

# Cranmore Integrated Primary and Nursery School Newsletter- June 2025

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# Attendance Matters



*1 - Attendance*

*Whole school attendance for May was 93.1%, below our target of 96%!*

*Class of the month was P6 with 97.5%*

## **Attendance**

Research shows that there are clear links between progress in school and higher levels of attendance. On the front of your child's annual report their yearly percentage attendance figure is written alongside the school average. There will always be times when children need to absent from school due to illness or unavoidable appointments. However, if your child's attendance is below 85% this is a major cause for concern and you need to take action to ensure that their attendance improves in the following year.

Well done to all those children who have had good attendance throughout the year. We had special prizes awarded at the end of each term to recognise perfect attendance and throughout the year the number of pupils whose attendance is very poor has steadily decreased. If you are

experiencing any difficulty with attendance please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible to see what we can do to make things better.



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

*As an integrated school we are intentional and unapologetic about our commitment to ensuring that an integrated and inclusive ethos is to the centre of everything we do. Developing and maintaining an integrated ethos is no easy feat. It takes planning and a determination to keep respect for diversity and a desire to ensure there is learning together at the centre of everything. The Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) have developed a framework and an audit tool to help schools with the ongoing monitoring and development of the promotion of an integrated ethos. The Excellence in Integrated Education Award (EIEA) is awarded to those schools who have engaged in the process which culminates in an assessment to determine if the school can demonstrate sufficient evidence to warrant excellence.*

*In June 2018 we were delighted to receive our first Excellence in Integration Award which acknowledged the many different aspects of our school which at that stage were used to promote integration and inclusion. We were delighted once again to receive our second award in May 2025 which was an opportunity to show the assessors how our school has continued to grow, change and develop in recent years whilst maintaining our passion for bringing the whole school community on our collective journey of reconciliation and promoting good community relations.*

*After a hectic few weeks in Cranmore we were thrilled with this news that reaffirms the dedication and commitment of staff, governors, parents and pupils to the principles of integration. In our school we firmly believe that this is a team effort involving home and school working in partnership. Well done everyone for continuing to keep integration at the heart of everything we do!!*

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# Excellence in Integrated Education Award



We warmly invite you to come and support your children for our annual sports day where they can showcase their athletic talents, teamwork and school spirit.

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Nursery 9.30am – 10.00am

P1 – P4 10:30am – 11.30am

P5 – P7 1.00pm – 2.00pm

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*The Key Stage 2 Sports Day will be taking place on the Malone College 4G pitch!*

### *Time to Shine Fundraising Event*

*On Tuesday 17 June, we will be raising funds in aid of a local Autism support group called 'Shine' who provide invaluable support to children and families within our community. On that day children can wear something bright, colourful or shiny to school and make a donation (we suggest £1 per child) at:*

<https://localgiving.org/charity/shine>

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# ★ YOUR TIME TO SHINE!

FUNDRAISING EVENT  
TUESDAY 17 JUNE

Cranmore Integrated  
Primary & Nursery  
School



Wear something

**BRIGHT,**  
**COLOURFUL** or **SHINY,**  
and make our school sparkle!



Make a donation at  
<https://localgiving.org/charity/shine>







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*As the school year draws to a close, we prepare to bid farewell to several valued members of our staff.*

*After many dedicated years of service to the Cranmore community, both Mrs. Lennon and Mrs. Kavanagh will be retiring at the end of June. Throughout their time with us, they have been deeply committed to supporting our pupils and have made a lasting impact on many lives. Their kindness, professionalism and presence will be truly missed. We are immensely grateful for all they have contributed and wish them both a happy and fulfilling retirement—complete with well-deserved rest and mornings without alarm clocks!*

*We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Joyce, who has been a much-appreciated member of our team over the past few years, first as a Learning Support teacher and more recently as our Primary 5 teacher. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and hard work and we wish her every success in the next chapter of her career.*

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# memo:

**TO:** All Parents / Guardian  
**DATE:** 22 May 2025  
**FROM:** Mr Doherty  
**RE:** End of Term Finish Date

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Please note that the school will finish for the summer on Friday 27 June 2025.

Monday 30 June 2025 will be a Staff Development Day **which children do not attend.**

In order to ease the traffic congestion children in P1-P3 can be collected from the playground at 1.30 pm. P4-P7 can be collected from the front of the school at 1.45 pm. There will be one Translink bus at 1.45 pm.

We are aware that congestion / traffic speed on the laneway is difficult at times and we are currently looking at ways this could be addressed. In the meantime please continue to park responsibly in the designated parking areas and reduce speed while travelling to and from school.

## 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	1	10	8	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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*Transition Support for Pupils.*

*As a school we recognise that this time of year can be difficult for many pupils as they start to prepare for the new school year in a different classroom and with different staff. In Cranmore we have worked hard to take on board what the children have said to us and we have developed a really good support to prepare them for the change that lies ahead in September.*

*Throughout the month of June all pupils will spend around 30 minutes each week with their new teacher and will have an opportunity to talk about what they are worried about as well as what they are looking forward to. They will be able to find out more about their next class and what topics they will be learning about.*

*Teachers are also provided with time to meet with the previous teacher for a handover which allows them to plan for their new class in September and to receive any important information about the incoming class.*

*Primary 7 pupils will over the next few weeks have the opportunity to engage with a variety of programmes to support them in the transition to post primary schools.*

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## Uniform

We expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform. Branded uniform is available at [www.trulyfarebelfast.com](http://www.trulyfarebelfast.com) and other items can be purchased from all retailers such as Tesco, Dunnes, Sainsburys and M & S.

### Boys

Grey trousers  
School sweatshirt  
White crested polo shirt  
Plain black/grey socks Black school shoes

### Girls

Grey Skirt / pinafore / trousers  
School sweatshirt  
White crested polo shirt  
Plain white socks / plain grey tights  
Black school shoes

### *Summer Uniform- Optional*

#### Boys

Grey knee length school shorts  
School sweatshirt  
White crested polo shirt  
Plain black/grey socks  
Black school shoes

#### Girls

Blue gingham dress  
School sweatshirt  
Plain white knee high/ankle socks  
Black school shoes

### PE Uniform

**\*\*Not required for P1 until after Easter holidays**

Plain navy or black shorts  
Plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms  
Black crested PE t-shirt  
Black plimsolls/Trainers

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[www.trulyfarebelfast.com](http://www.trulyfarebelfast.com)

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*Ten Foundations*

*On Monday 16 June we will be welcoming an organisation called 'Ten Foundations' into school between 12.45 and 2.45 pm. They will be selling schoolbags and backpacks.*

Ten Foundations are A non-profit for purpose charity, founded in Belfast by Ian Campbell back in 2012, the Ten Foundations aim is to empower women living in extreme poverty in the Philippines to help them break this cycle that they have always been stuck in.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.tenfoundations.org/>

## Memo

To: All Parents  
 From: Cranmore IPS Parents Council  
 Date: 29 May 2025  
 RE: Summer Barbecue - Friday 13 June 2025



As you are aware, the Cranmore Annual Barbecue will take place in school on **Friday 13 June 2025 from 12:00 noon until 2.00 pm (weather permitting)**. There will be one bus only on this day at 2.00pm. We are all very excited for the day and looking forward to this wonderful occasion for the school community to come together. **Please ensure that all pupils are equipped with whatever they need for the weather on that day (sun cream already applied and water).**

**Children can wear their own clothes on the day- dress for Summer!** A donation of £2 per pupil would be much appreciated to cover some of the costs of the barbecue. The donation can be made on the School Money App or website.

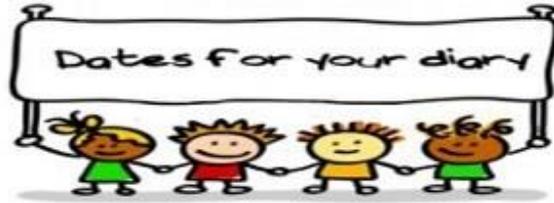
**All children will receive their food and a drink at the beginning of the BBQ (The School will provide this for all children free of cost).**

This year we have worked hard to re-establish a Parents Council and we are grateful to those parents who have given their time to plan our School Barbecue. This year we are going to trial a token system. The following stalls are available with costs shown. Tokens can be ordered in the run up to the Barbecue and there will also be further tokens available to buy on the day. 1 token costs £1.

As everyone's childcare arrangements will differ on this type of day, I would ask you to complete the slip below to let your child's teacher know if you plan on attending the barbecue and if your child will be leaving with you. You can also use the slip to order tokens.

Jungle Show	Free- school cost
Children's BBQ Food & Drink	Free- school cost
Inflatable Bouncy Castle	1 token
Inflatable Assault Course	2 tokens
Inflatable Basketball Game	1 token (3 shots)
Inflatable Axe Throwing	1 token (3 shots)
Inflatable Soccer Shoot Out	1 token (3 shots)
Glitter Tattoos	1 token (2 tattoos)
Soak the Teacher	1 token (2 sponges)
Nails	1 token
Hair Spray/Colour	1 token
Dig for Prizes	1 token
Hook-a-duck	1 token (3 turns – prize for a score of 20)
Sweet Cones	1 or 2 tokens
Lollipop Island	1 token
100 Numbers	1 token
Ladder Game	1 token
Face Painting	1 token
Ice Cream Van	To be confirmed
Raffle	1 token
Burger/Hot Dog (adults)	3 tokens
Juice/Drinks	1 token

Many thanks  
 Parent's Council



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*3 June - P5 trip to Lisburn Linen Museum*

*4 June - P6 Library visit*

*5 June P3 W5 trip*

*5 June - P6 Fighting Words - writing workshop trip*

*5 - Photographer for Nursery / P1 / P7 class photos*

*6 June - Sports Day*

*10 June - P7 trip to Breckenhill*

*11 June - P6 library visit*

*13 June - School BBQ*

*16 June - Nursery graduation - 9am - 1pm*

*16 June - 10 Foundations selling school bags*

*17 June - Time to Shine - fundraising day*

*18 June - P3 Shared Education - final day*

*19 June - P5/6 Shared Education - final day*

*20 June - P7 Leavers Assembly*

*27 June - Final Day of term - one bus only at 1.45pm*

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*This month's joke comes from Shauna in P6:*

*Q. What type of biscuit can fly?*

*A. A plain one!*

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# JUNE WORD SEARCH

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 M V C I J E N J G U X K  
 I N A R Q M O Q B P C V  
 G P N T T M I L D G A C  
 A A O E B U T M B N M O  
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 R W I D D I C Y A O I L  
 K L N N A S A T C S N E  
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Beach	June
Camping	School
Canoeing	Summer
College	Trip
Graduation	Vacation

