

# Newsletter

CRANBERRY  
ACADEMY

## Friday 31st January 2025

We have had another busy few weeks in school with lots of exciting activities.

### Trust Visit

Early this month, the school had a teaching and learning review led by the Trust. The visit was hugely successful, with the Trust leaders praising the high standards seen across school. Particular strengths highlighted include our use of the iPads to overcome barriers to learning, pupil writing, our history curriculum, our EYFS provision and our personal development of pupils.

### Chinese New Year

This week marks Chinese New Year – the year of the snake. In school, the children learnt about this celebration through a special assembly and activities in class.

### Tag Rugby

On Monday, Mr Tinsley hosted a Tag Rugby Competition at Cranberry, with another local school. The event was a huge success with the girls winning 8-7, and the boys losing 9-4. Both teams played brilliantly, demonstrating great spirit and sportsmanship. Well done to all, you were fantastic!

### Swimming Pool

As you know we have the swimming pool returning for three weeks, week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Thank you to everyone for completing the questionnaire. You will receive a letter next week to advise when your child's swimming days will be and what they will need to bring on their day/s.

### MIND Fundraising

Children's Mental Health Week is next week. Just a reminder that after school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a fundraising film event, where the children can watch the film Inside Out 2. Please book your child's place on ParentPay, it is £2 per child and all proceeds made will be donated to MIND Charity. All places need to be booked by today, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### PTA Fundraiser

**RAISE**  
**£20.25**  
**IN 2025**

**3RD - 28TH FEBRUARY**

**Join our February Challenge to raise £20.25 (or more)!**

The challenge is per family so children across various years can take part together. There will be prizes for the most money raised, most imaginative idea and also a randomly selected winner. Funds must be submitted by 28th February.

All money raised goes directly back into the school.

CAR WASH  
SIT IN A BATH OF BEANS  
SPONSORED SILENCE  
CAKE SALE  
SPONSORED WALK

We are inviting every family to try and raise £20.25 or more in the month of February. You can raise the money however you want! We will be giving prizes to the most money raised, the most creative idea and one randomly selected. All monies need to be by Friday 28th February, in a named envelope.

## Number Fun Day

We will be holding a Number Fun Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February for the NSPCC. All children are invited to wear non-uniform, either a TT Rockstars related costume or a number related outfit.



## Writing Competition

The St Bart's writing competition took place recently, with entries being submitted for all the schools across the Trust. A huge well done to Olivia in Y3, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall – a fantastic achievement!

## Opal Play

Over the past few weeks, Opal play has brought so much joy to our playground. The children are loving the new areas, including mud kitchens and stage, which has sparked endless creativity and teamwork. It's fantastic to see them exploring, playing alongside siblings and friends, and making the most of their free playtime. To ensure everyone stays safe and responsible, we've also introduced regular assemblies, which have focussed on taking safe risks and caring for the different environments. Thank you for your continued support as we nurture active, imaginative and responsible play!



## Dates for Diaries

- W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Inside Out 2 Film Night
- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 + Year 2 – Chester Zoo trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – Number Fun Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day
- W/C 24<sup>th</sup> February – Swimming Pool Arrives – 3 weeks
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices

## 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](http://www.samaritans.org)  
Young Minds [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

NSPCC [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Alsager Community Support  
[www.alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk](http://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 and Mr Colbert.