

# Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News



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The children and staff are very much looking forward to welcoming Maggie Alphonsi today. What a shame the weather could not hold but the children will do their practical! Rugby in the rain builds character!

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I was delighted to hear from Steve Cowdrey yesterday. He is School Improvement Adviser for the Salisbury Diocese. He shared the National SIAMS annual report for the previous year which highlights strengths seen in SIAMS inspections across the country. It is a really useful read for those due their inspections particularly. This year, it has recognised our school!

113. At Ark St Alban's Academy in the Diocese of Birmingham, the importance of evaluation is well understood. The vision encapsulates the school's belief that each child is unique and that the goal of education is true wisdom. Leaders, including governors, are described as holding the school's priorities with 'relentless determination.' They are 'the plumbline against which all decisions are measured, opportunities examined, and progress evaluated'. As a result, the academy trust and the church are 'strong allies.' This ensures that they are able to support the 'school's astute self-analysis and holistic ambition for fullness of life for all.'
114. In a similar way in the Diocese of Salisbury, governors of Crockerton Church of England Primary School root their monitoring activity in the vision to "Be Joyful, Grow to Maturity, Encourage One Another, Live in Harmony and Peace." They use questions focused on the vision 'as part of their strategic decision-making processes.' One example is the way in which they 'consider if changes/actions are likely to bring more joy to the life of the school.' This forms the basis of regular monitoring and crucially this is coupled with subsequent evaluation of the impact of the vision. In this way, the information gathered is then used to 'plan the next steps for school improvement.'

He went on to say that Nationally, governor evaluation of monitoring is an emerging development area, so we are indeed bucking the trend! For anyone who would like to read more, it is [here](#)! Please let me know if you would like to become a Governor, we do have Foundation Governor roles available.

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This week, we have taken part in a boys' dance workshops and a football tournament – 4 boys from KS2 went to what sounded like a fast and furious dance workshop at Matravers School. Well done boys. We also went to Wylde for the annual Compass Schools football tournament and enjoyed an evening of friendly matches – all hard fought and although we lost 4 of the 5, all matches were really close. Well done to the team! NEXT WEEK – we have both netball and hockey!

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Next week, Year 6 finish their work with the Longleat foresters, by planting the saplings in the grounds of Longleat. They will be working with the Year 6 children from Horningsham. This is another event where a film crew will be with them, filming for Inside Longleat, to be aired in April 2026.

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Please remember, that we have our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. Children will need to be dropped at St Peter and St. Paul's Church in Longbridge Deverill at the times sent out in the email. Our service will begin at 9.20am and be finished before 10am which a bus booked to return the children to school. Please do bring in £2 to help towards transport – anytime from now, in a named envelope. No food donations are needed – although there is a service on Sunday where donations can be given. We will collect for the foodbank for Christmas.

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The book swap shed is in the playground. Please feel free to open it and let your child choose a book to take. It may help the children waiting for KS2 to finish to wait quietly, without disturbing the learning that continues till 3.30pm. Please do supervise your child to choose a suitable book and keep it in an orderly fashion – THANK YOU!

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If anyone is still free on Sunday to help out at school to tidy up the grounds, I would be very grateful for additional volunteers. I know many could do other days, but everyone is welcome.

We have weeding to do on the road, with a hedge trimming there and on the playground. Plus, we have so many leaves and acorns on the ground that leaf blowing and sweeping is always a fun autumn activity! Plus, there is a group working on the shelter for the steps!

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We would love to have some more help in school during the school day. Volunteers for afternoon reading and passport work in all classes would be great. We are also on the look out for anyone who could help for 1 hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, serving up food and clearing up the kitchen. Please drop me a message if you can help on any of these days.

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If your children would be interested in a **netball club** on Thursdays after school, I have a parent who would be interested in running this. For starters, I am offering this to Year 4/5 and there will be a small cost – I hope to buy new netballs and bibs.

Please email me if your child would be interested – even if Year 3 or 6, incase there is space.

On Friday next week, Guss is taking a team to Dauntsey School for a friendly **hockey tournament** for Year 5/6. Please let me know if your child would like to give this a go! We will leave a bit earlier to try and have a bit of a practise session when we arrive. Guss coaches at West Wilts Hockey club on a Wednesday evening so please speak to her, if your child would be interested in joining.

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