

CROWSTOG NEWS

MAY EDITION 2025-2026



Message from Mrs Lewis:

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for the mature and positive attitude they showed throughout SATs week. They approached each day with resilience, focus and determination, always giving their very best effort and supporting one another along the way.

To celebrate their hard work and commitment, they are enjoying a well-deserved fun day out at Crealy. An opportunity for them to relax, laugh and make lasting memories together after such an important milestone. Well done, Year 6 — you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Sports Day

Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of the School Games values in action. The children showed great determination and passion as they took part in the wide range of activities, while demonstrating excellent teamwork, respect, and honesty throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see their growing self-belief and encouragement of one another. A huge thank you to Miss Storey for organising such an enjoyable and successful event. Congratulations to Pine House for winning—well done to all who took part!



Climate Ambassadors in action—Community School Garden

We're delighted to share an update on our new community garden area on the playing fields. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm from our garden climate ambassadors—three of whom meet with Mrs Philips every Tuesday after school.

So far, we've been busy planting a wide variety of crops, including sweet peas, runner beans, potatoes, chives, squash, cucumber and cos lettuce, with more to come. We've also planted borage to help encourage and support our pollinating friends. The children are passionate about keeping the garden as natural as possible and free from chemicals. This week, they made and applied a comfrey fertiliser to nourish our tomato plants.

Looking ahead, we hope the garden can be enjoyed and supported by the whole community. Whether it's sharing seedlings, plants or compost—or making use of the produce in your meals—we'd love for as many people as possible to benefit. If you have any spare plants, please feel free to add them to a free space in the garden. We are doing our best to label everything clearly. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Phillips



Family Church Services

Our next family service will be on Friday
5th June at 9am at Crowcombe Church



Parents Forum

Our next Parents Forum meeting is
planned for 9am on Friday 19th June in
The Beacon Room @ Stogumber Village
Hall



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Sporting success!

Some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils recently took part in a cross country event against other local schools, where they showed fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship. Everyone should be very proud of the effort they put in, supporting one another and representing the school so positively.



We also love to celebrate sporting success beyond school, and several of our pupils have been representing their teams in a recent rugby tournament. It has been wonderful to hear about their achievements and see their commitment to developing their skills outside the classroom.



Sun Safety!

KS2 pupils recently took part in a sun safety assembly where they learned all about the impact of UV rays. The children discovered that UV rays are invisible but can still cause damage to our skin and eyes, and they learned how the UV index helps us understand how strong the sun's rays are on any given day.

A highlight of the assembly was seeing the immediate impact of UV rays using special coloured bands, which changed colour when taken outside, bringing the learning to life in a memorable way. The assembly also shared important ways to stay protected, such as wearing hats, using sunscreen, seeking shade and staying well hydrated. The children were highly engaged and asked thoughtful questions, helping them to better understand how to stay safe and healthy in sunny weather.



Spring Fete

The PTA Spring Fete was a huge success again raising approximately £2231! It was a real joy to stand back and see everyone enjoying the activities and the local community coming together to raise funds for the school. Huge thanks to Becky, and Rachel for organising the event and all of the parents and staff who gave up their to help and make it such a wonderful event.



Climate Ambassadors in Action—Fix It Festival

The Climate Ambassadors are organising a community “Fix It Festival” to help reduce waste and encourage people to repair rather than replace everyday items. We are looking for volunteers with practical skills in mending and fixing, including sewing repairs, small toy repairs, and simple electrical item repairs.

The event aims to bring people together to share skills, save items from landfill, and support more sustainable living in our community. Whether you are experienced in repairs or simply enjoy helping others, we would love to hear from you and welcome your support.



Rail Safety

KS2 pupils took part in an important and engaging assembly led by National Rail, focusing on rail safety. The children learned about how to stay safe near railways, including the dangers of trespassing, the importance of listening for signals, and how to behave sensibly when near tracks and stations.



Attendance to date this academic year

	Crowcombe	Stogumber
Reception	97%	96.7%
Year 1	95.2%	95.3%
Year 2	96.8%	97.1%
Year 3	95.7%	95.5%
Year 4	89%	96%
Year 5	95.1%	96.3%
Year 6	94.3%	94.2%

Staying Safe Online – A Guide for Families

In today's digital world, children are spending more time online than ever before — whether that's gaming, watching videos, chatting with friends or learning at home. Technology can be fantastic for creativity and learning, but it's important that we help children use it safely and responsibly.

Why Parent Controls Matter

Parent controls help you:

- Block inappropriate content
- Manage who children can communicate with
- Set screen time limits
- Approve app downloads and purchases

Monitor online activity

Most devices, apps and games have built-in safety settings that are quick and easy to set up. A few minutes spent checking these settings can make a huge difference to your child's online safety.

Useful guides for setting up controls can be found on the official [Safer Internet Centre Parent & Carer Guides](#) website.

The importance of Limiting Screen Time

Too much screen time can affect:

- Sleep
- Concentration
- Mood and wellbeing

Physical activity levels

Try these simple tips:

- ☑ Create screen-free times during meals and before bedtime
- ☑ Encourage outdoor play and hobbies
- ☑ Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight
- ☑ Model healthy screen habits as adults

Balance is key — technology should be part of a healthy lifestyle, not the whole of it.

Understanding Age ratings for Apps & Games

Age ratings are there to help families choose suitable content for children.

Look out for:

- **PEGI ratings** on games (3, 7, 12, 16, 18)
- App store age guidance
- Online chat or social features within games

In-app purchases and adverts

Just because a child can download an app or play a game doesn't always mean it is appropriate for their age group.

Talking regularly with your child about what they are playing and watching helps keep communication open and builds trust.

Top Tips for Families

- Talk openly about online experiences
- Remind children never to share personal information
- Encourage children to tell an adult if something worries them online
- Check privacy settings regularly
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible

Together, we can help children enjoy the internet safely, positively and confidently.

Helpful Resources for Parents & Carers

[UK Safer Internet Centre – Parent Guides](#)

[NSPCC Online Safety Advice](#)

DIARY DATES

- w/c 25 May - Half-term Holiday**
- 4 June - Yr 5/6 Grass track cycling, Ash Meadow**
- 5 June - Yr 6 LOTC**
 - Woodpeckers swimming, Knights Templar, pm
- 8 -10 June - Kingfishers Residential, Paignton**
- 11 June - Sports Leaders training day**
- 12 June - Woodpeckers swimming, Knights Templar, pm**
- 15 June - Yr 3 / 4 Cross Country, King's College prep, pm**
- 16 June - Woodpeckers LOTC**
- 17 June - Yr 6 transition service, Taunton Minster, am**
- 19 June - Parents Forum, Stogumber, 9.00am**
 - Reception Multi-skills festival, Kingsmead, am
 - Yr 1 / 2 LOTC
 - Woodpeckers swimming, Knights Templar, pm
- 22 June - New reception visit, 2.00pm**
 - Yr 5 / 6 Cross-country, King's College
- 23 June - Open Classroom, Stogumber 3.20pm**
 - New Reception parents meeting, 5.00pm
- 25 June - Yr 5 / 6 swimming event, Wiveliscombe pool, pm**
- 26 June - Reception LOTC am**
 - Enhanced Yr 6 transition, Kingsmead, am
 - New Reception visit, pm
 - Woodpeckers swimming, Knights Templar, pm
- 30 June - Whole School move-up day**
 - New Reception visit, am
 - Open Classroom, Crowcombe 3.35pm

DIARY DATES (CONT'D)

- 1 July - Whole School move-up day
 - New Reception visit, pm
 - 3 July - Yr 2 LOTC at Crowcombe
 - Woodpeckers swimming, Knights Templar pm
 - 6 July - Kingfishers play dress rehearsal, pm
 - 7 July - Stogumber beach trip
 - 11 July - **PTA Sheep racing**
 - 13 July - Kingfishers rehearsal and play performance, Stogumber
 - 16 July - Yr 4 /5/6 Quad-kids Athletics, event, Taunton College pm
 - 17 July - Whole School LOTC on Quantocks
 - 20 July - Whole School PE Enrichment Day, Stogumber
 - 21 July - Whole School Arts Enrichment Day, Crowcombe
 - Year 6 Leavers Celebration, pm
 - 22 July - End of Year Church Service, Stogumber Church am
- NO MUNCH BUNCH TODAY**