

CROWSTOG NEWS

FEBRUARY EDITION 2025-2026



Message from Mrs Lewis:

It has been wonderful to see the sunshine and enjoy some much drier days at last. The brighter weather has enabled us to make the most of our outdoor spaces, and it has been particularly lovely to see our Reception children fully embracing their outdoor learning environment — exploring, discovering and thriving in the fresh air.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our recent Parent Forum. Your feedback and involvement are greatly valued. For anyone who was unable to join us, the minutes are available to read on the school website.

We are also looking forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening. The partnership between home and school is so important in supporting every child to flourish, so please do take opportunities to speak with staff — whether at Parents' Evening or at the end of the school day. Working together truly makes a difference.

Bringing our Learning to Life!

KS1 have brought their learning to life this month with visits to East Quay and Allerford Museum!

On their visit to Allerford Museum, the children stepped back in time to experience what it was like to go to a Victorian school. They loved taking part in role play, playing traditional playground games and exploring the old classroom and museum artefacts. It was a fun, hands-on day that really brought their History learning to life!



KS1 had an inspiring school trip to East Quay, where the children took part in a hands-on Art workshop linked to our focus on abstract artists. The session was based around the work of Robert Rauschenberg, and the children explored his experimental approach by creating stained-glass inspired abstract collages. Using a wide variety of materials, they combined colour, shape and texture to produce thoughtful and expressive pieces, drawing inspiration from the current East Quay exhibition, which features stained glass as a key theme.



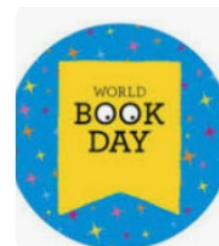
Family Church Services

**Our next family service is on FMonday
30th March at 9am at Crowcombe Church**



World Book Day is Thursday 5th March.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



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Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

Less is More!

We are kindly asking for donations of outgrown school uniform for our School Fete on 9th May.

If you have any of the following tucked away in wardrobes, we would be so grateful:

- School uniform (any sizes)
- School shoes
- PE kits
- School bags

Everything will be offered on the day at our un-manned, donation-based stall. There is no expectation and no pressure — if you need uniform, please just take what you need. If you are able to donate, we truly appreciate it. Every contribution helps support our school community. Let's make it easy for families, reduce waste, and pass on items that still have plenty of life left in them.

If you'd like to donate, please drop items to either school where there will be a collection bin.



Attendance to date this academic year

	Crowcombe	Stogumber
Reception	97%	96%
Year 1	9%	95%
Year 2	97%	97%
Year 3	95%	95%
Year 4	89%	96%
Year 5	95%	95%
Year 6	93%	95%

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, we explored this year's theme, "This Is My Place," focusing on how a strong sense of belonging supports positive mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the week, we reflected on the importance of feeling valued as individuals and recognising the many places we belong — within our friendships, our families, our school, and our wider community. In collective worship and in class discussions,

children shared their special places and talked about how belonging helps them feel safe, confident, and ready to contribute to the world around them.



Safer Internet Day

We marked Safer Internet Day, reminding children of the importance of staying safe, respectful, and responsible online. Through class discussions and activities, pupils explored how to make positive choices when using technology. We encourage parents to visit the school website, where you'll find a range of useful resources and guidance to help support safe internet use at home.



The Importance of Reading

Helping your child become a confident reader doesn't require hours of each day — it's the small, consistent moments that matter most.

Research continues to show that even 10–15 minutes of reading a day can have a powerful impact on a child's vocabulary, comprehension, focus, and overall academic success. Those minutes add up quickly: a few pages at bedtime, a short story after school, or sharing a book while waiting for an appointment can translate into thousands of words heard and understood over time.

Reading regularly also strengthens the parent–child bond. When you sit together with a book, you're not only building literacy skills — you're building connection. Children who are read to consistently tend to develop stronger listening skills, richer imaginations, and greater confidence in expressing themselves.

The key isn't perfection; it's consistency. A small daily habit is far more effective than occasional long sessions. By making reading part of your family's routine — even in short bursts — you're giving your child a lasting advantage that reaches far beyond the classroom.

A few minutes a day truly can make a lifetime of difference.

Performing Arts Café

Tuesday 31st March, Church House Crowcombe

Mrs Berry is delighted to invite children in to take part in this year's Performing Arts Café. This is an opportunity for any of our pupils, from Year 1 through to Year 6 to showcase their achievements in the performing arts, and to give them a valuable opportunity to perform in front of parents and friends. We have a number of children who learn instruments privately in school, who will be able to perform. If your child has instrumental lessons in school, their teacher will already have spoken to them about whether they would like to take part. It would also be wonderful if children who learn an instrument outside school, or who attend dance, theatre or drama classes, could also take part in this event.

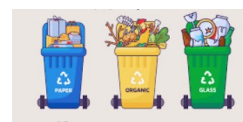


We have enjoyed exploring performance poetry in school this year and would like to encourage any child who wishes to share a poem they have practised at home to perform at this event. The Performing Arts Cafe will begin at 1.30pm, but parents are welcome to join us in Church House from 1.15pm, where the PTA will very kindly be providing refreshments. Please do let the school office know if your child would like to take part.

Climate Ambassadors

We are excited to introduce our three Climate Ambassador groups, who will play an important role in helping our school develop and lead positive action to support sustainability.

The **Biodiversity** team will focus on protecting and enhancing the natural habitats around our school, finding ways to encourage wildlife and increase awareness of the importance of caring for our environment. The **Community Garden** group will help to develop and maintain our growing spaces, promoting healthy living and a shared sense of responsibility for our outdoor areas. Finally, the **Waste** team will work to reduce, reuse, and recycle more effectively across the school, encouraging everyone to make thoughtful choices about the resources we use.



School Council News

The school council successfully held our first toy rehoming event on 13th February. This month they have also met with the organisers for the Spring Fete to share their thoughts and ideas.

Sporting success!

KS1 House Dance competition:

We are thrilled to announce that the winning house for the February Inter-house competition for KS1 was: CHERRY!

DIARY DATES

- 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**

STEAMING TO THE COAST



If you wish to run...



Choose from 11 km, 11 miles or full marathon distance. Use the discount code **10CSSPTA2026** to get 10% off entry fee. Search for 'Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools' when to join our team.

Then please let Lydia Rosling (Y1, Y3) or a member of the committee know that you've joined the team.

If you wish to help fundraise...

Use this QR code to access our official Just Giving page and sponsor the team. Please share with families and businesses:



September 2026						October 2026						November 2026								
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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.