

# CROWSTOG NEWS

JANUARY EDITION 2025-2026



## Message from Mrs Lewis:

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the New Year and to see them return with such excellent attitudes to learning. Across the school, pupils are regularly demonstrating our core values of *determination* and *optimism*—showing resilience in their work, positivity in their approach, and kindness in the way they support one another.

We are incredibly proud of the many ways our children are taking active roles within their school and wider community. This term, pupils continue to engage in meaningful opportunities to show courageous advocacy and make a positive difference. Reception and KS1 have been out in the village litter-picking and helping to clear debris following the recent storms, demonstrating real care for their environment and community. KS2 pupils have also stepped forward to support our Climate Action Plan, with a particular focus this term on 'waste', volunteering their time and ideas to help us all think more carefully about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Thank you to our pupils for living out our values so proudly and making such thoughtful contributions—it is inspiring to see their voices making a genuine impact.

## Sporting success!

At the end of the Autumn term we saw our first representatives from Crowcombe and Stogumber at the NSEA Grass Roots Show Jumping competition. The team not only won the team competition, but also took home individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The team has qualified for the Regional Grass Roots Championships later in the year!



## KS2 House Gymnastic competition:

We are thrilled to announce that the winning house for the January Inter-house competition for KS2 was: CHERRY! Well done to all of the children in KS2 for representing their house and showing great team spirit.

## Sportshall Athletics County Finals:

Last week a team from Kingfishers class attended the finals of the Sports Hall Athletics competition. The children participated in both track and field events working as independent competitors and as a team. The children were fantastic role models for the school, showing our school values especially determination. We were extremely pleased with our 6<sup>th</sup> place, knowing we pushed ourselves to our full potential and supported each other as a team.

## Family Church Services

Our next family service is on Friday 13th February at 2.15pm at St Mary's Church in Stogumber .



## PARENT FORUM

Friday 6th February— 9am in the Beacon Room at Stogumber Village Hall.



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Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

## A Gentle Reminder About Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Recently, we have seen a marked increase in the number of pupils taking even short periods of term-time leave, which must be recorded as unauthorised. Alongside absence due to illness, this is resulting in some children's attendance falling below expected levels.

Every day in school matters. Strong attendance supports progress, wellbeing, and confidence, and helps pupils stay connected with their learning and friendships. We ask for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and only remain at home when they are genuinely too unwell to attend.

Thank you, as always, for working with us to give every child the best possible opportunity to thrive.

## Attendance to date this academic year

	Crowcombe	Stogumber
Reception	96.84%	96.59%
Year 1	94.7%	95.37%
Year 2	96.25%	96.67%
Year 3	95.27%	94.96%
Year 4	89.2%	95.11%
Year 5	93.86%	94.89%
Year 6	93.47%	94.89%

**"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!"**

## 'Explorers'

Our reception class have introduced a weekly 'explorers' afternoon this term, in addition to their LOTC Mr W days, where the children gear up for a weekly outdoor learning session to support their learning about the World Around Them through discovery and play. The children have loved exploring hibernation, den building, using maps and have especially enjoyed the mud!



## Historians

Our KS1 children have been learning about the history of Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools. We are very lucky to have a wealth of sources to teach us about the school, including many photographs and albums, diary excerpts from old headteachers (one from 150 years ago!) and artefacts such as old writing slates and school books. They enjoyed exploring 'a Museum of School Gone By', having time to look at the artefacts and chat about what we found. Their lesson was rounded off by a visit from Mr Hayes, who told them about his experience as a child at Stogumber school 60 years ago. The children loved hearing about the similarities and differences between his experiences and ours. Lots had changed, but lots had stayed the same. The children are looking forward to enhancing their learning further with a visit this week to The Rural Life Museum to take a step back in time and experience a Victorian School day!



## School Council Road Safety Update



Our School Council have recently been working hard to improve road safety around Crowcombe School. After completing a road safety walk, the children identified several areas where they feel safety could be improved for pupils, families, staff, and the wider community—especially at busy drop-off and pick-up times.

They have written to our local Counsellors, Highways and Crowcombe Parish Council to request:

- Repainting the faded yellow zigzag lines outside the school
- Extending these markings further down the hill to reduce unsafe parking
- Checking and improving the visibility and positioning of existing school warning signs
- Adding extra signage and considering the installation of School Warning lights to alert drivers approaching from all directions

The school has also taken its own steps by purchasing a road-side banner to remind drivers to slow down.

We have received a response to thank us for sharing our concerns and for our suggestions which are going to be explored. The School Council hopes that, by working together, we can make the area around the school safer for everyone.

## Climate Ambassadors

We are looking forward to the upcoming Toy re-homing Event as part of our learning around sustainability and our Climate Action Plan. By reusing toys instead of buying new ones, we are reducing waste, saving resources, and learning how everyday choices can help protect our planet. This event encourages responsible consumption and shows how small actions can make a big difference. Please note: toys must be clean, complete, and in good working condition.

### Old Toys, New Adventures!

• **Toy Donation Day: Thursday 12th February**  
Please bring in good quality toys to donate and "rehome". Toys must be clean, complete, and in good working condition – perfect for another child to take on a new adventure.

• **Toy Re-Homing Day: Friday 13th February**  
Choose a new toy to re-home after school following the Family Service at Stogumber.

This event encourages reuse, reduces waste, and helps students understand how caring for our belongings helps care for our planet.



# Crumbs PTA news...



## Money Raised to date this year... **£811**

A blockbuster sized thank you to Chloe, Melissa, Sara and Tash and the school staff for running the movie night last month!

## Activities enabled by PTA funding so far this year...

- Year 3&4 trip to Cheddar Gorge
- Whole school Nutcracker theatre trip
- Enhancement to IT provision for staff
- KS1 trip to Allerford Museum



## Future Events...

- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> February, **Pancake racing**, Stogumber Village Hall, 4pm onwards. (see attached flyer)
- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> April, an **Easter themed morning** at Crowcombe Village Hall (Giles Fulford)
- 11<sup>th</sup> April, '**Steaming to the Coast**' sponsored run [ENTER HERE](#) and use this discount code 10CSSPTA2026 to get 10% off any distance. Sponsorship details to follow. Search for Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools when you enter. (Lydia Rivett).
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May, **Spring Fair**, Stogumber, (Becky Cordran and Rachel Druitt)
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June, **Tolland Rocks**, 2 x volunteers needed to run raffle, includes free ticket to the family event.
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July, **Sheep racing**, Stogumber, (Ella Sellick).
- Date TBC, **colour run** for pupils after school.
- September 2026 - get your ideas in now?!



## How to help...

- Event dates are listed above, so you can hopefully aim to attend
- School lottery QR code - please share this with family
- Any time to volunteer to help with events is really appreciated



SCAN ME



Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools PTA. Registered Charity number 283854. Contact:  
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Committee members : Tom Foley (Y4,Y2), Giles Fulford (Chair) (Y4, Y1), Amy Geen (secretary)(Y3, Y1), Kim Horner (R), Ella Sellick (Y3, Y1), Karen Thomson (Treasurer) (Y4,Y1)

# DIARY DATES

- 4 February - KS1 to East Quay, Watchet, am
- 6 February - Parents Forum, Beacon Room , Stogumber 9.00am
  - Yr 3 / 4 LOTC
- 9 February - Yr 4 Net/Wall Festival, Blackbrook, am
- 12 February - Toy Swap donation day
- 13 February - Stogumber LOTC
  - Family Service, Stogumber 2.15pm
  - Toy Re-Homing Event 3.15pm, Beacon Room, Stogumber
- w/c 16 February **Half term holiday**
- 17 February - PTA PANCAKE RACES, 5.00pm, Stogumber Village Hall**
- 23 February - Return to school
- 27 February - Reception LOTC
  - Gymnastics competition , Whirlwinds Academy for Yr1/2, Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 (invitational)
- 2 March - World Book Day workshops
- 3 & 5 March - Parents Evenings (details to follow)
- 4 March - Woodpeckers to Roman Baths, Bath
  - Stogumber visit Williton Library, pm
- 5 March - World Book Day—Dress as a book character
- 6 March - Year 1 & 2 LOTC
  - Yr 5 Strike & Field Festival, Kingsmead, am
- 13 March - Year 5 & 6 LOTC
- 20 March - Year 3 & 4 LOTC
- 27 March - Whole school LOTC, Viper Woods
- 30 March - Easter Service, am, tbc
- 31 March - Performing Arts Café, Church House, tbc
- 1 April - Last Day of term

Old toys, new adventures!

rehome your toys here



DOLLS

SOFT TOYS



BRICKS



# SHROVE TUESDAY

17th February 2026

Come and join in the Pancake Races,  
organised by Crumbs PTA

 Stogumber Village Hall / School Field  
(In Village Hall if raining)

## PANCAKE RACES

Get your racing pancake from the Village Hall - 50p

## PANCAKES FROM 5PM

A variety of filled pancakes, savoury and sweet,  
available in the Village Hall

- 2 filled pancakes for £5
- Extra pancakes £2.50 each

## RAFFLE

Raffle proceeds to Crumbs PTA

♥ Pancake and bar proceeds to Stogumber Village Hall

Everyone welcome - come along and enjoy the fun!

Races start 4pm



September 2026							October 2026						November 2026							
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
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December 2026							January 2027						February 2027							
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March 2027							April 2027						May 2027							
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**Key:**

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

**Term dates summary:**

- Term 1:** 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
  - Term 2:** 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
  - Term 3:** 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
  - Term 4:** 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
  - Term 5:** 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
  - Term 6:** 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)
- TOTAL = 195**

**Bank and public holidays 2026/27**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

\*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

# KIDS KILOMETRE FUN RUN 2026

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## Details:

Start/Finish:  
Taunton Town Centre,  
Somerset

Time: 10:15

Distance: 1 KM



Entry Includes:

Cool Medal  
Mascots to Run Alongside  
Finisher's Drink



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# 1ST MARCH 2026

Set in Taunton, Somerset's Beautiful County Town.  
Entry: £7.50 per runner + booking fee  
Enter Online at: [www.activesouthwest.co.uk](http://www.activesouthwest.co.uk)  
Be part of Taunton Half Marathon's 40th Edition

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**TAUNTON HALF MARATHON**



**2026**

**Details:**

**Start/Finish:**  
Taunton, Somerset  
10:00

**Half Marathon**



**Kids Kilometre**  
1km



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**1ST MARCH 2026**

Set in Taunton, Somerset's beautiful county town.  
Entry from £35.00 per runner + booking fee  
Enter Online at: [www.activesouthwest.co.uk](http://www.activesouthwest.co.uk)



# Netball Youth Camp



Westfield Academy – Yeovil

Calling all young netball enthusiasts!



**Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 26



**Location:** Westfield Academy,



**Time:** 10am-3pm



**Age Groups:**  
8-11 & 12-14

Sharpen your skills,  
boost your confidence &  
make new friends!



## ★ Fun & Games:

Enjoy friendly competitions, mini-tournaments, and team-building activities.

## ★ Make Friends:

Connect with fellow netball enthusiasts who share your passion!



## Early Bird Discounts!

Book by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December to secure your spot



**£20** per participant

Only **£10** per sibling booking!

After 31<sup>st</sup> December: £25 per participant, £15 per sibling booking



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