

# Newsletter

Cranford Primary School

Issue 6: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Message from the Head Teacher

Black History Month is celebrated each year in October to remember moments in history and to celebrate achievements and contributions that black people have made in the United Kingdom. This year's theme for Black History Month is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" and is about correcting historical inaccuracies and telling the untold stories of the achievements of black people in the UK and around the world. Every week during October, the children will be learning more about black history during their lessons.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this week. It is still open – pop in after school today if you have not yet had a chance to visit.

The safety and security of our students and staff remain a top priority at Cranford Primary School. You may have heard from your children that we carried out a fire drill this week. I am pleased to share that all pupils responded calmly and sensibly, and the main building was evacuated successfully within three minutes.

In the coming weeks, we will also be conducting a lockdown drill. A lockdown would take place in the event of a disturbance or incident outside the school building that could potentially pose a risk to pupils. This could occur either within the school grounds or in the surrounding area.

Before the drill, staff will speak with the children to help them understand why a lockdown might be necessary and what to expect. We appreciate that this may sound serious or even a little worrying, but we want to reassure you that the likelihood of ever needing to use our lockdown procedure is extremely rare. Nevertheless, it is important that our pupils are familiar with the process and know how to respond calmly and confidently should it ever be required.

We are currently in need of spare clothing for our medical room, particularly girls' knickers and tights, and black or grey jogging bottoms in a range of sizes — but especially for older children.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the school office at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us to ensure that all pupils are comfortable and well cared for during the school day.

Have a lovely weekend, **Kiran Khabra**, Interim Headteacher

*“Education is powerful;  
use it wisely.”*

**EARLY YEARS  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
RED CLASS**

**KS1  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
LIME CLASS**

**KS2  
ATTENDANCE  
WINNERS  
CRIMSON CLASS**

**Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a merit this week:**

Harmannat (3Aqua), Aariya (3Aqua), Sarah (4Indigo), Jerome (4Indigo), Frederico (6Saffron), Imran (6Saffron), Jazzlyn (6Amber), Aleena (1Lime), Subhanullah (1Lime), Anaya (6Amber), Guneesha (3Ruby), Yusuf (3Ruby), Jostan (4Topaz), Amrique (4Scarlet), Naury (4Scarlet), Agamdeep (5Crimson), Amelia (2Gold), Alexia (2Gold), Alyssa (5Crimson), Zaynab (6Ebony), Dilshan (6Ebony), Setayesh (4Topaz), Slawin (2Yellow), Danvi (2Yellow), Joyson (5Sienna), Tanaisha (5Sienna), Rosh (1Green), Raees (1Green), Syeda (3Lilac), Adam (5Emerald), Mahira (5Emerald), Ayaan (3Lilac), Dawid (2Purple), Louis (2Purple)



**Bug Club - this week's top readers are:**

*Green Class*

*Lilac Class*

*Magenta Class*

**Congratulations!**



**Bug Club**



## Year 2 – Harvest Festival Assembly

Year 2 have performed their Harvest Festival assembly in front of a full audience of parents and friends today. The children explained the history of Harvest Festival, which is celebrated in countries across the world. They also performed the songs *Harvest Samba*, *Vegetables* and *Cauliflowers Fluffy* and acted out the story of The Enormous Turnip. Miss Sparkes and the Year 2 team are very proud of the children.



To mark Harvest Festival parents are invited to donate some dry or tinned food eg. baked beans, rice, pasta, spaghetti. The food items will be donated to a local charity e.g. Homeless of Hounslow. Please do not send any fresh vegetables or fruits as these are perishable.



## YEAR 3 WRITING

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about the Harvest and the magical Harvest Moon in their English lessons. They explored how Harvest time is celebrated and why the harvest moon is so special, especially how it lights up the sky during this season.

To share what they learnt, each child wrote an informative letter to another Year 3 pupil, explaining their favourite facts about Harvest and the Harvest Moon. All the children were thrilled to receive a letter in return, there were smiles all around as they read what their friends had written!



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We wanted to share with you this fabulous piece of art, which was painted by Dominic from Purple Class.

### Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We have been made aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

#### What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

## Healthier Together – NHS-Approved Online Advice

[Hounslow Healthier Together](#) is a trusted website providing clear, easy-to-follow advice on common childhood illnesses. It helps parents and carers decide when to care for their child at home and when to seek medical help.

Key benefits of sharing Healthier Together with families:

- Trusted NHS advice written by local doctors and nurses
- Mobile-friendly and easy to use
- Available in multiple languages
- Clear signposting to local services
- Builds parental confidence and reduces unnecessary appointments, supporting quicker access to the right care

The immunisation team will return to school on Monday 27th November. If you would like your child to have the vaccine, please [complete the consent form before this date](#). The vaccine can be given in two ways - either nasal spray (non-halal) or injection (halal).



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HAPPY  
*Diwali*

Butter Chicken  
OR  
Tikka Paneer

Rice, Bombay Aloo  
Mixed Salad - Naan Bread

Orange & Lemon Drizzle Cake  
with Custard



THURSDAY  
16th OCTOBER

WILSONJONES  
*Simply Fresh*

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**FREE**

# OHM WRAPAROUND CARE

## Taster Evening Owls Session

**Tuesday, 21st October - Don't miss out on the fun!**

**Free Wraparound Taster Session!**  
Join us on Tuesday, 21st October, for a fun-filled introduction to our Wraparound Care service. We're inviting children to come along from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm to experience what our Wraparound sessions have to offer — activities, play, and a chance to see what makes our care so special! Come and join the fun — we can't wait to meet you!

**Our activities include:**

- ✓ Sports & Games – active fun to burn off energy
- ✓ Arts & Crafts – creative projects to spark imagination
- ✓ Forest School Sessions – outdoor adventures and nature play
- ✓ Mindfulness Activities – calm, focus, and wellbeing
- ✓ At least 30 mins of morning sports

**CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**  
Call: 020 3302 8554

**Book for FREE session now @ [www.ohmcoaching.co.uk](http://www.ohmcoaching.co.uk)**



**Early Birds:**  
07.30am to 08.45am



**Evening Owls 1:** 3.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Evening Owls 2:** 4.30pm - 6.00pm



### FREE WRAPAROUND TASTER SESSION – TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 3.15PM TO 4.30M

Why not try a free wraparound after school taster session on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October? Cranford Primary School and our friends at OHM provide a Breakfast Club and a variety of After-School Clubs to offer affordable childcare beyond regular school hours. OHM's Early Birds and Evening Owls Clubs are designed to be relaxing and fun for the children and provide a high-quality childcare service in a safe, familiar and welcoming environment.

Wraparound care can have a positive impact on children's outcomes in school. Research also shows those who participate in sports, like sports activities during wraparound care, display improved performance and social skills. There are many benefits and impacts of wraparound care for children, parents, and schools.

Our After-School Clubs programme encourages children to develop skills in a variety of sports and to broaden their range of experiences and interests as well as helping parents to balance their work and family commitments. Evening Owls is open until 6pm and offers a range of food choices daily. In addition to the Evening Owls OHM After-School Club the school also operates a range of fitness, well-being and creative clubs.

If you have any questions about wraparound care at Cranford Primary School please contact Jade Hunte-Millington at OHM by phone 0203 302 8554 or email [Admin@ohmcoaching.co.uk](mailto:Admin@ohmcoaching.co.uk). To book a place at Early Birds or Evening Owls please go to [www.ohmcoaching.co.uk](http://www.ohmcoaching.co.uk).

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# HOUNSLOW REPAIR CAFE

**Don't bin it!**

**Bring your broken stuff  
and we'll help you fix it**

(bikes, small appliances,  
clothing & digital)\*



Funded by  
**HEATHROW  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST**

\*Diagnosing faults can sometimes take longer than expected. You may have to visit again in case a spare part is needed

Please visit <https://e-voice.org.uk/hrc>  
or email [hestonrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:hestonrepaircafe@gmail.com) for more details  
about the events/bookings



## SAVE THE REPAIR CAFE DATES



St. Leonards Church  
Hall Heston Rd  
Heston  
TW5 0RD

Doors open 1.30 pm to  
4.30 pm (last entry)

## ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

19 Oct 2025

16 Nov 2025

18 Jan 2026

15 Feb 2026

15 March 2026

19 April 2026

17 May 2026

21 June 2026

19 July 2026

20 Sept 2026

TO BOOK YOUR VISIT

Scan the QR code

or go to

<http://bit.ly/46njvd4>



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## Dates for your Diary

10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Harvest Assembly 9.30am and 2.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 5 Diwali Assembly 9.30am and 2.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> October – Teacher training – school closed

27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Back to school

18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evenings

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school – pick up after lunch

22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holidays

5<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school



## Apply for a new year 7 secondary place

Year 6 parents can [apply for a new Year 7 secondary school place](#) for September 2026 if your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

**The application deadline is midnight on Friday 31 October 2025.**

If your application is received after the deadline, it will be classed as late and only considered after all on-time applications have been processed. If you need any help completing the application, please come



## Reception Class Open Days

We are offering open days and tours to prospective Reception Class parents on the following dates:

- Thursday 6th November 10am / 2pm
- Tuesday 11th November 10am/2pm
- Tuesday 25th November 10am / 2pm
- Thursday 4th December 10am/2pm

If parents would like to request a different day we will try to accommodate. Please contact the school on 02087590305 and speak to Mrs Chandarana.

Music is an important part of school life as it enhances children's moral and spiritual capabilities. Each week we will be sharing songs from the model music curriculum, which is used in our music teaching at Cranford. We would encourage and welcome your support by playing the music at home and discuss with your child what instruments they could hear, did they enjoy the music and how it made them feel.

**This week's song:** We live, we learn

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zm2cvwx>



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