



CRANBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Cranbrook family,



The Autumn Term has been a good start to the academic year. The children have joined with a great positive attitude to learning and to having fun!

Thank you for your patience and efforts in implementing Century Tech as the new homework platform. We believe this to be a great way of self help and study as well as a great tool through which parents/carers can track progress and effort. I hope you enjoyed the recent training. Please do ask for further help if you should need it.

Please keep eye out for key events happening in this exciting second half of the Autumn term, we have lots happening with Movie Night and the Y5 Children in Need sleep over being just some of the exciting times coming up.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind us all that courtesy and kindness in the car park and school area should be displayed at all times, as we should set the examples on positive and reasonable behaviour.

I would also like to make you all aware that the gate will now close at 8.55am, so the children can be in class by 9am sharp. Please plan journeys accordingly.

We hope that our families celebrating Yom Kipur, Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas and other spiritual events have had a blessed time.

Have a safe and restfull break and see you on the 3rd.



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TERM DATES 2025-2026

✓ **Autumn Term:**
Children back to school 3rd September, 2025
Monday 1st Sept – Friday 19th December, 2025
Half Term: Mon: 27/10/2025 – Fri: 31/10/2025

✓ **Spring Term:**
Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March 2026
Half Term: Mon: 17/02/2026 – Fri: 21/02/2026

✓ **Summer Term:**
Monday 13th April 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026
Half Term: Mon 25/05/2026 – Fri 29/05/2026

✓ **Bank Holidays:**
Monday 4th May 2026



✓ **Inset Days:**
Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025
Day 2: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Day 3: Monday 20th October 2025
Day 4: Monday 9th February 2026
Day 5: Monday 20th July 2026



REMEMBER **Key Dates/ Events :**
Movie Night – Monday 17th November
Year 5 Children In Need Sleepover – Friday 14th November, 2025



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X"



Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers



Your Secondary School application form for your Year 6 child should be completed by logging onto: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Information and guidance on how to complete the form can be found by visiting: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/apply-to-start-secondary-school/>

Redbridge has translated all of the relevant information and guidance into different languages on their website to help you to complete your online application form.

If you require this information to be translated please visit: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/apply-to-start-secondary-school/>

Then:

- 1) Click on the accessibility button in the top right hand corner of the screen
- 2) Click on the translation icon
- 3) Select a language from the drop down menu
- 4) Watch the step by step tutorial explaining how to use the service which is delivered in the language of your choice.

Please note that proof of residency must be submitted with your application.

An additional SIF form must also be completed if applying for Faith schools or own admission authority schools.

The deadline for submission of all applications, supporting documents and SIF forms is the 31st October.

If you are unable to attach your supporting documents whilst making your application, please email electronic copies of proof of residency to:

admissions@redbridge.gov.uk

Please ensure that your child's name, date of birth and application reference number are included in your email to admissions which must be submitted by:

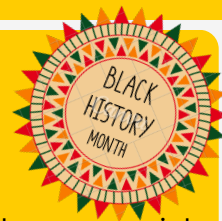
Friday 31st October, 2025

If your child has an EHC plan you will need to speak to the School Sendco or contact the Redbridge SEN Team via email at: senteam@redbridge.gov.uk

Thank you.



Black History Month



October marks Black History Month — a special time when we celebrate the achievements, culture and contributions of Black people, both historically and today. This year, the national theme is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride”, highlighting resilience, leadership, identity and the enduring strength of Black communities.

At Cranbrook we embraced this theme by encouraging our pupils to learn about Black heritage, stories of leadership and community change. We looked at the way power and pride have helped shape our shared history, exploring what it means to stand firm — to hold strong to our values, our voices and our right to belong — and to celebrate pride in who we are, where we come from, and what we can become.

We enjoyed creating opportunities for our children, across all year groups, to engage in activities, reflections and discussions that connected to this theme and our school values of respect, belonging and aspiration.

We believe it's not just during October that we should honour and learn from Black history — this month gives us a focused moment, but our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion continues all year round.

We would like to share with you some of the children's work and our school events during this month. We appreciate your support in helping us create a learning environment where every child feels empowered, proud and recognised.





ATTENDANCE UPDATES

The Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new guidance for managing attendance, including a national framework for penalty notices. These changes take effect from 19 August 2024. At Cranbrook Primary School, we adhere to the Redbridge Attendance Strategy and Code of Conduct.

Please be aware of the following key points:

Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued when a student has:

- 1.5 Consecutive days of term time leave
- 2.10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

First Offence:

The first time a Penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave of Irregular attendance the amount will be

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (Within 3 years):

- The second time a penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave of Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years):

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Full details of the changes are available on the Government's webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



Importance of Time Keeping !!

Parents/carers please note the gates close at 9am promptly, if you are late, your child will need to be brought in late gate.

Lateness will incur U Codes, which can lead to Penalty notices.

Email address to report absence:

**[absence@cranbrookprimary.
redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:absence@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk)**

Please report any absence for your child on the email address above:



School Website



I would encourage all Parents /Carers to visit the school website regularly to read and note new updates and information. It is full of key information and support to help with pupils learning.

<https://www.cranbrookprimaryschool.com/>

Absence: Examples of Proof required

- A medical appointment card with details of the appointment.
- A letter from a professional, such as a hospital consultant or psychologist.
- Proof of a consultation with NHS 111.
- A prescription or medication prescribed by a GP.
- A copy of the prescription.
- A screenshot of a medical note (e.g., via the NHS app).
- Letters confirming hospital appointments.
- A slip from the surgery with the date, the pupil's name, and the surgery stamp, signed by the receptionist.



Duolingo App



We are encouraging the children to use the Duolingo app designed to teach French as a fun and exciting way to learn languages. We've noticed significant progress in pupils using the app as part of their learning journey.

Why not give it a try at home? It's a simple and enjoyable way for children to extend their French beyond the classroom!



October Half-Term Tennis Camps in Redbridge



Looking for an exciting activity this October half-term? Sign up for our Tennis Camps in Redbridge! Open to 5-15-year-olds, these fun-filled sessions are perfect for beginners and young players to learn tennis skills, stay active, and make new friends. Don't miss out!

 **Dates & Booking:**
[Click here to sign up](#)

For more information please see the attached flyer.



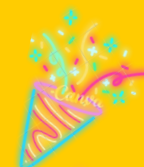
School Glow Disco



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our lovely parents/carers and staff members for all their support for making our Glow Disco Party a huge success.

It was a joy to see the children light up and really enjoy the day and all its activities and fun whilst thinking about the dark nights and staying safe. The children all had an amazing time.

Thank you once again to all of you as we look forward to many more successful events together.



CFA Movie Night



Dear Parents/Carers

The CFA will be hosting a Movie Night for pupils from Reception – Year 6 on:

Monday 17th November

Time:s:

2pm – 4pm for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & ARP

2pm– 4.15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Pupils will enjoy an age appropriate movie within their year group and a snack consisting of a cupcake, a packet of ready salted crisps and a carton of apple or orange juice. An alternative snack will be provided for pupils with allergies, consisting of an eggless, dairy free, gluten free flapjack/cake, a packet of ready salted crisps and a carton of orange or apple juice.

The cost to join movie night will be £6 per pupil.

If a family has 3 or more children, the cost reduces to £5 per child.

If you would like your child to attend Movie Night please make an electronic payment of £6 per child via your School Ping account by Thursday 6th November 2025 at 10am. Please complete the consent form attached to give permission for your child to attend.

Please note that for Health and Safety reasons no payments will be accepted after Thursday 6th November 2025.

Children should be collected from their usual exits promptly at the following times:

• **Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARP at 4pm.**

• **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 4.15pm.**

Please note that all year 6 pupils who normally walk home alone will need to be collected by an adult at 4.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you have any further queries.



School Trips



Ø Year 5 Red/5 Green- trip to Cambridge Central mosque- Tuesday 11th November 2025

Ø Year 1 visit to Frenford club food bank-Wednesday 12th November 2025-9.30am-11.30am

Year 5" Children In Need" Sleepover-Friday 14th November 2025

Ø Year 5 Blue/5 Yellow- trip to Cambridge Central mosque- Wednesday 12th November 2025

Ø CFA Movie night- Thursday 17th November from 2.30pm-4pm

Ø Year 3 Green/3 Red-trip to Natural History Museum-Tuesday 18th November 2025

Ø Year 3 Yellow/3 Blue-trip to Natural History Museum-Thursday 20th November 2025

Ø Year 1, 2 and 3-Festive Season Pantomime at school-Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December 2025

Ø Year 2 – St. Andrews Church visit-Thursday 11th December 2025 from 9.30-11.30am

Ø Christmas Dinner and Jumper day-Friday 12th December 2025



The Bake Sale

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Cranbrook Primary School Bake Sale!

Whether you baked, bought, volunteered, or simply came along to support, your generosity and enthusiasm made the event a wonderful success.

Thanks to your amazing support, we raised £550 which will go towards buying a greenhouse for the premises.

Events like these remind us what a fantastic school community we have. We truly appreciate the time, effort, and care that went into every cake, cookie, and cupcake.



Children in Need



We are taking part in Children in Need on:

Friday 14th November.

We have a fun packed day planned.

Children and staff are invited to come to school in fancy dress costumes or non-uniform and donate £1. During the afternoon, we will be making a money trail in the playground so please give your child some loose change.

Finally, Year 5 are having a sleepover in the hall and a letter has gone out to them about this.

Please please give generously to help us raise money for Children in Need who make a difference to the lives of children in the UK.

Year 5 Children in Need Sleepover

As part of our fundraising efforts for Children in Need, we are delighted to invite our **Year 5** pupils to a sleepover at school on **Friday 14th November 2025**. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The sleepover will take place in the School Hall and doors will open at 7pm. Children should be collected from school at the usual time and given dinner before returning to school at 7pm in their pyjamas for an unforgettable evening of fun filled activities and yummy hot chocolate and biscuits in the Staff Room.

We can't wait to make this a truly memorable night for our Year 5 pupils!!



SLEEPOVER PARTY

School Facebook

Dear Parents and Carers,

Do not forget to follow Cranbrook Primary School on Facebook for updates and information:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570979334622>

Like, share and subscribe!



+ Follow



Online-Safety

Unicef have shared an article with some nice, clear and simple advice for parents/carers about online gaming. The article covers how to create a positive and safe gaming environment, how parents can engage with their children, what the benefits or gaming are and more.

Click this link for more information:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/video-games-explainer>



EPT Events

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find the attached EPT event and webinar posters for SEND parent carers.



Working together today, improving their tomorrow

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Redbridge?

SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING WITH MP
DATE: THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025
TIME: 10AM - 12PM
VENUE: FRENFORD CLUBS, JUNIOR CLUB ROOM, THE DRIVE, IG1 3PS

FOLLOWING OFST SEND INSPECTION AND GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING WORK TOWARDS THE FORTHCOMING SEND & ALTERNATIVE PROVISION WHITE PAPER, EPT IS HOSTING A PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING TO SHARE LIVED EXPERIENCES, PRIORITIES, AND ASPIRATIONS FOR CHANGE FROM LOCAL FAMILIES.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith - Conservative MP for Chingford and Woodford Green
- Mr Calvin Bailey - Labour MP for Leyton and Wanstead
- Other MPs to be confirmed

MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE VIA EVENTBRITE:
<https://eptsendmp.eventbrite.co.uk>

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
PLEASE NOTE: EPT DO NOT ENDORSE ANY SPEAKERS OR SERVICES INVITED.

FREE MEMBERSHIP
Open to family members and carers of any child or young person with SEND up to the age of 25 years who live in or receive services from Redbridge. Associate membership is available for practitioners.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:
07486 880 846
www.empoweringparentstogether.org.uk
info@empoweringparentstogether.org.uk

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Empowering Parents Together - Redbridge
FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @EPT_Redbridge





Change of Weather



Now that the weather is changing, please ensure that your child brings a coat/jacket to school everyday, even if you drive him/her to school as all children do go out for play and lunchtimes.

Please also ensure that sensible shoes are worn to school.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Emergency Contact Numbers: For Safeguarding purposes, we require at least two numbers to contact you in case of emergency. If you have changed your number or moved house, please let the school office have the latest information.



Food Allergies



Please note, no food, cakes, sweets etc should be sent to school for any occasion due to food allergies.

We have many children who have allergies and would therefore, respectfully ask that you do not provide birthday treats.




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Upcoming NOVEMBER webinars

SURVIVING THE WINTER WITH SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES WITH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ALISON HART
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 8PM

PATHOLOGICAL DEMAND AVOIDANCE (PDA) IN EDUCATION WITH RUTH FIDLER, EDUCATION CONSULTANT
TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 8PM

ARFID (AVOIDANT RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER) WITH ELIZABETH SHEA, ARFID SPECIALIST
THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 8PM

SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WITH CHRIS BONNELLO, FOUNDER OF "AUTISTIC NOT WEIRD"
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 8PM

PLEASE JOIN EPT FREE MEMBERSHIP AND BOOK THE WEBINARS BY EMAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE REGISTRATION TIME CLOSING AT 4PM ON THE DAY.

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