

Newsletter

CRANBERRY
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Friday 5th December 2025

🎄 It's been a wonderfully busy few weeks here at Cranberry School! The corridors have been filled with the joyful sound of Christmas songs drifting from classrooms, and excitement is building as nativity practice swings into full gear. From rehearsals to decorations, the whole school community is buzzing with festive spirit, and we can't wait to share the magic of the season with you all.

🏰 History Challenge:

Artefacts and Housepoints!

Our budding historians rose to the History Challenge with creativity and enthusiasm, designing and crafting their very own historical artefacts. From ancient tools to imaginative relics, the children showcased fantastic skills and knowledge and their efforts also earned valuable housepoints, adding a competitive spark to this journey through the past!



🎄 “Meeting the Nativity Characters and Sharing the Story Together”

Year 2 enjoyed a very special trip to Wesley Place, where they met the characters from the nativity story. The children were captivated as the tale came to life before their eyes, bringing shepherds, wise men, and of course Mary and Joseph out of the pages and into their imaginations. Following on from this theme, Christ Church led a beautiful nativity assembly back at school, giving all our pupils the chance to reflect on the story together and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

“🐏 Sheep and Donkeys Take a Backseat to Scales and Tails 🐪” - Zoos2You Visit

This week Cranberry School had some very unusual guests! Zoos2You brought a fascinating variety of animals into school, including a slithering snake that captured everyone's attention. It was a wonderful chance for pupils to learn up close about creatures far beyond the farmyard. Quite the contrast to our traditional Christmas nativity rehearsals with sheep and donkeys!



“Santa's Elves on Overtime in the Bike Shed!”

🚲 Our year one children have been busy mastering their cycling skills through **Bikeability** this week. Yer two are looking forward to their turn next week and with all the pedalling practice going on, it looks like Santa's elves might need to put in some extra shifts in the bike shed to keep up with demand!



EYFS Alpine Adventure – at Castaway Play

Our EYFS children set off on a magical journey to their alpine retreat at Castaway Play. For one morning, they became mini mountaineers, exploring snowy slopes, cosy cabins, and letting their imaginations take them wherever the adventure led - a perfect winter escape!



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

Dates for Diaries

- 8th December – Year 2 Bee Active Learn to Ride
- Tuesday 9th December – Reception Nativity 2.15pm
- Wednesday 10th December - KS1 Nativity 9.15am & Nursery Nativity 2.30pm
- Thursday 11th December – Reception Nativity 9.15am & KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
- Friday 12th December – Nursery Nativity 9.15am
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Dinner
- Monday 16th – Year 1 Trip to Christ Church
- Tuesday 17th - Year 1 Trip to Christ Church
- Friday 19th December – Christmas Panto and Parties – School Closes

Please remember this week is the last week for clubs except music squad, hockey, and Dungeons & Dragons.

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.