

Newsletter

CRANBERRY
ACADEMY 

Friday 24th October 2025

What a whirlwind of a half term it's been! From thrilling sports fixtures and creative classroom projects to inspiring assemblies, it has been wonderful to see our school community coming together for events. The energy, enthusiasm, and achievements of our pupils have made this first half term one to remember.

As we head into the well-deserved break, this newsletter is packed with highlights, and a glimpse into what's coming next.

Here's to a restful holiday and an even more exciting second half of the term!

Cranberry values Pride!

A huge congratulations to all the incredible children who earned the Award for their class in this half term's Celebration Assembly! Your dedication, enthusiasm, and the **pride** you demonstrate in all areas of school life certainly makes us proud!

Our newly appointed House Captains have admirably demonstrated this, stepping into their roles with confidence and commitment, taking on responsibilities that make a real difference across the school.

Another shining example has been the organisation of the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day—coordinating the sale of poppies with care and respect, and encouraging their peers to support this important cause. It's been inspiring to see children take pride not only in their houses, but in the impact they can have as leaders and role models.

Chapter One: New Friends

This week, our Year 5 pupils were thrilled to meet their new Year 1 reading buddies—a moment that quickly became one of the highlights of the term! The excitement was infectious as the children paired up to begin a weekly journey of shared reading, where stories spark conversations and confidence grows on both sides. These sessions not only nurture a love of books and strengthen reading skills, but also build meaningful connections across key stages. The friendships formed are already blossoming beyond the classroom, spilling joyfully into OPAL play at lunchtime and enriching our school community in wonderful ways.



It Takes All sPorts!

This half term has been packed with sporting excitement throughout our PE lessons, and our teams have truly risen to the challenge!

In the year 5/6 girls' football, Cranberry clinched a well-earned **3rd place overall**, thanks to a dramatic winning goal from **Sofia**, whose determination and skill sealed the final match in style, even though she was playing up from year four.

After a tentative 1-0 start the year 3/4 girls team went on to win their following games 3-0 to win their competition.

Gathering, Giving, and Great Singing!

Our Harvest celebrations were a true testament to the generosity and spirit of our school community. Pupils enthusiastically brought in a wonderful array of produce, all in support of the local foodbank—and with the added motivation of earning valuable house points! The response was fantastic, with every contribution helping to make a real difference.

We were also treated to a memorable Harvest assembly led by Year 4, whose thoughtful reflections on global issues and vibrant performance of the “Harvest Samba” and “Cauliflowers Fluffy” filled the hall with joy and energy. Their singing was exceptional and reminded us all of the importance of gratitude and giving.

Attendance:

Registration Form	Attendance
Nursery 1	89.64%
Reception 1	96.36%
Reception 2	98.26%
Year 1 JM	97.67%
Year 1 RC	97%
Year 2 AA	99.33%
Year 2 DH/ DS	92%
Year 3 LK	97.67%
Year 3 MTH	95%
Year 4 CC	98.67%
Year 4 JT/ JN	98.67%
Year 5 LW	97.24%
Year 5 MC	95.48%
Year 6 LQ	97.14%
Year 6 RS	97.67%

Dates for Diaries

- 27th October – 31st October – Half Term
- 3rd November – Staff INSET
- 4th November - Children return to school
- Wed 5th November – Parents Evening
- Thr 6th November – Year 3 Xplore Science Trip
- Mon 10th November – Odd Socks day to mark the start of Antibullying Week.
- Fri 14th November - Children in Need Day
- 25th November - Year 2 trip to Wesley Place

Please see the Autumn Dates poster for all the upcoming events and dates.

Sources of Support

Send a text to the School nurse team Chat Health Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm: 07507 329908
Mental Health Helpline - 0300 303 3972 (open to all Cheshire East residents)

Checs (Cheshire East Children's Services - Social Care): 0300 123 5012 (option 3) Out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 0300 123 5022

Samaritans www.samaritans.org
Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk

Alsager Community Support
www.alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure our children are kept safe. Please contact us if you have concerns. Our safeguarding leads include Mrs North, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whitmore, Mr Colbert and Miss Lock.