

# Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School Newsletter- March 2025

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# Attendance Matters



## 1 - Attendance

*Whole school attendance for February was 94.6%, just below our target of 96%!*

*Class of the month was P3 with 97.1%*

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## ***Message from the Principal***

*Dear Parent*

*Parental involvement is a key feature of integrated schools which should be encouraged. We want to continue to develop this aspect of our school which is why this year we have offered a number of new programmes and events to enhance purposeful engagement. This has included workshops on Accelerated Reader, Anti-Bias bus tour, Toe by Toe training and of course our recent Community Day. This takes great effort and organisation and I want to pay tribute to the efforts of all staff in making these possible and indeed to thank those parents who took the time to attend.*

*As a school we very much value the partnership that we have with our parents, both in supporting the individual needs of your own children but also your support collectively for the whole school community.*

*We are totally committed to doing our best in the interests of all the children and that influences the decisions we take as a staff including in the classroom and at the level of school leadership. In any school there will be circumstances from time to time which are a challenge and parents may not be aware of the bigger picture and why these decisions have been made.*

*However, in the spirit of openness, I would ask you to refrain from speculation and discussions in group forums and instead simply pick up the phone and arrange to speak to the relevant member of staff or either of us.*

*Kind regards*

*Mr Doherty and Mrs Millar*

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**Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School**  
**School Holidays 2025/2026**

Month	Inclusive Period		Number of School Days	Description
	From	To		
August 2025	1	31	21	Summer Vacation
October 2025	27	30	4	Halloween
	31	31	1	SDD
December 2025	22	31	8	Christmas Vacation
January 2026	1	2	2	Christmas Vacation
February 2026	9	11	3	SDD
	12	13	2	Mid-Term Break
March 2026	17	17	1	St Patrick's Day
April 2026	2	10	7	Easter
May 2026	4	4	1	May Bank Holiday
	5	5	1	SDD
July 2026	25	25	1	May Bank Holiday
	26	26	1	SDD
July 2026	1	31	23	Summer Vacation

School will start back for a P2-P7 transition day on Friday 29 August 2025 from 9am until 12:00 noon there will be no meals or transport available on this day.

Please note that there is a period of school closure for pupils in February in addition to Christmas and Easter and parents should opt to take holidays during this time rather than times when school is open.

Please note during School Development Days (SDD) the school and nursery will be closed for all pupils to allow staff training.

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***Cranmore Community Day***

*We are delighted to say that our first ever 'Cranmore Community Day' was a huge success! We had around 18 different community organisations represented and a great turnout from parents and grandparents. We hope you all found the day to be useful. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the organisations who came to support us and to everyone who came along.*

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**TUESDAY  
1ST APRIL  
1.45PM**

## **CRANMORE IPS** *Parent* **TRAINING**

Join us for a parent training session with Alex McNeill - Speech and Language Therapist at Let's Expand Communication.

Learn how to support your child with their speech, language and communication development at home.

We will focus on developing attention and listening, understanding and use of language and use of speech sounds.



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### ***Integrated Futsal Competition***

*Our school football teams took part in the annual Integrated Futsal tournament on Tuesday 25 February. Both team performed well on the day with our A team qualifying for the final day*

*courtesy of wins against Hazelwood and St Joseph's. A special mention to Carter and Mohammad who won prizes as top scorers for their team. Well done to all involved and good luck to in the final!*

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### ***Odd Sock Day***

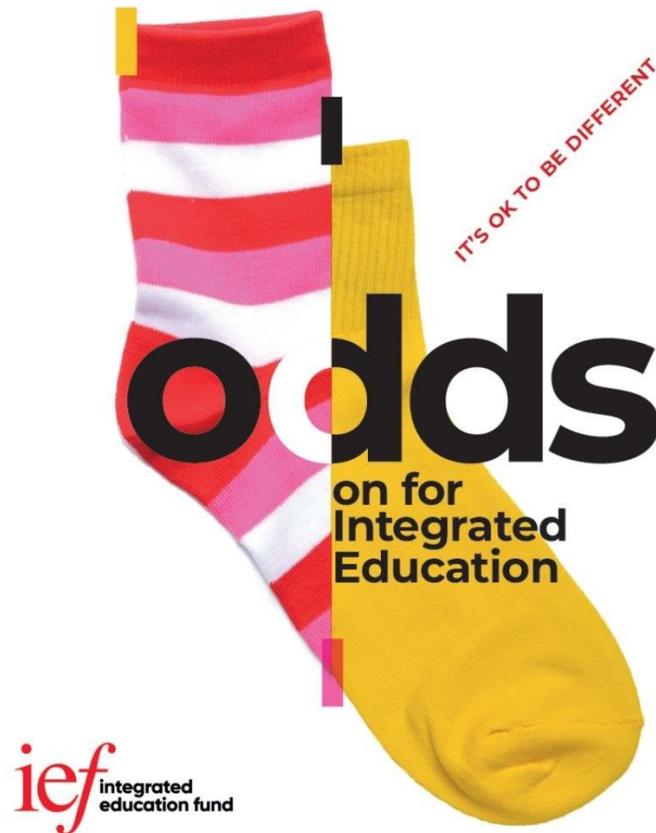
*As part of Integrated Education month, we will be having 'Odd Sock Day' on Friday 21 March.*

*This event will be in support of the **Integrated Education Fund (IEF)** who have been a huge support not only to Cranmore but to all integrated schools. Sponsor forms have been sent home but more are available from the school office if necessary. Money should be brought into school for this rather than being paid through School Money.*

*This year alone, as a school we have benefitted from almost £5000 support from I.E.F which has helped to purchase a new football kit, to cover the cost of the Anti-Bias Bus tour and to cover the*

*cost of the P2 Trust programme with Oakwood IPS and Cliftonville IPS. We would really appreciate your effort to support the I.E.F. in this fundraising event.*

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### ***Uniform Reminder***

*We would like to remind parents that it is essential for children to wear full school uniform every day. The Cranmore uniform consists of a black/ blue jumper, a white polo shirt with the school logo and trousers, a skirt or a pinafore. Blue and white checked summer dresses and grey shorts are available at low costs from shops such as Dunnes, Tesco and Sainsburys and can be worn in warmer weather. Children may only wear black shoes. Trainers of any kind are not permitted. Children are not permitted to wear nail polish or jewellery other than a watch and a small pair of plain studs. Long hair should be tied back using school colours, extreme hair styles i.e shaved, dyed or designs are not permitted. PE uniform should be plain navy or black shorts and the*

*school PE shirt. Plain tracksuit bottoms are acceptable in cold or wet weather. Team sports shirts, shorts or tracksuit bottoms are not permitted under any circumstances.*

*ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME*

*This year we were delighted to receive a further hardship grant from Belfast City Council. We are currently working with our uniform supplier, Truly Fayre to see if we can come to an arrangement regarding school uniform which will benefit all families.*

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## **Shared Education**

P5 and P6 have recently started their Shared Education project with our friends from Old Warren Primary School and Scoil Na Fuiseoige. Their first session was a fun day at Brook Leisure Centre where they had the opportunity to meet up with their friends and play football, badminton, Gaelic as well as spend some time on the inflatables! P3 are looking forward to starting their project this month too!











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**MARCH - INTEGRATED EDUCATION MONTH**

*4 March - Cranmore Community Day*

*5 March - P3 First Confession*

*6 March - World Book Day*

*12 March - P2 Trust Programme Day 2*

*14 March - Green Day - pupils and staff can wear green to celebrate St Patrick's Day*

***17 March - School Closed for St Patrick's Day***

*20 March - P7 Confirmation*

*21 March - P6 Integrated Education Month Assembly*

*21 March - Odd Sock Day to support IEF*

*16 April - Easter Assembly led by P7*

*16 April - School closes at 12 noon for Easter*

*28 April - School reopens*

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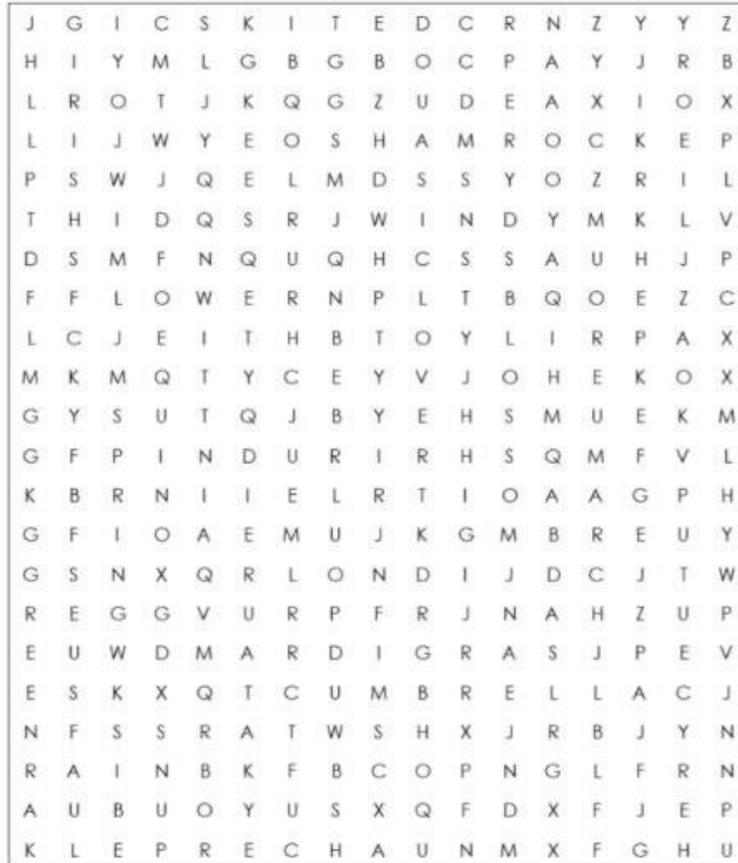
*Q. Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?*

*A. Because he was a little shellfish!*

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# March Word Search



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MARDI GRAS

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WINDY

CLOVER

MARCH

KITE

GREEN

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BLOSSOM

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FLOWER

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