



Dear Parents and Carers,

From the Headteacher



It was a real pleasure to welcome our new Nursery and Reception families to school last week. The atmosphere at the meeting was wonderfully warm and positive, with families already beginning to feel part of our school community. Starting school is such an important milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that every child and family feels supported, valued and excited for the journey ahead.

Strong relationships between school and home are vital to every child's success. When we work in close partnership with parents and carers, we are able to provide the very best support for our pupils, both academically and emotionally. Open communication, mutual trust and a shared commitment to learning create the strong foundations that help children thrive.

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our new Nursery children at the beginning of their partnership with us, and to look ahead at our Year 6 pupils who have experienced Crockerne education who are preparing for Year 7. Our Year 6 pupils are a testament to Crockerne's vision, values and ethos which was shared so warmly as Year 6 ambassadors met with new families, touring the school and sharing our school's strengths. Families told us that they were hugely impressed by our pupils and hoped their children would be as happy, confident and articulate when they reached Year 6. Their genuine joy for learning, smart appearance and wonderfully bubbly personalities lit up our school, representing Crockerne with great pride. What true credit to our community!

Praise for Crockerne following our School Review

This week we welcomed our Trust CEO, Simon Marriott, and advisor, Tom Morrison, for a whole school review of the quality of education and leadership. Our assessors were very impressed by the children's attitudes to learning, their excellent behaviour, kindness and enthusiasm in lessons and around school, and the high quality of teaching from teachers and support staff. The strength of our pastoral team, support for vulnerable children and pupils with social emotional and mental health needs was strongly evident. What a wonderful team of staff we have!

We received strong praise for strengths in the following areas:

- SEND and inclusion
- Behaviour and 'increased school attendance'
- Quality of teaching and learning
- Early Years Foundation Stage
- School leadership

Thank you to our families for partnering with us to ensure every child matters, feels a strong sense of belonging and that their needs are met. We appreciate your support so much and recognise that our strong results are because of our excellent teamwork. Thank you!

Sharing your child's learning

I look forward to seeing families in school on Thursday 9th July between 2 – 3pm for our Celebration of learning, where children will share their work. Parents will be invited into their child's class to sit with them and share their amazing work. If the sun is shining, families are welcome to sit and share work outside in the school grounds. It will

be a wonderful opportunity to hear about your child's learning and speak to your child's teacher. Your child's end of year **attainment report** will be shared on Friday 10th July.

This year we are trialling different ways of informing you about your child's progress. Feedback suggested that many families could not always action concerns raised in an end of year report, and that a mid-year report would be more useful.

Autumn Term - Face to face parents' evening

Spring Term - Detailed Annual Report

Summer term - Attainment report and Celebration of Learning with parents/carers

Please do share your thoughts regarding this.

Online parent/carer survey

Over the next 7 days, I would welcome your feedback upon completion of our online parent/carer survey. Please do share your thoughts with me as I will carefully consider every word, both the positive regarding what is working well, staff who have made a difference to your child, as well as any other thoughts you wish to share.

[You can share your feedback here ...](#)

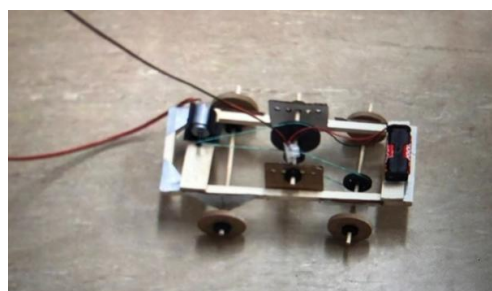
Science Club

Electric vehicles

KS2 children have worked incredibly hard on their electric vehicles, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination. They meticulously measured and cut materials to construct the bodywork, applying their design skills with great care.

The children also showed real resilience while wiring their vehicles and even fitted in extra Science Club sessions to complete the switches. A big thank you to Mr Bazeley who also stepped in with an extra pair of hands to help.

They were supported by Rueben from Rolls-Royce, who visited to check progress and help resolve last-minute challenges. The vehicles have now been taken home for final body work design and construction. We look forward to Rueben's return visit on Friday 3rd July, when judging will take place - based on car design and its ability to travel in a straight line.



Library

Help Our School Win £1,000 for New Books!

We are excited to share that the National Book Tokens Schools Prize is giving five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win £1,000 worth of National Book Tokens to refresh and expand their library collections. Parents, carers, staff, and members of the community can nominate our school, and the more nominations we receive, the greater our chance of winning. Plus, one lucky nominator could win a £100 National Book Token for themselves! Thank you for helping us inspire a love of reading and support our school library. To nominate our school, visit the National Book Tokens Schools Prize page.

For nominations and more information, visit: [National Book Tokens Schools Prize](#)

ParentPay letters

Please be reminded that all previous letters can be accessed by logging into your ParentPay account. On the home summary screen, you will find letters listed at the bottom of the page in chronological order. This is especially helpful if you receive a communication and are unsure to which child it relates, as your child's name is clearly shown on each copy letter. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to visit the school office.

Shine Summer Holiday Clubs – Early Booker Offer

Shine Holiday Clubs return this summer with a 20% Early Booker discount available until 19 July. Open to children in Reception to Year 6, the clubs offer a wide range of activities including football, cricket, forest adventures, dance, gymnastics, musical theatre, creative sessions and more. Sessions run from 9:00am–3:30pm, with extended hours available. As an Ofsted-registered provider, Shine accepts Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare. Visit the Shine booking pages for [Gordano School](#) or [Portishead Town FC](#) to view the full programme, and use the code EARLYBOOKER to receive 20% off.

HAF Holiday Activities & Food

Just a reminder that bookings go live today (Friday 12th June at 9:30) for young people who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto our free HAF summer activities

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 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.

Upcoming Dates for Term 6

Date	Event
Monday 15th June	Birch Class Trip to Watercress Farm
Monday 15th June	KMAT Maths Festival – St Martin's School
Monday 15th – Friday 19th June	Year 6 Camp at Mill on the Brue
Wednesday 24th June	Oak Class Trip to Watercress Farm
Thursday 18th June	Chestnut Class Trip to Watercress Farm
Friday 26th June	Visit from 'Steel' the Gladiator (Friends of Crockerne)
Tuesday 30th June	Y4 Visit Bristol Beacon – Primary Choirs Festival
Wednesday 1st July	Shuffle Up Day (new classes)
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July	New Reception children Stay and Play
Wednesday 8th July	KS2 Sports Day – St Katherine's
Thursday 9th July (2pm–3pm)	Celebration of Learning – Parents/Carers Afternoon
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July	Year 5/6 Performance
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of academic year / Year 6 Leavers' Service

Dates for diaries and INSET days 2026 - 2027

INSET Days	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
	Friday 4 th September 2026
	Friday 23 rd October 2026
	Monday 2 nd November 2026
	Monday 4 th January 2027
	Monday 22 nd February 2027

