

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

This term our Values focus on Friendship <https://crockerton.wilts.sch.uk/>



We had a fantastic talk from **Maggie Alphonsi** last Friday. The children, and staff loved hearing about her World Cup dream which eventually came true, after much disappointment, in 2014. I do have a few more signed books, available before they are returned to Winstone's bookshop, early next week.

Keeping with the sporting theme, we continue to take part in lots of local events. This week has been no exception. 10 children went to Kingdown for a **netball festival** where leaders from the secondary school coached them through some drills. They finished by playing a small sided game – the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Netball club starts next week – bear with me while I check numbers – Year 4/5 priority for this in the first instance with a small cost, so that I can buy some new netballs.

Tonight 10 children from Foresters have taken part in a mixed **hockey festival** at Dauntsey's School – most playing hockey for the first time! Thank you to all the adults who have taken the children over, and supported them with this.

Next week, there is a Y3/4 **Dodgeball** event – I am trying to invite different children who have not yet taken part in events. This is a Compass School event and please check your emails as we are meeting at the Bath Arms, Crockerton for a bus.

To finish off a busy couple of weeks of physical activity, there is a Year 2 **Hobby Horse** gymkhana on Thursday. Please return your slips so that I can finalise plans to getting the children to the Sports Centre.

Thank you to all who have signed up to **parent's evening**. All meetings will be in the new KS2 building, in Foresters classroom. Please go up the ramp and wait in the corridor for your appointment. Please also remember these are only 10 minutes long and if we run late, it has a big impact on others. Many thanks.

On Monday, we have **individual photos** with David Wiltshire. It is completely up to parents, if you would like your Thatcher in school uniform, rather than PE kit. We do orienteering on a Monday, so uniform will be absolutely fine!

Thank you to everyone who came to **Harvest** on Tuesday – what a joyful occasion in St Peter and St Paul's church. Thank you to all parents/carers who dropped at the church and donated a couple of pounds for coaches back! It's never too late for a donation and very much appreciated!

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HOT OFF THE PRESS... **Wednesday 3rd December** – pupils who are looking to start school in September 2026 – we have an Open Morning to make Christmas Decorations 11-12am.

Year 6s had a fantastic time at **Longleat** to plant their saplings with Y6 children from Horningsham School. They will be given a What3Words so they know which is their tree! Thank you to Mrs Jarvie and Mrs Massey for attending with them. What a brilliant opportunity for them – look out for the Inside Longleat TV programme in the Spring as they were being filmed!

Thatchers' have their class visit to the **Army Flying Museum** on Friday next week. This has been a very popular trip in the past and I hope they all have a great day. Thank you all for slips and voluntary contributions.

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.

Term 1 finishes on 22nd October at usual home times. Late Club is also available on this day.

We start again on Tuesday 4th November. Apologies that there is no TD Wrap Around Day Care on Monday 3rd November – all staff are involved in training on this occasion.

We do have **TD days on the 5th January and 20th May 2026** – if you are interested in day care on these dates, please do let me know. If we have at least 8, I would be willing to run this 'Fun Club' at school again, if I can find staff willing! Please email directly over the next 2 weeks. Many thanks.



Using our thousands of acorns for some creative art!

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