

Crockerton Church of England Primary School Weekly News

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



This year – we are celebrating Crockerton School's 180 years!

On **Friday 11th July 2025, 4pm – 6.30pm**, we are having a BBQ, Bar and Games evening on the top field with a sponsored Colour Run to finish. A letter is out – we need to know approximate numbers for the event to ensure the right amount of food and drink is purchased – but also the children who would like to take part in a dodgeball tournament, golf competition and Tug of War – all part of a friendly House event! As well as ensuring enough coloured powder is available for our run!

This week, Thatchers visited Langford lakes to support their science curriculum. The workshops were great and the children, as always, were a credit to the school and this was acknowledged by the staff at Langford Lakes.

Children in Year 5 and 6 entered a Cricket tournament for schools in Westbury and Warminster. After the first round of matches, we were unbeaten and topped the table. We progressed to the semi-final but Bratton just beat us. The children were particularly strong in the field, with some fabulous bowling and fielding. They should be very proud of being beaten semi-finalists and just missed out on qualifying for the finals in Urchfont.

Potters started their **swimming** on Tuesday – they did so well, both in the pool and changing!

We welcomed our **new families** who are due to start in September'25 this week. There will be 11/12 new children due to start. At the end of June, we also have a new boy starting in Potters which takes that cohort to a maximum of 18 – so 11/12 is our maximum for next year too. Great to see Crockerton School full!

We have the **swimming gala** fast approaching – I will be picking the squad and sending letters out to those chosen to represent the school. There are some fun events as well as 25m races – some children will be in 4 races and some doing just 1 – but it is lovely to have this back on the school calendar. Well done to those selected, I know many may be disappointed so please do explain that sadly I can not take all swimmers to this event. Parents will need to collect from Warminster Sports Centre at about 2.40pm (a busy time due to Kingdown School's 'home-time').

This week has been **assessment week** for Year 4s and Year 1s. Year 4 have a multiplication timestable check, answering questions that pop up on the screen up to 12 x 12, with only 6 seconds to answer each. They gave 100% effort – some children will need further practise as they head into upper Key stage 2 and I urge all parents to keep this knowledge fresh so that their maths fluency continues into Year 5 and 6. Year 1s had their phonics screening, an annual check to assess their ability to decode words using phonics. It consisted of 40 words (20 real words and 20 pseudo-words) that children read aloud and again will identify children who may need further support with phonics as they head into Year 2. Please do continue to read with your child every night, especially over the Summer holidays so that they continue to embed these sounds and are ready for the Year 2 phonics curriculum.

Open Day at Kingdown School is on Thursday 26th June 2025 – I would highly recommend a visit if your child is approaching secondary school age!

Could I politely ask that KS1 children wait patiently for their KS2 siblings on the front playground at home time. KS2 are working up to 3.30pm and obviously have their windows open now too – this is quite a distraction to the children at this time. Please do use the Book Swap while waiting – but please no running around playing tag or climbing over the tables. Many thanks.

Please remember, children are expected to wear **correct school uniform** – only plain black trainers should be worn with uniform – navy blue tailored shorts too please. Stud earrings, plain simple hair bands and all hair should be tied back for safety and nit reasons! Socks should be plain. Many thanks for supporting your child with this.

On the 22nd July, our whole school walks starts with drop off at Heaven's Gate at the usual drop off time. We play at Heaven's Gate for 90 minutes or so and then head down to Shearwater Lake for lunch, before then heading back to school. Parents – young children and dog-free - are welcome to join us.

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Head Teacher Certificates: Going Above and Beyond this week!

Josh – Well done to Josh, who I spotted trying so hard to listen and improve his ball rolling skills in PE this week – it was not always easy, with gusts of wind but I could see he was really challenging himself and following instructions brilliantly.

Elsie – has been awarded the **Spirit of Potters** because of her determination to keep going in swimming, despite being worried.

Finley - has been awarded the **Spirit of Thatchers** because he has shown care and patience when decoding words.

George S - has been awarded the **Spirit of Weavers** because of his outstanding detail in planning for English.

Millie – has been awarded the **Spirit of Foresters** because of her superb contributions to our 'Pig Heart Boy' discussions in Just Read, this week.

Vision and Values Recognition

Molly – for being such a loyal and good friend. We are very proud of you Molly.

Jack O – for his mature attitude and perseverance to say the sounds and read the words.

Teddy – for maturely helping and encouraging those around you in computing.

Olivia – for maturely stepping in to help KS1 lunchtime tidy up duty – thank you so much!

Highest Dojo Scorer in each class

Poppy, Rufus, Charlie M and Alys – for demonstrating our Vision, Values and Rules during the school week.

Writing Bags – for your brilliant writing this week

Aderyn, Anya, Seth

PLEASE RETURN THESE BOOKS BY TUESDAY.

Lunchtime Awards:

Cole and Isaac for playing so maturely on the Timber Trail together

Classes with good attendance at 95% or better:

Potters 96% Thatchers 99% Weavers 98% Foresters 99% - That's better!

Cley Hill 99 Shearwater 92 Longleat 85 Wyllye 63

Overall: Cley Hill 74 Longleat 63 Shearwater 81 Wyllye 75

Jessica

Orla M

Penelope

Isla

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