

CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025



A message from Mrs Lewis:

The start of the summer term has already been busy with science workshops last week for all classes, a visit to East Quay for Kingfisher's as part of their Arts Award and the Reception children heading out on a butterfly hunt through the village of Stogumber.

As you will see in the curriculum overviews and diary dates, this term is very busy with a range of activities and events to bring our curriculum alive for the children. We are focussing on our school value of optimism this term and working with the children on believing in themselves, giving things a go and showing resilience when things do not go quite as planned.

As the final term of the academic year gets under way please can I remind you of the importance of school attendance. With the sun hopefully continuing to make an appearance, this is the term we notice the number of unauthorised absences increasing. Please can we bring your attention again to our attendance policy on the school website and thank you for your support with ensuring your child's attendance is good - we understand that there are times when children have to be absent due to illness but their attendance can quickly become concerning when they also miss days due to family holidays or days out.

All children have a legal right to suitable, full-time education. There is no entitlement for children to have time off from school during term-time for the purposes of a holiday, recreational or protest activity. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances".

Thank you for your continued support.



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

Optimism

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: 94.40%

Stogumber: 96.28%

PTA SPRING FAIR - 10 MAY

The Spring Fair is next weekend!!! Please keep an eye out for messages on dojo regarding information and donations required - every little helps!!

Thank you

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

Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish

(Hebrews 10 24-25)

Generosity, Optimism, Determination, Curiosity and Courage

CASH4CLOTHES

We have organised collections at both schools at **9.00am DAY 19 MAY** for a company called CASH4CLOTHES to collect bags of unwanted clothing.

The schools are paid **30p / kilo** of items collected which is a easy way for us to earn some extra income. Please see the list site to see which items are accepted.

Please do have a clearout and support us by bringing your do- to either school early in the morning of 19 May. Unfortunately- are unable to store bags prior to this date.

CASH4CLOTHES will not be providing plastic bags for this pur- please use your own bin bags or suchlike - thank you

CASH CLOTHES

WHAT WE ACCEPT

- ✓ Adult and Children's Clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Belts and Hats
- ✓ Bed linen (No brushed cotton)
- ✓ Large bath towels
- ✓ Light weight curtains

All items must be clean, Dry and in a re-wearable condition and please turn the items the right way to make our process quicker and more efficient.

WHAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT

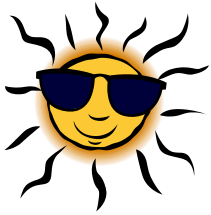
- ✗ Dirty, damaged or wet items and anything covered in animal hair
- ✗ Underwear and socks unless unworn and packaged
- ✗ Bath robes or dressing gowns
- ✗ Heavy woolly items
- ✗ Work wear, uniforms, anything with a company/ club logo
- ✗ Wellingtons or work boots
- ✗ Soft toys
- ✗ Any items not stated in the what we accept section

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Now the warmer weather is here, please make sure your child has a sun-hat to use in school at break-times and lunchtime play. Please also ensure they have sun-cream applied in the mornings before school so it can last throughout the day. If they need to have some in school, please make sure it is labelled properly - thank you

DIARY DATES

- 5 May** - **May Day Bank Holiday**
- 6 May - Yr R & Yr 6 Height & Weight checks
- Yr1 & Yr2 to Cricket Festival, Taunton, pm returning at 3.45pm
- 8 May - Sports Leaders training, Blackbrook
- 9 May - Yr 5 Forest School
- 10 May - PTA Spring Fair, 12.00 midday
- 12-15 May - Yr 6 SATS week
- 15 May - Yr 1 Multi-sports Festival, Kingsmead, am (change of date)
- 16 May - Yr 6 trip to Crealy
- 19 May - Cash4Clothes collections
- 19-21 May - Yr 6 Bikeability
- 23 May** - **INSET DAY**
- w/c 26 May** - **Half-term**
- 3 June - Parents Forum, Crowcombe 1.10pm (venue tbc) followed by
Family Service, Crowcombe 2.00pm
- 4 June - Kingfishers Art , parents open afternoon, 1.15pm
- 6 June - Yr 3 & 4 Forest School
- PTA Disco, Crowcombe
- 9-10 June - Yr 5 Bikeability
- 16 June - Whole school Sports Day, Stogumber pm
- 17 June - Yr 6 Leavers visit Taunton Minster
- 18 June - Yr 1 & Yr 2 visit Taunton Museum, pm
- 19 June - Yr 6 Sports Festival + lunch, Kingsmead (change of date)
- 20 June - Stogumber Forest School at Matthew's Copse
- 23-25 June - Kingfishers Residential, London
- 25 June - Stogumber visit Williton Library, pm
- 27 June - Yr 2 Forest School at Crowcombe
- 30 June - Reserve Sports Day

- 4 July - Yr 6 Forest School**
- 8 July - Performing Arts Café, Church House, Crowcombe 2.00pm**
- 10 July - Reception Multi-skills Festival, Kingsmead, am (change of date)**
- 14 July - Kingfishers Play rehearsal & performance, Stogumber VH, pm**
- 15-16 July - Woodpeckers Residential**
- 18 July - Whole School LOTC day on Quantocks**
- 21 July - Sports Enrichment Day, Stogumber**
- 22 July - Arts Enrichment Day, Crowcombe**
 - Yr 6 Leavers Celebration, pm, Crowcombe**
- 23 July - End of Year Service, 9.15am St Mary's Church, Stogumber**
 - End of term!**

September 2025						October 2025						November 2025					
M	1	8	15	22	29	Mo	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24		
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		
W	3	10	17	24	We	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26		
Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27		
F	5	12	19	26	Fr	3	10	17	24	31	Fr	7	14	21	28		
Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29		
Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30		
December 2025						January 2026						February 2026					
M	1	8	15	22	29	M	5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23		
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Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28		
Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22			
March 2026						April 2026						May 2026					
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	4	11	18	25		
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	5	12	19	26		
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June 2026						July 2026						August 2026					
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)
TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

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.

SCIENCE WEEK:

Last week we were joined by Fizz Pop science who ran some science workshops with all of the children. The children learnt all about germs, how to protect themselves from germs, designing their own own germs and created some fantastic snotty slime to take home. Reception learnt all about bubbles, how they are created, seeing colours in bubbles and explored lots of different kinds of bubbles, even making some sherbet to take home too. What a great way to start the summer term! Thank you very much to the PTA for funding these brilliant workshops.





MATTHEW'S COPSE - OFFICIAL OPENING:

Gwennie, Brianna, Annie & Osian, their parents, and Mrs Lewis and Mr Wedderkopp, were lucky enough to represent the school at the grand opening of a new shelter at Matthews Copse. As well as Neil and the staff from Viper Engineering, we rubbed shoulders with the leader of Somerset council, our local MP, Rachel Gilmour, and our Minister of the Environment, Mary Creagh.

There were crafting activities, crisps and enormous sandwiches, as well as speeches and lots of handshakes. Read the full report on LinkedIn here:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/viperinnovations_sustainability-csr-netzero-activity-7317819211991437312-Pk_P?utm_medium=ios_app&rcm=ACoAAAXSdksB-gUoeZifA5CJRjQNIm1CZPfy-S4&utm_source=social_share_send&utm_campaign=copy_link



Kingfisher - Art trip to East Quay

Kingfisher class had an amazing trip to East Quay last Wednesday afternoon. The visit was part of their Arts Award and the aim was to be inspired - they certainly were.

They found out about what it is to be an architect by speaking to the architect resident in Studio 10, they found about Gaudi and his famous buildings and how he created the design by using pegs and string to create an upside down image. They spent time 'Gaudi-fying' EastQuay by placing tracing paper on a photograph of East Quay and creating curved lines and turrets and bold colours etc. They created block prints to replicate Gaudi-style turrets and to wrap up the incredible afternoon they had five minutes in the paper making section of East Quay.

They found out that the paper is made from natural cotton. This experience certainly was inspiring and they are now using this to help them decide on their final piece for the Arts Award this half-term.





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