

# Welcome Back

Summer Term 1 Wednesday 7th May, 2025



## TERM DATES

- ✓ **Autumn Term:**  
Monday 2nd Sept – Friday 20th December, 2024
- ✓ **Spring Term:**  
Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April, 2025  
**Half Term: Mon: 17/02/2025 – Fri: 21/02/2025**
- ✓ **Summer Term:**  
Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Friday 18 July, 2025  
**Half Term: Mon: 26/05/2025 – Fri: 30/05/2025**

- ✓ **Bank Holidays:**  
Monday 5th May & Monday 26th May, 2025
- ✓ **INSET Days:** Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Let's  
Grow  
Together



## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank goodness for the lovely weather over the weekend! I hope you managed to make the most of the bank holiday weekend! Please follow this link to see the activities on in Redbridge for children and families, the half term activities get signed up very quickly so do take a look early: [Redbridge Activities](#)

Ongoing global and national events highlight the urgent need for all of us, as educators, parents, and members of society, to take proactive steps in working on self and social awareness, especially to aid challenging racism and promoting equality. We believe that schools have a vital role to play in fostering an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated, and all forms of discrimination are actively challenged.

Sadly we have seen an increase in **racist and homophobic language in school and this is unacceptable**. The school operates a zero tolerance approach to such language or rhetoric and strict measures will be implemented to tackle such incidents, as well as lots of support and education. We are always talking to our children about how important it is to value and respect others, regardless of race, background or lifestyle choice. If we work together –teachers, students, and parents—we can create a more equitable, understanding, and compassionate community, so please do take the time to have discussions with your children about respect and acceptance.

Please follow the links below to find support in having conversations about racism with your child.

·[Racism – support for parents/carers](#)

·[Let's talk about race – For parents](#)

·And a video to watch: [Show Racism the Red Card](#)

We have lots of things happening in school over the next few weeks, including SATs. Please see the tips in the newsletter on having a positive SATS week and we wish our Year 6s the absolute best. We are proud of you Year 6!

**Just do your best and make sure you rest!**

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week and the focus is community. Please see the section in the newsletter sharing more on this and I really hope you enjoy being part of the Cranbrook community as much as I do.

We are also looking forward to the 'Celebration of Beliefs' day planned on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May by the RE department. to celebrate faith and non-faith. We can't wait to learn more about and celebrate all the different faiths within our community. I hope the children have a great time taking part. Please see details about this in the newsletter.

Thank you *Cassim*



### Thought of the Month

“Discipline and consistency together are the bridge between goals and accomplishments”



SCHOOL

### CRANBROOK VISION



We aim to nurture our children to be well-balanced, confident communicators, independent, resilient and responsible citizens with good basic and life skills.



**EQUALITY RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS**



## PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS FOR NURSERY PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers

You would have received an email from the London Borough of Redbridge with your offer of a primary school place for your nursery child on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

If you do not live in Redbridge you would have received an email from the borough in which you live.

To accept the offer of a school place you should sign in to your eadmissions account at:

[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

If your child doesn't have a confirmed place at a school, you'll need to go on the waiting list.

Detailed guidance outlining how to accept a school offer, what to do if your address has changed, late applications, seeing your position on a school waiting list and the appeals process can be found by visiting:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/apply-to-start-primary-school/>

You will need to inform admissions if you plan to appeal and you should ensure that you check the deadline to submit admissions appeals online.

Please note that the submission of an appeal is a confidential matter between parents and the local authority. School staff employed by the London Borough of Redbridge have been informed that we should not be involved in the appeals process as this presents a conflict of interest with our employer.

Further information regarding the appeals process can be found by visiting:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/admission-appeals>



## Upcoming School Trips/Events



Ø Year 6 Yellow: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Redbridge Schools Recorder Festival – Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford–Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 ( Selected 24 children to attend)

Ø Year 3 Green/3 blue–trip to horrible history boat tours–Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> may 2025–9.30am–3.15pm

Ø Year 3 Red/3 Yellow–trip to Horrible History boat tours–Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> may 2025–9.30am–3.15pm

Ø Nursery living things workshop–Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in school

Ø EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2–Night owl workshop in school–Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Ø Year 5–Gilwell park Scouts Adventure residential trip (39 children to attend)–Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June leaving at 12pm–Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 return time 2.30pm

Ø Year 6 Maes Y Lade Residential trip from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June leaving at 8am to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 returning at 5pm

Year 6 Stubbers Adventure trip–Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Ø Reception YELLOW–visit to Stepney farm in the morning at 9.15am–12pm– Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July–NEED PACKED LUNCH

Ø Reception GREEN–visit to Stepney farm in the AFTERNOON at 12.15PM AFTER LUNCH –2.30PM – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Ø Reception RED–visit to Stepney farm in the morning at 9.15am–12pm– MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July–NEED PACKED LUNCH

Ø Reception BLUE–visit to Stepney farm in the AFTERNOON at 12.15PM AFTER LUNCH –2.30PM – MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Year 6 SATs Week

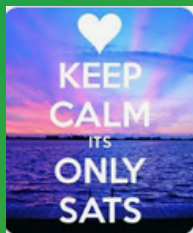
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May–Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

If your child is in Year 6, please ensure that he/she arrives in school on time each day, as the tests will begin promptly.



The period before the SATs begin can be a testing time for primary school children. As a parent/carer these tips might help prepare your child:

- 1.Keep things positive and tell your child to just give their best effort.
- 2.Reduce stress levels over the weekend
- 3.Put the tests into perspective
- 4.Help them to revise or do practice papers
- 5.Talk about how they are feeling and reassure their concerns
- 6.Plan something fun for the weekend before the tests



## YEAR GROUP PARENT WORKSHOPS

The Year group Parent workshops will take place on the following dates from

**9am–9.30 in the main hall:**

Year 4– Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Year 1– Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Year 3– Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Reception– Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Nursery– Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

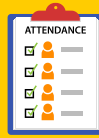
Year 2– Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 5–Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May





## Attendance- Holidays



If your child is absent immediately before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence to explain the absence. This could include medical evidence if your child is unwell or proof of flight delays or other circumstances beyond your control. Without this evidence, we cannot authorise the absence, and you may be issued a penalty notice by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

If the absence is due to illness, you will need to provide medical evidence to avoid a penalty notice. Acceptable forms of evidence include:

- 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.



## Importance of Time Keeping in the Morning

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.



## 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):

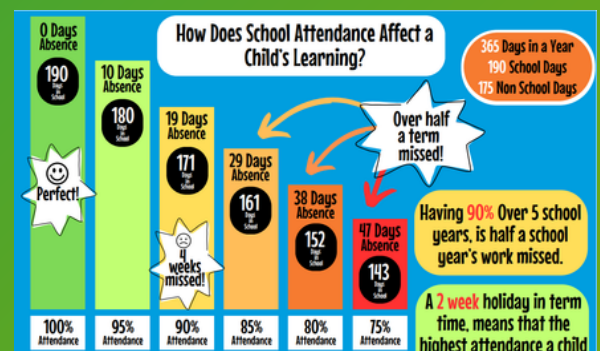
- The second time a penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave of Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### 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/worki-ng-together-to-improve-school-attendance>







## ONLINE-SAFETY



Dear Parents/Carers,

TikTok has become one of the most popular social media apps on the planet, with 1 billion monthly active users. Young people in particular love its short-form video focus, and it is now one of Generation Z's favourite tools of expression.

Parent Zone and TikTok have worked together to create a series about safety for teens when using the platform.

Click the link for further information:  
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>



## 'Celebration of Beliefs' Day at Cranbrook

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 21st May Cranbrook will be hosting a celebration of the different belief values in our community. We hope through understanding the different belief systems, children and our communities will come together to promote understanding, respect, and harmony among the different communities.

The day will consist of:

- Shared faith practice discussions,
- Cultural exchange
- Charitable activities
- Open dialogue and mutual learning

The goal is to foster greater understanding, break down stereotypes, and build bridges between faiths.

By coming together, individuals can find common ground and celebrate their shared humanity.



## Uniform/Jewellery



As always I would ask for your support in ensuring that children follow the school's uniform policy each day and that they wear no jewellery to school.

All children should wear sensible shoes. Uniform can be purchased from Rupens (98/100 Meads Lane, Seven Kings, Essex IG3 8QN).

This also applies to all Nursery pupils.



## Responsibility for Children's Personal Belongings

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We kindly request that the children do not wear or bring expensive jackets, clothing, or other valuable items to school. While we take every precaution to ensure a safe environment, the school cannot be held responsible for any lost, damaged, or misplaced items.

To avoid disappointment, we recommend labelling your child's belongings and ensuring they bring only necessary items to school.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## Lost Property



If your child has lost an item of clothing in school, please take a look at the Lost Property Tubs, which are located in the school playground by the green sheds.







## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our children have been enjoying the gardening sessions at school.

The Year 6 Children have been visiting the Wanstead Park and experiencing how to build a den, hug trees, explore their surroundings and get fresh air while boosting their mental and physical health in beautiful surroundings.

This opportunity has been given to Year 6 classes to ease their stress levels and get some time to relax and rejuvenate their minds before SATs.



## Use of the School field by Year 5 & Year 6 from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April during Lunchtimes

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note that children in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying using the field on alternate days since Tuesday, 22nd April 2025. To ensure they can fully enjoy their time on the field, children need to bring a packed lunch. The school will provide packed lunches; however, children who wish to bring their own lunch from home are welcome to do so.

Additionally, children need to bring extra water bottles, sun hats, and have sunblock applied before coming to school. All children are supervised while on the field at all times.



## FACE PAINTING- SHAMAZING FACES



This is Marissa!

You may know me from school. outside of school, I run Shamazing Faces, offering professional face painting and theatrical makeup with 20 years experience. I'm fully insured and DBS checked. perfect for parties, fairs and events.





## VE Day Special Lunch Menu on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Dear Parents,

As part of the VE day celebrations. ISS catering have put together a special menu for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please see attachments including activity sheet for your child/children

## Celebrating 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day



Dear Parents/carers,

We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE (8th May)/VJ (15th August) day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May,

it is an opportunity for the children to come together to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War generation from across the UK.

The children can come to school in either red, white, blue or party clothes on the day.

In the morning each year group will be partaking in a range of activities.

A whole school picnic will be organised in the playground and will take place in the afternoon (weather permitting).

We would ask you to please send your child in with a plate of party food and picnic blanket to sit on with their class.

Thanks for your continued support.



## Street Safe

Please see the attached poster regarding the Street Safe website.



## Deadline for ordering Class Photos-Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Your child's class photos are now live and ready for you to view and order.

You will receive a proof card sent to you with your child to order the photo online.

**THE DEADLINE FOR FREE DELIVERY TO SCHOOL IS:  
THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025.**

Any orders placed after the specified date will be subject to postage & packaging charges with delivery direct to your home address.







## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

12-18 MAY 2025

Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.


Since 2001, the Mental Health Foundation has been leading Mental Health Awareness Week – bringing the UK together to focus on getting good mental health. This year, the week takes place from 12 to 18 May 2025 and the theme is 'community'. We want to use this Mental Health Awareness Week to celebrate the power and importance of community.

We want to celebrate the communities that support us to protect and nurture good mental health.

We know that we thrive when we have strong connections with others and supportive communities around us. We also know that people who are more socially connected to family, friends, or their community are happier, physically healthier, and live longer, with fewer mental health problems than people who are less well connected.

Communities can provide us with a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us purpose.

More information can be found on this link and some tips in the attached pdf.  
Mental Health Awareness Week



In aid of  
**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
FOUNDATION**

Join us for Wear It Green Day on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at Cranbrook** – and let's turn the world green for good mental health! If you can't take part on this day, don't worry, you can hold your Wear it Green Day at any time of the year.

