

From the Headteacher

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting months ahead. A special, warm welcome goes out to our new families and staff members joining our community this term. We are absolutely thrilled to have you with us.

The start of a new academic year always brings a wonderful sense of energy and opportunity. Our corridors are already buzzing with excitement, and our students have settled back into their routines beautifully. This year, we remain committed to fostering a supportive, ambitious, and joyful environment where every child can thrive, grow, and achieve their full potential.



As a school community we have been reflecting on our vision and values. We will be refreshing our school website to reflect this. Our school values are **Kindness, Courageous Curiosity, Community** and **Joy**. We hold these 4 values as we work hard to achieve our school vision.

Our Crockerne Vision

As a nurturing church school community, we work together to raise aspirations and experience joy. We create an educational environment where all children belong, achieve and flourish. We develop happy, confident children who are kind, courageous and curious as they 'let their light shine' Matthew 5:16 and are supported to be the best that they can be.

Thank you in advance for your continued partnership and support—it is what makes our school community so special. Here's to a fantastic, successful year ahead!

Lucy Rees
'Nothing without joy'

Parent Welcome Meetings

Over the next few weeks, we will be hosting phase meetings where you will have the chance to meet some of your child's teachers, learn more about how classes and lessons are structured, and raise any general questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers.

KS1: Holly, Birch and Willow:	Wednesday 23 rd September 2.50pm (in place of Family Read)
KS2: Year 3/4:	Monday 14 th September 3.15pm (brief Charterhouse meeting directly after)
KS2: Year 5/6:	Tuesday 15 th September 3.15pm

Reminder EYFS/KS1:

Please remember to bring book bags into school every day. Wellies and puddle suits should be kept in school, ready for outdoor learning and play.

Pill Fitathon Fundraising Challenge for our school sandpit

On 19 September, Sarah Furniss and Sarah Wolsey will be taking on the challenge of completing 12 hours of exercise, participating in back-to-back fitness classes from 7.00am to 7.00pm. They are raising money to fund a new sandpit for all children at the school to enjoy. Joining them for a number of the classes will be Mrs Rees and Mrs Whittle. They would be very grateful for any donation, however big or small, via the link below. Every contribution will help us move closer to providing this exciting new resource for our children. Thank you for your support.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pillcommunitycircuitsfitathon?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=EM

Term 1: Fixed timetable items

EYFS & KS1	Family Reading	Wednesday
EYFS (Apple/Pear)	PE	Thursday
EYFS (Apple/Pear)	Forest School	Tuesday
Birch/Willow/Holly	Forest School	Friday
Birch	PE	Tuesday
Willow	PE	Tuesday
Holly	PE	Thursday
Oak	PE	Wednesday
Chestnut	PE	Wednesday
Hawthorn	PE	Thursday
Lime	PE	Thursday
Cherry	PE	Tuesday
Orange	PE	Friday
KS2 (Selected Groups)	Swimming	Friday

Papaya Tech Talk for Parents and Carers.

Are you keeping up with your child's digital world?

From gaming to social media to AI and online safety, technology is changing rapidly - and it can be hard to know and understand what our children are seeing, doing and truly experiencing online.

Join us at school with Papaya, a specialist education and technology company who help schools and families make the most of technology, while keeping children safe

Discover:

- What children are *really* doing online
- The risks to be aware of
- Simple ways to keep your child safer online
- How to talk to your child about online safety
- Practical tips, advice and support for parents

Date: 5th October 2026,

Time: 9am Tea, coffee, pastries. 9.30 - 11am Talk from Papaya

Running Club - Everyone Welcome!

Start your Friday with a little fresh air and exercise! Our school Running Club takes place every Friday morning from 8:00am.

Martin, our Sports Coach, will open the gate at 8:00am, and everyone is welcome to join in – including parents and carers! Please note that children in Reception and Year 1 must be accompanied by an adult.

All you need is a pair of trainers and a drink. We'd love to see you there!

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is available on site, operating each school day from 7.30am to 8.40am.

Children can enjoy a range of games and activities, and a nutritious breakfast is served between 7.30am and 8.15am. The cost is £5.00 per session, payable in advance and places should be booked online, subject to availability. To ensure we can accommodate your child, please book in advance, as we are unable to accept children who do not have a confirmed booking. To register your child or for more information, please contact the school office.

Shine - After School Club Reminder

Please remember that all children must be registered with Shine After School Club before any bookings can be made.

Shine After School Club is an independent provider and is not part of the school, therefore registration must be completed directly with them before you can book any sessions. We recommend registering for an account in advance, as this will save time if you ever need to make a last-minute booking.

If you need to book a place for your child after the 2:30 pm cut-off, please tact Shine After School Club directly on 01174 033 033. They will be able to advise you on availability and assist you with your booking.



YOUR CLUB PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: SCHOOL END - 16.30
SNACK & CHILL LATE STAY: 16:30 - 17:55 EVERY DAY

MONDAYS	MY TIME PRESCHOOL - YEAR 6
TUESDAYS	MY TIME PRESCHOOL - YEAR 6 POTTERY CLUB RECEPTION - YEAR 6 DODGEBALL CLUB YEAR 2 - YEAR 6
WEDNESDAYS	MY TIME PRESCHOOL - YEAR 6 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE YEAR 2 - 6
THURSDAYS	MY TIME PRESCHOOL - YEAR 6 FUN WITH FOOD RECEPTION - YEAR 6
FRIDAYS	MY TIME PRESCHOOL - YEAR 6

Book online at:
MyShine.co.uk

Select Crockerne Primary School

Children's commissioner Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England is conducting a national survey, The Big Future, which aims to hear from one million children across the country about their experiences of growing up today. The survey explores the changes children would like to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. By taking part, pupils at our school will have the opportunity to make their voices heard and ensure that their experiences, views, and aspirations are represented when the survey findings are presented to the Government. More information can be found at the Commissioners [website](#) and should you wish to take part, please complete the survey [here](#).

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Webinars

The NHS MHST will once again be offering online workshops for parents and carers. This term, the focus will be on Anxiety and Understanding Emotions. Further information will be shared separately via ParentPay. Alternatively, you can register for updates and find out more information [here](#).

Polite reminders and useful information:

- **School starts at 8:50am.** If your child arrives after this time, they must be signed in at the school office before going to class. This is an important safeguarding procedure to ensure all children are accounted for and safely on site
- **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://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

Dates for your diary:

Term one: Thursday 3rd September to Friday 25th October 2026

Monday 14th September	Year 3/4 Parent Welcome Meeting - 3.15pm (Charterhouse meeting directly after)
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 5/6 Parent Welcome Meeting
Thursday 24th September	Family OPAL Stay & Play - 2pm to 3pm
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 1/2 Parent Welcome Meeting - 2.50pm (in place of family read)
Weds 30 th Sept - Fri 2 nd Oct	Year 3/4 Charterhouse Residential Trip
Monday 5th October	Papaya Tech Talk for Parents and Carers - 5pm

INSET Days

Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027

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