inset days**.



Late children do not get all 3 dinner choices. Please **be on time** to avoid lunch time disappointment. Of course if you are late due to a pre-booked appointment, please inform school of your lunch choice when you inform us of the appointment.



Please endeavour to make appointments **outside of school time**.