

ISSUE 5/6 – 17th November 2025

From the Headteacher

Year 6 at the War Memorial



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Autumn 2 - all of the children have settled into their new classes and new routines. They have achieved this beautifully and we have had the pleasure of getting in to see all classes. The one thing that never fails to impress us in all of the classes we visited was the way in which the children work together, support each other and the kindness they show to one another.

On behalf of the school, can I also thank you for ensuring that your child has been in school and ready to learn. It really does help us so much when you are working in partnership with us.

I would like to say a special thanks to our teaching and support staff who all 'put so much into' the life of our school! This half term will be busy and we look forward to enjoying a fun learning packed next few weeks, with all of our additional winter activities. (See the relevant dates.)

A highly successful Parents Evening – thank you

We had a highly successful Parents Evening on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Thank you to everyone who attended. Working in partnership is essential to ensure that all children are given the best opportunities in life and can reach their full potential.

If you missed your appointment for any reason, please contact school and we will see if an alternative meeting can be arranged.

Handwriting – Letter-join

At Crane Park we use a handwriting scheme called 'Letter-join' to teach children to write using a cursive (joined up) style. Any of our pupils wishing to practise their handwriting at home can log in to the Letter-join website to use the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources as we use at school. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

How to log in to Letter-join

DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Simply go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and log in, using the Desktop log-in boxes, with these details:

User name: **vt8822**
Password: **home**

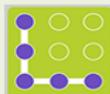
Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs:

- Google Chrome
 - Firefox
 - Safari
 - Opera
- We cannot recommend using Internet Explorer for Letter-join.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letter-join.co.uk, select the Tablet Login button and log in using these details:

User name: **vt8822**
Swipe code (starting at top left):



Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running at least iOS7 through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome, Firefox or Opera.

Children in Need – Mufti Day – Friday 28th November 2025

We'd like to invite you to participate in a range of exciting challenges and raise funds to help us support projects and charities across the UK.

Join our Challenge – we will run, skip, hula-hoop and dance for a £1.00 donation!

Healthy Packed Lunch

If you are sending a packed lunch for your child, please make sure that it contains healthy and nutritious items. Please check out the following website

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for great tips and ideas.

Please remember all items in a packed lunch must be nut free. We only expect children to bring a chocolate bar or pack of crisps once a week.



End of term arrangements

Playgroup and Nursery **will close on Thursday 18th December 2025** for the end of term.

Reception – Year 6 will finish on **Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.45pm**. There will be no Aftercare on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

School Photographs

Individual photographs of the children will be taken on Tuesday 18th November and they should be ready to be ordered in about a week. Details of the ordering process will be sent to you shortly. We are also able to do family groupings at this time. Please ensure that your children are dressed in full school uniform. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination

The school nursing team administered the flu vaccination to children from Reception to Year 6 on 12th November 2025. As in previous years, this was in the form of a nasal spray. They will be coming back for a second visit on 8th December for children who missed the first session.

School Travel Planning (STARS) – Gold Award

Wonderful news – we have been awarded the Gold Award for our School Travel Planning. Well done to The School Council and Ms Murphy for leading on this so positively, with a brilliant outcome.

The aim of STP is to reduce car use on the journey to/ from school to not only reduce congestion and air pollution but to improve the health of pupils by encouraging them to be more active and to make the area around the school safer.

The STP is submitted to TfL at the end of the academic year and is accredited at 3 different levels through their STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) Scheme at either the bronze, silver or gold level. This provides schools with recognition and rewards them for their efforts in promoting sustainable travel.

Schools encourage and promote safe and active travel through a number of exciting activities and campaigns that aim to improve pupils' health and wellbeing and reduce traffic and transport issues outside schools.

Activities concentrate on enabling children to walk and cycle independently through pedestrian skills training, balance bike training for early years and school safety audits, cycle training and theatre workshops for older pupils.



Diary Dates

November		December/January	
11 th November	KS2 Trip to the Cinema	3 rd December	KS1 Skills Festival
12 th November	Year 6 - War Memorial	3 rd December	Reception Winter Concert – 9.30am
17 th November	Year 3 and 4 Girls Football	4 th December	Year 5 Science Museum
18 th November	Photograph day - individuals and siblings	8 th December	Year 5 to Springwest Academy
21 st November	Year 4 National Archives	9 th December	KS1 Winter Concert – 2.00pm
25 th November	Year 3 Kitz Fit workshop	10 th December	KS1 Winter Concert – 9:45am
26 th November	Year 5/6 Athletics Competition	11 th December	Christmas Dinner for all/ Christmas Jumper Day
28 th November	Year 5/6 Boys Football	16 th December	KS2 Winter Concert – 9.30am
28 th November	Children in Need Mufti Day	17 th December	KS2 Winter Concert – 2.00pm
		19 th December	Last day of term – School closes at 1.45pm.
		5 th January	Inset day for all staff
		6 th January	All children return to school – 8.45am

Collecting children for appointments

Please be reminded that appointments for children to attend the dentist, doctor, optician etc should ideally be made for after school and holidays if at all possible. If you do require to take them to an appointment, please bring evidence in advance to the School Office so that we can arrange for your child to be available for collection at the required time. If we do not know, it can sometimes take a while to find them!

Contact Details

If you have changed any contact details recently (address, mobiles, emails), please do inform the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you

NUT Free Zone at school

Please do not provide any form of nut in your child's healthy packed lunch (or morning snack). If an allergic child is exposed to nuts they can experience a life threatening reaction. Thank you.

Have Your Financial Circumstances Changed?

If your financial circumstances have changed and you believe you might be entitled to free school meals for your child/children, please make an online application at :

https://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=A161_FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS&SUBMIT_AGAIN=N&ebz=1_1581612271470&ebd=0&ebz=1_1581612271470

You will be notified of the result.

Year 6 at the Build-a-Bike Workshop

