

CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025



A message from Mrs Lewis:

The month of January seems to have been a long month!

The new term has seen the children engaged in a variety of learning activities including visits to both schools in regards to Road Safety and to Stogumber to talk about the importance of healthy teeth and gums.

We are looking forward to welcoming Archdeacon Simon to the schools on Monday 10th February and we know he is looking forward to joining our Family Service at St Mary's in Stogumber before meeting with children at both school sites. We do hope you are able to join us for this family service.

Some staffing news for you - after February half term Mrs Carter will be teaching Woodpecker's on Mondays. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wedderkopp for her dedication and care during the last six months as the class teacher for Woodpecker's on a Monday. We are thrilled that we will still see Mrs Wedderkopp as a regular visitor as a supply teacher.

PARKING AT STOGUMBER

When dropping off or collecting your child from Stogumber please do use the Beacon Field when possible instead of the road outside the village hall or the Village Hall car-park. Safety of the children is paramount and parking in these places limits visibility for not only the school bus, but for other road users, especially these mornings when the sun is low.

We appreciate that the road is narrow when walking from the Beacon field, but all children will be practising walking safely along roads in the village following the recent Road Safety talk and conducting their own traffic surveys.

The gates to the playground are open from 8.30am, parents may wait in the new shelter whilst children can socialise before before the start of the school day. The school doors open at 8.40am and learning activities are taking place as soon as the doors open so we encourage all to be at school for this time. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS.

The School Council has chosen to support the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds this term ~ more details to follow

Email: Crowcombe: CrowcombeOffice@crowstog.co.uk Stogumber: StogumberOffice@crowstog.co.uk

This half-term we are
focussing on the school
value of:

Determination

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that the
doors close at 8.55am in the
morning—arrivals after this
will be marked as 'late'.

If your child is absent from
school for any reason please
inform the school office by
telephone, email or dojo
before 9.30am—thank you

Attendance: Sept 24—date

Crowcombe: 94.75%

Stogumber: 96.47%

Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

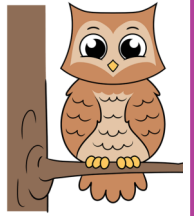
Generosity, Optimism, Determination, Curiosity and Courage

DIARY DATES

- 3 February - Yr 3 / 4 Cross-Country, Danesfield, pm
- 7 February - Stogumber Forest School
- 10 February - Family Service, 9.10am at St Mary's Church, Stogumber
Archdeacon to visit both schools
- 11 February - Safer Internet Day
- 14 February - Woodpeckers Forest School
- w/c 17 February - HALF-TERM**
- 14 February - Woodpeckers Forest School
- 5 March - Yr 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball, pm
- 5 March - Stogumber visit Williton Library, pm
- 6 March - World Book Day—Drama Workshops in school
- 7 March - Robins Forest School
- Own clothes for World Book Day *
- 12 March - Yr 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball, pm
- 14 March - Owls Forest School
- 20 March - Yr 5 Strike/Field Festival, Kingsmead, am
- 21 March - Red Nose Day
- World Poetry Day
- 24 March - Yr 5/6 Cross-country, King's College, pm
- 28 March - Kingfishers Forest School
- 1 April - Whole School LOTC at Hestercombe
- w/c 7 April - EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 22 April - Summer term starts!

* Due to the drama workshops being held in each school on World Book Day the School Council have asked, and it has been agreed that children may wear clothes / costumes relating to their favourite book character on Friday 7 March, instead of the day before.

OWLS:



Reception has started this half term with a trip around the world! We started by looking at our classroom and school, then continued to zoom out, looking at Stogumber, Somerset, the United Kingdom and the world. We explored looking at maps and had a go at making our own. We enjoyed exploring different cultures and comparing them to our own. We also looked at what animals we would find in different countries. We learnt about Burns night and why it is celebrated, we even had a go at weaving our own tartan designs.

We have continued our phonics learning and have been challenging ourselves with our letter formation. The children haven't been using their sound knowledge in their guided and independent writing. In maths we have been looking at the different ways we can make 5 and 6. The children have used their fingers and manipulatives to explore how to make numbers and talked through how many more each number would need to get to the desired number.

We had Sarah come to visit us from the Big Brush Club. We learnt about why we clean our teeth and what foods are good for our teeth. We practiced cleaning our teeth and learnt about how many teeth different animals have.

In DT we have been looking at healthy eating. We learnt about the different food groups and how different foods help our bodies. We thought carefully about recipes and practiced following instructions step by step, this helped when we made our own sandwiches. We are looking forward to learning new skills to make our next dish.

This week we are continuing our learning all about space by looking at the solar system and what we might find in it. The children have enjoyed creating their own aliens, drawing meteor showers and learning about the different planets.





WRENS & ROBINS:

We have had a busy half term in KS1 with the children so engaged in our capital city study of London. We have learnt about the different landmarks and where they are in London, used directional language to navigate around the city, written setting descriptions to describe St Paul's Cathedral and fact files about our chosen landmark. The children have demonstrated an excellent understanding of their knowledge of where London is in proximity to the UK and the wider world.



In Maths, we have been busy practising adding and subtracting single digit numbers from two digit numbers, and exploring the different strategies we can use to help us with these larger numbers.

In Science, we have been exploring materials, and made our own 'Squashmallow' toy to explore the properties of different materials.

We have also enjoyed various visitors to the school over the last few weeks, including Mrs Dean, who has been helping us develop our 'noticing skills', a talk about Road Safety and a visit from a Dental Hygienist to help us with our teeth brushing!



WOODPECKERS:

In Woodpeckers we have had a very busy week! We have been learning how to partition numbers up to 10,000! We have loved using the very big numbers!



In English we have had a visitor in to use drama to teach us about persuasive writing. Miss Spencer used various techniques to demonstrate differences of opinion and give our own opinions on why people should come and visit spectacular Somerset! We will be using this to write our own leaflet on Somerset before half term.

In Geography we have been fascinated by Saxon and Roman maps of Britain and the various name and border changes throughout history. We are learning about the United Kingdom, regions and counties with particular reference to Somerset.

In Science we are learning about healthy food, and the nutrients contained in various foods. We (in particular Ms Jolliffe) have been disappointed to learn that we cannot live on chocolate alone!



KINGFISHERS:



Kingfisher Class have been writing persuasive texts. Would you like to go to Arizona after reading these?

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Removes to be made

Sun-plates

sun-umbrella-hat

VISIT ARIZONA

Home to the Grand Canyon!
Ready to be astonished?
With stunning views, idyllic deserts and Western experiences, coming to Arizona is sure to turn every movie into reality. Book your flights, pack your ten gallon hat and prepare for the holiday of a life time.

GRAND CANYON - ACTIVITIES

Cycle routes, river trips and tour guides, perfect for thrill-seekers, however if you prefer to sit back and relax the Grand Canyon

Visit Arizona

The Grand Canyon state on the West coast.

Ready for an inspirational trip?
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Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon has beautiful views and breathtaking animals, so why not explore it and have the time of your life.

Today in fun club, we played
dodgeball and doctor dodgeball
We gave Honesty to Thomas,
Teamwork to Louis, Respect to
Martha and Determination to
Alisha.

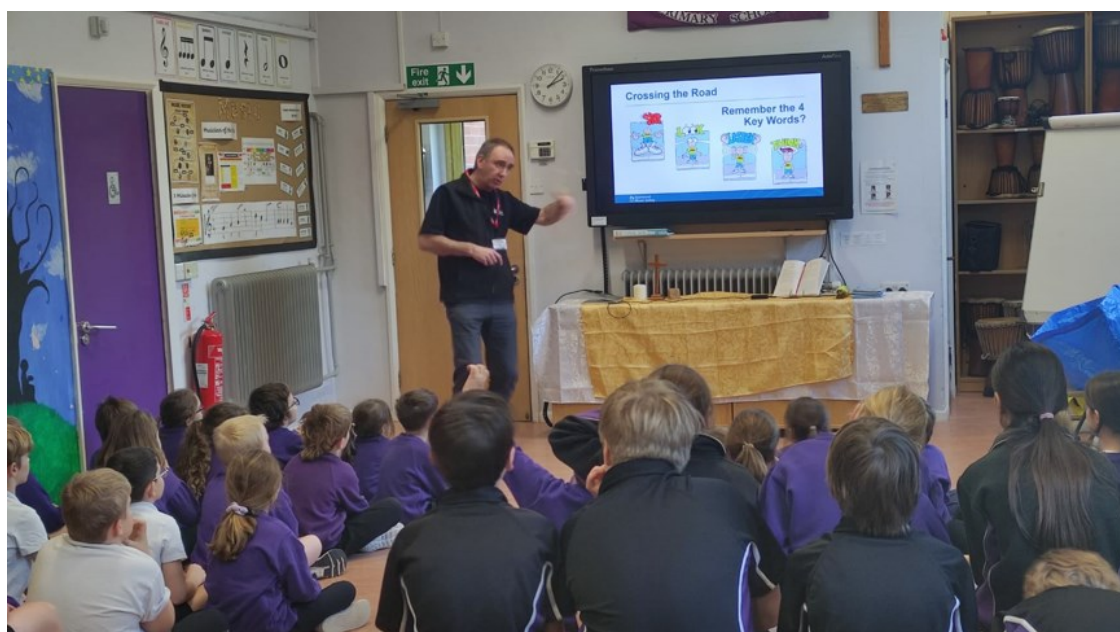


FUN CLUB
30/1/25
Reporters Zeph and
Freddie

KINGFISHERS:



The Sportshall Athletics team which took part in the Somerset Sportshall Finals at Richard Huish college last week— they all took part with much enthusiasm and team spirit ~ well done!



Children from Crowcombe listened to a very information road safety talk

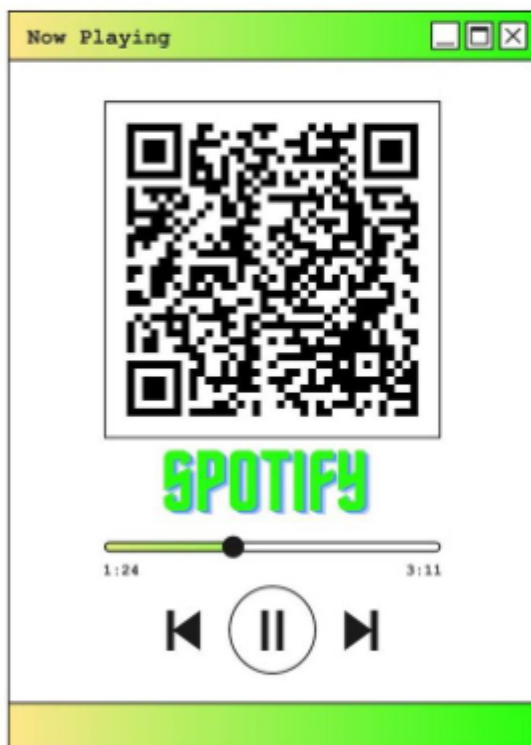
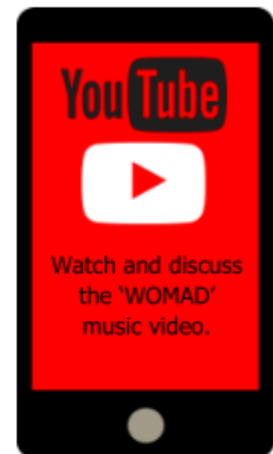


HOME INFORMATION



February's Musician of the Month

Nusrat
Fateh Ali Khan



About: Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (1948 – 1997) was a Pakistani singer, songwriter, and music director. He was primarily a singer of qawwali — a form of Sufi devotional music and is considered by The New York Times to be the greatest qawwali singer of his generation. He was known for his vocal abilities and could perform at a high level of intensity for several hours. Khan is widely credited with introducing qawwali music to international audiences. He was also a master in Hindustani classical music.

Genres: Qawwali, Religious & Classical

Active from: 1971 - 1997

Origin: Faisalabad, Pakistan

Books to read...



If you like Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, try...

- Rahat Fateh Ali Khan
- The Nooran Sisters
- The Sabri Brothers



NUSRAT FATEH ALI KHAN



Timeline											
1948	Born in Faisalabad, Pakistan	1966	His first public performance	1971	Becomes the leader of the family Qawwali party	1985	Performs at the WOMAD festival in London	1997	Makes music for many Bollywood and Pakistani films	1997	Dies aged 48

Key Songs

Live at WOMAD	1985 - A live recording of Khan's performance that brought Qawwali to more listeners.
Allah, Muhammad Char Yaar	1989 - Char Yaar means 'Four Friends' and is about those that ruled after the death of Muhammad
Allah Hoo	1991 - A traditional Sufi chant.
Mustt Mustt	1991 - Made with Michael Brook. The remix by Massive Attack was the first Urdu song to reach the British charts.
Hog Ali All Hog	1992 - A devotional song meaning 'Right to Right'.
Taboo	1994 - Song recorded with English popstar Peter Gabriel.
The Long Road	1996 - Song recorded with American musician Eddie Vedder.
Koi Jane Koi Na Jane	1997 - One of his songs from a Bollywood film.



Did You Know?



In 1964, when Nusrat was just 16 years old his father tragically died. Just 10 days after his passing, Nusrat had a dream in which his father appeared and told him to sing. Because of this, he sang at his father's funeral and never looked back.

The Importance of Nusrat

Qawwali

Qawwali is a type of Islamic devotional music which is meant to bring both performer and listener closer to God. Qawwali is often held in places of worship and contain emotional shouting and dancing. Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan carried on the 600-year old Qawwali tradition of his family.

Khan's Voice

Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan is known one of the greatest singers ever recorded, he had a six-octave vocal range and could perform at a high level for many hours.

Important Events

The Indo-Pakistan War

Pakistan achieved independence following the end of the British Rule in 1947. British India was split into two separate states (India and Pakistan).

WOMAD Festival

The World of Music, Arts and Dance festival began in 1982. Set in England, the idea was to share music from all over the world with new audiences. In 1985 Khan performed and it brought Qawwali music to a huge new group of listeners.



Bishop's Lydeard Community Library

News

Spring is on the way and your local library has lots of books for you to enjoy. There is a gardening section, with a variety of titles if you are planning an upgrade, preparing for the growing season or just tending to your existing plants which should be making a welcome appearance very soon.

NEW – Parish Council Notices – printed copies of meeting minutes and papers will be displayed on a noticeboard and filed in a folder behind the desk from end of January 2025.

Feature – Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines and e-Newspapers

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Things to do in the library

Storytime with Lisa – Mondays 11-11.30 (term-time only) – lots of stories and rhymes

A trail of pictures for children to find and colouring, lego, duplo and jigsaws.

Opening hours:

Monday 10 – 4

Wednesday 10 – 4

Friday 10 – 4

Saturday 10 – 1

SOMERSET NETBALL

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