

Dear Parents and Carers,

From the Acting Headteacher

It is a joy to welcome you to our latest newsletter as we finally see the first signs of spring. After the long, grey days of winter, the school grounds are beginning to come back to life. It has been wonderful to see the children noticing the blooming daffodils and the first buds on the trees and to feel some much needed sunshine.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a vibrant community. Whether it's through listening to your child read at home, preparing them for World Book Day and our Crockerne Wonderful Week of Reading or helping them spot the first signs of spring on the walk to school, your involvement makes all the difference.

I am pleased to share that Mrs Bray will be returning to school next week, beginning with a visit on Tuesday. She is looking forward to seeing pupils, staff and families again and would like to thank the school community for the many kind messages and support during her illness. Please note that, during her initial return and settling in period, I will remain as the main parent contact.

Crockerne's Wonderful Week of Reading



We have enjoyed a wonderful week of reading here at Crockerne, as part of the National Year of Reading.

On Monday, the school came together to take advantage of the sunny March weather by sharing a book with each other - Year 5 and 6 joined the smallest members of the school and year 3 and 4 joined year 1 and 2.

Celebrity Storytime: every class has been excited to discover who their 'celebrity' storyteller will be. Oak class loved hearing Site Manager, Mr Bazeley, share a favourite book.



Tuesday saw a celebration of the Crockerne Library's 'Best Borrowers': those children who had borrowed the most books from the library this term were rewarded with a £10 book voucher (with thanks to Hartmann Books, Portishead and Friends of Crockerne PTA).

Meanwhile at home, children have been 'getting caught reading' in the strangest of places:



On Thursday, we saw some truly amazing book-inspired outfits for World Book Day! It was lovely to see so many children joining in and dressing up as their favourite characters. The excitement and creativity they brought with their costumes really helped bring World Book Day to life.

Today brings our Wonderful week to an end, with Friends of Crockerne 'Cronka' event, inspired by Roald Dahl's 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory'. Children were able to purchase a cronka bar, a number which contained a Golden Ticket, to win fun prizes! Many thanks to the PTA for their ongoing fundraising events – they all looked fantastic dressed as characters from the book, ably assisted all day by their team of staff helpers!



School Uniform

Please be reminded of our uniform policy:

Navy Blue sweatshirt or cardigan (preferable with the embroidered school logo)

Blue/White Polo shirt or shirt

Dark Grey pinafore, skirt, trouser or shorts (appropriate for school – not fashion items)

Black School Shoes or non-branded, completely **black trainers** that are polishable (no heels/crocs/open toes)

Leggings, tracksuit bottoms and hooded sweatshirts are not part of our uniform. Children arriving in hoodies (excluding Year 6 leavers Hoodies) will be changed into spare school jumpers for the day.

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 & 3.00 - 4.00 pm.

Dates for diaries and **INSET** days 2026

Term 4 – Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026

Upcoming dates for March 2026

Mon 16th March – Rocksteady Concert

Weds 18th March – Rocksteady Concert

Mon 23rd March – Watercress Farm Trip – Oak Class

Tues 24th March – Class Photos

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

Bank Holiday Friday 3rd April 2026

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