



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We are pleased to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and, from the many, colourful stories told by the children, it seems as if all have had a wonderful break.

Message from Mrs Bray

Thank you all for your messages and kind thoughts. I hope that you have all had a lovely break – I really missed being a part of all the wonderful Christmas festivities, but I hear that you all had a fabulous time. You will be glad to hear that I am slowly starting to feel better and hope to see you soon. Keep ‘letting your light shine’ and doing your very best every day.

Message from Simon Marriott, CEO, Kaleidoscope MAT

Dear Crockerne Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, Mrs Bray was unwell and absent last term. Unfortunately, she is still not yet well enough to return to school.

During her absence, Mrs Rees and Mrs Crutchley have led the school. Mrs Rees will continue as Acting Headteacher, supported by Mrs Crutchley and the Crockerne Senior Leadership Team. They will receive some additional support from myself and other leaders across Kaleidoscope, while Mrs Bray continues to be absent (this is one of the benefits of being part of a collaborative and supportive Trust). You may see Ms. Barwell (Executive Headteacher at Becket and Hutton) and Mrs Smith (Assistant Headteacher at Hutton and experienced SENDCo) on a more regular basis.

I would like to thank Mrs Rees, Mrs Crutchley and the Crockerne Team for their hard work during Mrs Bray's absence.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Marriott
(CEO, Kaleidoscope MAT)

Watercress Farm

Birch class started the term with an exciting outing, on their first visit to Watercress Farm on the Belmont Estate. Dressed in their wellies & waterproofs, they all enjoyed a very muddy, yet wonderful day out. Visits form part of our “Seasons and How They Change” project, with a strong focus on science. We will return to Belmont for further sessions next year to explore how nature changes throughout the seasons.

National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a major UK-wide campaign. Led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust it aims to boost reading for pleasure and improve literacy across all ages, making reading relevant to modern life through digital connections, community champions, and linking books to existing interests. Aiming to create a lasting reading culture, the initiative seeks to engage new readers, support wellbeing, and break links between background and achievement by making reading a natural, enjoyable part of everyday life.

We would love to hear your ideas on how you read to/with your children, but also how you engage and read for pleasure!

Polite reminders and useful information:

- Reminder: Children are parents' responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day. Please do not allow children to play on any equipment before and after school.
- **Safeguarding:** should you wish for your child to be collected from school by another adult. You must notify the office no later than **2:30pm** on the day. We cannot allow anyone to collect a child without their parent's permission.
- We ask that **no mobile phones** are used or seen by adults or children whilst on school premises, at any time.
- Please remember that Crockerne C of E Primary School has a **no nuts** policy.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- **If you claim qualifying benefits your older child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled.**
https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.30am and must be pre-booked on <https://app.parentpay.com/>
- After School Club is ran by My Shine from 3:15pm – 6:00pm All information for this is found directly with My Shine. Visit <https://myshine.co.uk>
- **Westward Drive** is now a **School Street** which is a road where a school temporarily closes to become a pedestrian and cycle zone during the school's opening and closing times.
The School Street operational times on Westward Drive are 8.30 – 9.30 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm.

January and February 2026 Term dates, dates for diaries and **INSET** days 2026

Term 3 Tuesday 6th January 2026 to Thursday 12th February 2026

Watercress Farm Class Visits – February 2026

Mon 2nd Feb, Hawthorn Class

Tues 10th Feb, Chestnut Class

Wed 11th Feb, Holly Class

Tues 12th Feb, Willow Class

Mon 11th – Fri 15th May, Y6 SAT's week

Inset Days

Friday 13th February 2026

Mrs Bray – Headteacher

Mrs Crutchley & Mrs Rees – Assistant Headteachers