

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY



Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh Prep School parents/guardians



Dear Parents and Guardians,

FROM THE HEAD

To welcome Long Leave, Mr Will Newman has filmed a video message, click the screen above to watch!

Best wishes,

Will



PRE-PREP NEWS



We are excited to announce that from September 2025 we will be offering Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

Our youngest pupils will learn in a dedicated classroom block surrounded by green fields and have access to specialist performing arts and sports coaching alongside lessons.

We are exceptionally well appointed with a host of facilities and plan to offer a choice of extra activities, such as swimming, riding, French, dance, art and music lessons. The school day will offer late pick-ups to allow pupils to make the most of every opportunity.



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NEW PRE-PREP
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SEPTEMBER 2025

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FOR PRE-PREP
YEARS 1 & 2



Younger pupils will particularly enjoy the outdoor learning alongside all the opportunities designed to help us discover and nurture their individual superpowers from a young age.

As this is a new venture, we will also be offering some discretionary Founding Awards to early joiners. Admissions are open now and our friendly team welcomes all enquiries via admissions@cranleigh.org.

AFTER SCHOOL BOARD GAMES CLUB



Here is a video of our Form 2s having fun making marble runs in Board Games Club!

See video

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Form 4 have been learning about Purim in their Religion and Philosophy lessons.

They discovered it was based on the story of Esther in the Bible and that they dress up, wear masks, eat Hamantaschen and shout and cheer in the Synagogue when Esther's name is called out. They even boo and hiss at the name of Haman - the 'baddie' in the story! We had lots of fun making Purim cards and writing Purim acrostic poems!



HALF TERM HOUSE TOTALS

The House competition is very tight at the half-term stage. Clubs are marginally ahead on the sporting competitions after a particularly strong showing in the Lower School hockey tournaments for both boys and girls. The cross-country event was won by Diamonds.

Diamonds also lead the way with more carrots than any other house, although Hearts were only two points behind.

Most important of all is the children's effort in class; again, Diamonds were in the lead with the other three houses only separated by twelve points.

At this mid-point, Diamonds will keep their flag flying, but there is all to play for in the second half of term, especially in the instrumental music finals and the ever-exciting singing competition for which the theme is Take That.



Spades: 2334



Hearts: 2426



Clubs: 2439



Diamonds: 2483



BIOLOGY

Form 4 have just started a new Biology topic on breathing and circulation; today they put their DT skills to the test and made working models of the torso and lungs using an empty plastic bottle and balloons! Pull the diaphragm down and air rushes into the lungs.



CLASS HIGHLIGHTS:

BAKING

On Wednesday, February 12th, Code Cookies worked tirelessly to bake 56 large and mini cookies in support of Care International. After weeks of preparation, including designing labels, creating branding, and collaborating with staff members, their hard work paid off, and the sense of accomplishment was clear. In total, they raised over £150.

Mrs. Grocock expressed how proud she was of the team's dedication, hard work, and their commitment to giving back to the community and supporting charity.

Oscar, Freddy, and Leo would like to thank to everyone who supported Code Cookies, especially Mrs. Steenekamp, as they embarked on their first entrepreneurial venture.

Wishing you all a wonderful Long Leave and a happy Valentine's Day!

[See more pictures](#)



HUMANITIES



Last Friday Mr Newman had the pleasure of visiting Form 1's Fraction Museum. He got all the questions right too!



DRAMA

Actor Edward Bennett has generously taken time out from his busy schedule to assist Form 6 in their film making. Having a professional on site chatting, imparting knowledge and coaching aspiring actors with our CPS film makers is invaluable. Our students can ask questions, get inspiration and understand some of the techniques, whether on the tech side or in front of the camera. In the last two years Edward has helped us to make War Horse. He took part in the original Stephen Spielberg film and directed a scene for us here at the Cranleigh Stables. [Click here](#) to view.

Our Media Club edits the films with the assistance of Max Jewell-Smith. We are currently editing "Julius Caesar" by William Shakespeare. After intense rehearsals during the first half of term, Edward also directed the abridged screen play with us. Our Form 6 actors and technicians were also joined by two camera operators from the Senior School. Watch this space for the launch!



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

This week saw a drop in temperature, but the pupils didn't let that bother them!

Wednesday's Hockey matches were played against Bedales, St Edmunds, Halstead St Andrews and Copthorne. We came away with 12 wins and 1 draw from our 13 fixtures, a fantastic result.



Netball saw a combination of matches against Highfield and Feltonfleet. Most of our U12/13 girls played back to back matches, so winning two thirds of all fixtures in those age groups was quite a way to end a wonderful Netball season. Thanks must go to the coaching staff who have kept the levels of performance at such a high level throughout the season. The U10 girls played Ripley Court, who were sadly unable to bring all of their girls to Cranleigh. This did give us the opportunity to send our U10 A team to their school and play on their grass pitch, a great way to finish the season.



Thursday saw U8 and 9 Hockey matches against Edgeborough, Halstead St Andrews and Ripley Court. It is always so fulfilling to see children of that age develop in sport and our children have really come on in terms of their stick work and positional structure.

There is also a great deal of excitement (and perhaps nerves) amongst the girls, as they look forward to the inaugural football season that starts after Half Term and will take us to Easter. The games sessions that have been conducted once-weekly during this last season show that the girls are already at a very competitive level for when our first fixtures commence on the 26th February. The girls will need to ensure they have their shin pads and boots in school for the first day back.



I hope Half Term allows the children a chance to rest and recover, but it would be great if they could get outside at least two or three times during the week, in order to keep their fitness levels high!

Mr Stone, Director of Sport



HOCKEY

The U10 A and B girls' hockey teams have enjoyed a successful season. They played their last matches yesterday against Ripley Court and their performances showed the incredible improvement they have made since the beginning of the season. Well done to all!



SWIMMING

On Monday, Cranleigh School and Cranleigh Prep took part in the penultimate Schools Swimming Super League to face strong rivals from Eastbourne and Christ's Hospital.

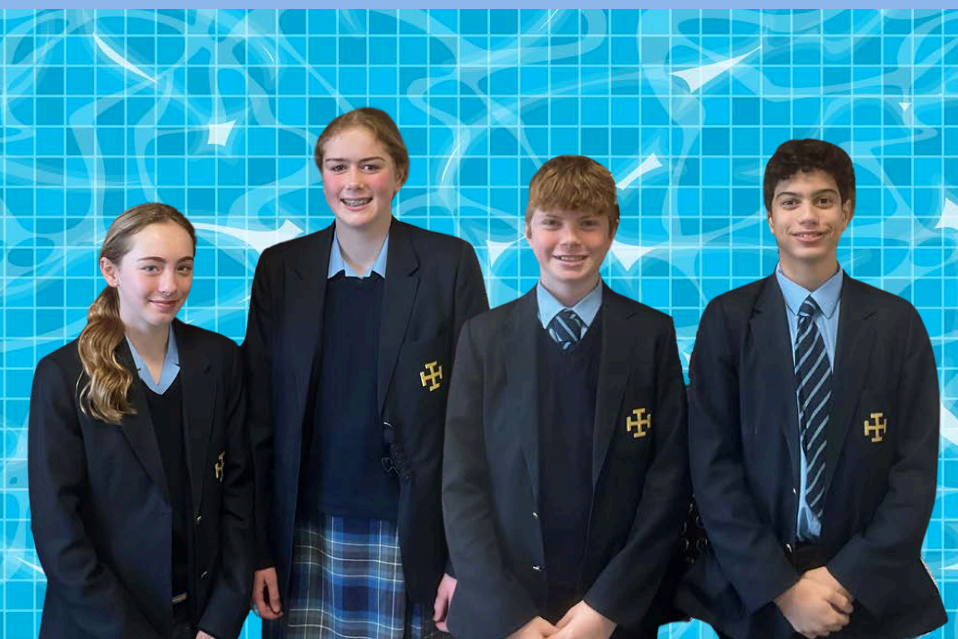
Cranleigh Prep filled strategic gaps in the selection; well done to those students that swam up two or three age groups in the relays as well as taking on tough 50m individual events. It was great to watch such a strong synergy between the Cranleigh pupils with a collective determination to do their very best.

A special mention goes to Bella W. who stepped in an hour before the coach was leaving for Eastbourne. Bella was the only girl to swim 50m fly in an intermediate (U16) Medley Relay with the Cranleigh School team.

George S. swam up a level in the U14 50m Medley Relay event. A huge well done to all involved as we aggregated crucial points for the final on 14th March.



Eastbourne - 265 Points
Cranleigh - 233
Christ's Hospital - 119

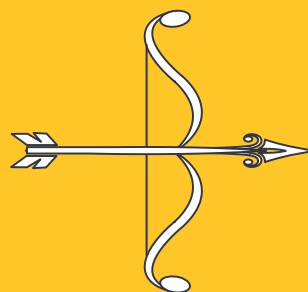


Congratulations to Rafi W. and Clemmie C., our new swimming Captains, and Ronan L. and Zoe R. vice Captains.

As committed role models in their field of sport, they will represent Cranleigh Prep School in all swimming events this season.

BOARDING

Step aside William Tell... move over Robin Hood! Last week the boarders got to hone their bow skills with an exciting Tag Archery event. A bit like a cross between Laser Quest and Dodgeball, but with arrows, the pupils were put into two teams in order to battle it out for ultimate supremacy. Huge fun was had by all and the boarders' precision and expertise would have made Katniss Everdeen proud!



Find out more about Archery Tag



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL



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I'm delighted that we have opened registrations for our new Pre-Prep this week. Years 1 and 2 classes will be added to our Prep School in September. We are registering now so do share the news with friends and family.

It was wonderful to meet with so many families in our Prep School community this week and on Tuesday our growing senior school community came together for a really moving assembly, a talk on inclusion and belonging from a former Senior Prefect who spoke powerfully about his experiences at school and in society as a man who identifies as gay. It was one of the strongest talks I have heard in some time and I was struck by the warmth of welcome his words received from our pupils. It's been a super busy half term and I hope you all enjoy a restful and regenerating week with your children.


Mrs Samantha Price
Head

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PRE-PREP

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WHAT'S ON AFTER LONG LEAVE



KEY EVENTS	
Mon 24th Feb	16: 00 Form 3 Residential Trip Meeting
Tues 25th Feb	16:00 Form 4 Residential Trip Meeting
Weds 26th Feb	18:15 – 20:00: Boarders Activity - Safe Axe Throwing
Thurs 27th Feb	18:30 - 19:45: Boarders Caving at Sayers Croft
Fri 28th Feb	09.00: Open Morning

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

SPORTS FIXTURES	
Weds 26th Feb	<p>14:30: Fives Fixtures (Boys U12 A vs U12 Qualifiers)</p> <p>14:30: Football Fixtures (Boys 1st and 2nd teams vs Edgeborough; Boys 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th teams vs Halstead St Andrews; Girls U10 A/B and Girls U11 A/B)</p> <p>14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys various vs Hurstpierpoint College and King Edwards' Witley)</p>
Thurs 13th Feb	<p>13:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys U8 A/B vs CPS Festival)</p> <p>14:30: Football Fixtures (Girls U8 A/B and U9 A/B vs Training/Halstead St Andrews)</p> <p>14:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys U9 A/B/C vs Edgeborough)</p> <p>17:00: Fives Fixtures (Boys U13 A vs Cranleigh School U14s)</p>
Sat 1st March	<p>09:30: Football Fixtures (Boys and Girls House Football)</p> <p>09:30: Hockey Sevens Fixtures (Boys 1st - 6th VII vs Feltonfleet School and U10 A/B/C, U11 A/B/C/D vs Cranmore School)</p>

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Have a great Long Leave!