

CROWSTOG NEWS

NOVEMBER EDITION 2025-2026



Message from Mrs Lewis:

Many thanks to the parents who attended our Autumn Term Parent Forum earlier this month—we highly value the opportunity to hear your views and gather your voice. One suggestion from the meeting was to make our newsletters only once a month—sharing all the things that have been happen during the month and continuing to use Class Dojo to share regular updates from each class.

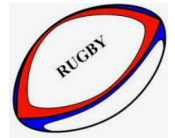
At the parent forum we shared the exciting news that we are launching a new website at the end of this term. We will share more details once it has gone live. You will be able to find important information on the website, including curriculum information, inclusion information, policies and minutes from the parent forum meetings and copies of newsletters.

You have hopefully all seen the message from Mr Wedderkopp, in his role as Sustainability Lead, regarding working together to develop and bring alive our Climate Action Plan. Please do share your views on the online form and join us as we develop our Climate Ambassadors group with pupils, governors, parents and members of the community. Together, we can make a difference.

As the Christmas season arrives, it bring lots of fun and exciting events, including the Reception and KS1 Nativity, KS2 Christmas Concert, Christmas Church Service and the whole school trip to see The Nutcracker at The Brewhouse. Do keep an eye on class dojo for reminders and further information.

Sporting Success!

November has seen a wide range of sporting opportunities for the children including Year 5 & 6 rugby events, gymnastics competitions and indoor athletics.



We are thrilled to have come **FIRST** in the Taunton Area Small School Sportshall athletics event - qualifying for the area final in the spring term!

Our Year 3/4 gymnasts came **SECOND** in the KS2 West Somerset Schools gymnastics competition with Connie placing third in the individual ranking.

Our KS1 gymnasts came **FIRST** in the KS1 West Somerset Schools gymnastics competition with Annie placed first and Camilla second in the individual rankings for over 60 gymnasts!



There are further sporting events before this term is complete, with a Year 5 & 6 hockey event, Year 3 & 4 dance festival and our first entries into the National Schools Equestrian competitions!

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Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

Family Church Services

Our next family service is our Christmas Service on Friday 19th December at 9.15am at Stogumber Church. Please do join us.

Crowcombe Church - Please do join us



Be the change you want to see

Would you please take ten minutes to fill in the attached survey about taking positive climate action?

We know that we all have an impact upon our world, both positive and negative. Our changing climate and natural environment is an ever more apparent result of humanity's actions. The children of Crowcombe & Stogumber Primary Schools agree that they want their impact to be as positive as possible.

Robust evidence shows that taking deliberate action not only improves our sense of agency in the world but also our well-being, sense of purpose, and our feelings about the future.

Please fill in this form as soon as practically possible. Please pass the survey link onto other members of our local community - grandparents, business owners, friends and neighbours - anyone who you think might be interested. All responses are private & confidential.

Share your ideas and experience, and help us build positive change. Let's be the change we want to see!

Be The Change That You Want To See (C&S Nov25)

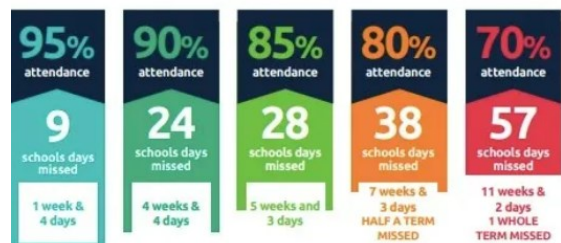


Attendance to date this year (November 2025)

	Crowcombe	Stogumber
Reception	97%	98%
Year 1	96%	97%
Year 2	97%	98%
Year 3	96%	97%
Year 4	89%	97%
Year 5	95%	98%
Year 6	97%	97%

"Every day counts! Regular school attendance builds good habits, keeps students on track, and sets them up for success. Let's work together to make sure our kids don't miss a moment of learning!"

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



Arbor Parent App

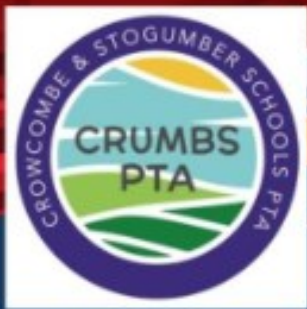
Keep an eye out for information regarding our new parent app which will be used for bookings and payment for clubs for the Spring term!



DIARY DATES

- 29 November - Wellington Maths Challenge
- 1 December - Christmas Post Boxes open!!
- 2 December - KS1 to Cannington to see 'Journey to Bethlehem', am
- 5 December - Yr3/4 Dance Festival, Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton
- 5 December - Stogumber Forest School
- 8 December - Stogumber Nativity dress rehearsal , pm, Crowcombe to watch
- 9 December - Stogumber Nativity performances, 2.00pm & 6.00pm
- 11 December - Yr 5/6 Hockey, Taunton Vale pm
- 12 December - Woodpeckers Forest School
 - PTA Film night, 'The Grinch', Crowcombe School hall, 5.00pm
- 15 December - KS2 Carol Concert, rehearsal (daytime)& performance, 6.00pm
- 17 December - Whole school trip to Brewhouse, The Nutcracker, am
- 18 December - Christmas Lunch, both schools
 - Last posting day for Christmas cards in school!
- 19 December - Christmas Service, St Mary's Stogumber, 9.15am
 - Christmas Party! (details to follow)

Last Day of Term



CRUMBS PTA presents...



Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

Sweets, popcorn and a drink included £3 for the first ticket and £2 for additional children.

Scan QR code or go to www.crumbsppta.co.uk



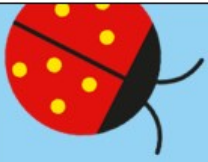
Crowcombe school
5pm-6:30pm



The Grinch

SCAN HERE!

Come and snuggle up in your favourite PJ's (optional) for this holly jolly movie night.



Rainbows

**Girls play,
learn and have
tons of fun**

for ages 4 to 7



Girlguiding
1st Watchet Rainbows



We have spaces! Contact us:

WatchetRainbows@gmail.com

When: *Fridays (term time) 5.00-6.00pm*

Where: *Watchet Girlguiding HQ*

www.girlguiding.org.uk

**'Because of Rainbows
she's more confident,
speaks about her
feelings and can
express herself clearly'
Rainbow parent**



WHIRLWINDS
ACADEMY



WE'RE
NOW IN
TAUNTON!

NEW!



LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE!

BEGINNERS TRAMPOLINING

LEARN THE BASICS. LOVE THE BOUNCE!



CLASSES START ON SAT 10TH JAN

9AM - 10AM (5-9 YEAR OLDS)

10AM - 11AM (10-13 YEAR OLDS)

11AM-12PM (14+ YEAR OLDS)



**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S
4 WEEK TRIAL FOR £35!**

CASTLE SCHOOL SPORTS HALL, WELLINGTON ROAD, TAUNTON, TA1 5AU

TO ENQUIRE OR BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL:
TRAMPOLINE@WHIRLWINDSACADEMY.CO.UK

MEET THE COACH

@CrowcombeTC

FREE



JUNIOR TENNIS SESSIONS

Saturday 6th December

10am-11am Age 4-7 years old

11am-12noon Age 8+ years old

Coaching/Games/Prizes & lots of fun!



Aaron Flamson


LTA CCA Tennis Coach


To book a place call or message

07760 653091


NEW U6 TEAM (YEAR 1) FOR BOYS & GIRLS




 **FREE TASTER SESSION**

 **Saturday 18th October**

 **9:30 – 10:30am**

 **Kings Hall, Taunton**

 **Contact: blaafc.julie@outlook.com to sign up**



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Children's eye health

Your child's sight is precious. Good vision helps them learn, play and communicate with the world around them.



Yet, there are more than a million children in the UK with undetected vision problems (source: Eye health UK)

Children's vision continues to develop until they reach the age of eight, so caring for a child's eyes in the early years can help lay the foundations for good vision that lasts a lifetime.

There are lots of simple things that you can do to help keep children's eyes healthy.

Essential Eye Checks

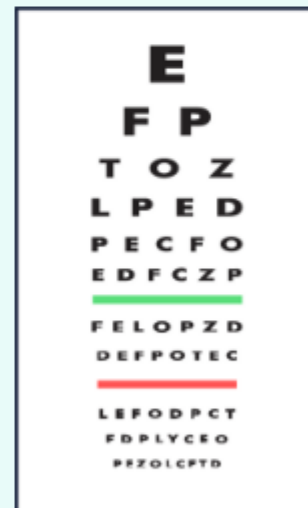
Having regular sight tests as advised by your optician is a great place to start.

Sight tests will ensure any problems such as childhood conditions like squint and lazy eye (amblyopia), longsightedness (hypermetropia) or short sightedness (myopia) are picked up early.

The sooner problems are identified the better the treatment outcomes.

Remember sight tests are free on the NHS for all children under 16 years or 18 in education or training. If they require vision correction (glasses or contact lenses) you'll be entitled to an optical voucher towards the cost of this too!

In Somerset there is access to reception aged vision screening at school.



Eat a rainbow

Eating a rainbow of colourful fruit and vegetables helps ensure young eyes get the nutrients they need to grow healthily.

Food like tomatoes, grapes and blueberries as well as fish, eggs and whole grains are packed with eye-friendly nutrients.



Spend time outside

There is evidence that spending two hours or more a day outdoors can reduce the risk of myopia or shortsightedness, even if there is a history of the condition, so time spent outside can benefit your children in many ways.

Try walking to school, playing outside, sports, PE lessons or going for a bike or scooter ride.

Cover up

It's really important to protect your eyes from the sun. When you're young the lens at the front of the eye is really clear so can let even more of the damaging sunlight in.



Protect children's eyes whenever the UV Index rises to three or more even on cloudy days and check that their sunglasses have a CE; UV 400 or British Standard Mark to ensure they provide the right level of UV protection.



A hat with a wide brim can also help protect against damaging UV.

Visit the [Met Office](#) website for information on UV levels.

Limit use of screens

Children should be reminded to take regular breaks whenever they do any intense close work like using a screen or reading a book. There is some evidence that excess screen time can damage vision long term.



A good rule to follow is the 20, 20, 20 rule which suggests taking a break of at least 20 seconds, every 20 minutes and to look 20 feet (6 metres) away.

Teenagers viewing smart phones should hold the screen at least 30cms away from their face to avoid eye strain.

Signs of reduced vision

It's often difficult to tell if your child is having problems with their eyes but some tell-tale signs that there could be something wrong include:

- **struggling to recognise colours and shapes**
- **not showing any interest in learning to read**
- **complaining about headaches**
- **sitting very close to the TV.**

If you recognise any of these symptoms you should arrange for your child to have a sight test.

Developed by the Orthoptic Team at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and the Public Health Team at Somerset Council