



Friday 9th May  
2025

# The CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE

## HEADTEACHER'S EDITION

### MESSAGES

This week, we marked the 80th anniversary of **VE Day** by welcoming 99-year-old Royal Navy veteran Harry (Henry) Rice to school. It was a humbling experience and we're proud to have been featured on page 5 of the Daily Express yesterday alongside him.

Next week, **SATs** begin for our Year 2 and Year 6 children. Please make sure your child is in school every day and arrives on time; it really does make a big difference.

Good luck to all these children next week. We know you've been working hard. Just do your best, and always remember how proud we are of you.

Next week is also **Mental Health Awareness Week**. As part of this, I've included some helpline information later in the newsletter. Please remember that support is always available.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Kate Pelazza**  
**Headteacher**

# Dates for your diary

**Mental Health Awareness Week**

WC 12<sup>th</sup> May

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**Year 6 SATs**

WC 12<sup>th</sup> May

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**Year 2 SATs**

WC 12<sup>th</sup> May

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**3:20pm - PTA Ice Lolly, Uniform and Book Sale**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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**2:30pm - Year 5 University of Surrey Presentation to Parents**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

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**Final After-School Club of this Half-Term**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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**Half-Term**

WC 26<sup>th</sup> May

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All calendar dates can be found on our [website!](#)

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**Cranleigh C of E  
Primary**





## This week at Cranleigh

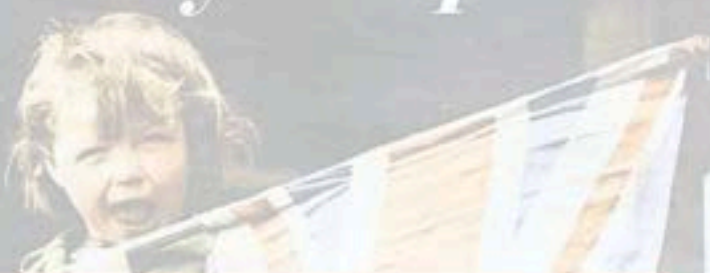
On Wednesday, we were honoured to welcome 99-year-old WWII veteran **Harry (Henry) Rice** to school as part of our VE Day anniversary commemorations. *The Daily Express* visited to cover his story, which made their national paper yesterday; a fitting tribute to a remarkable man and a memorable moment for our school.





## BRITAIN REMEMBERS THE VE DAY SPIRIT 80 YEARS ON

*'Homes were ruined, people had died but there was a sense of hope in our small community. People knew there were better days ahead'*



### OUR WARTIME HEROES

## Generations come together



### COMMENT

WES STREETING

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For the younger kids, it's the history of the greatest war fought in the Second World War. I think it's a great opportunity for our Armed Forces and civil service.

They are heroes, and when they stand in front of us, they tell us the hard work we can do. The effort, the sacrifice, the health, the courage that got them through the war, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds.

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### Care

By supporting every part of the professional care system, we can ensure that our veterans and their families are supported in the best possible way. This is a great opportunity for our Armed Forces and civil service. They are heroes, and when they stand in front of us, they tell us the hard work we can do. The effort, the sacrifice, the health, the courage that got them through the war, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds.

### WW2 museums land Lotto £14m

By Karen Brooker

A Northampton Lottery Museum Trust has won a £14m prize from the National Lottery. The money will be used to improve the museum's facilities and to support the work of the museum's staff. This is a great opportunity for our Armed Forces and civil service. They are heroes, and when they stand in front of us, they tell us the hard work we can do. The effort, the sacrifice, the health, the courage that got them through the war, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds, the fact that they were there, despite the enormous odds.

### EXTRA

Visit us at [www.express.co.uk](http://www.express.co.uk) to see the full story.



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Maureen Union rubble









## This week at Cranleigh

On Tuesday, the team from the University of Surrey visited Year 5 as part of their '***How to Keep Your Classroom Clean***' initiative. The children took part in fun, hands-on activities, including testing how clean their classroom really is, and are now excited to visit the University campus next week to analyse the results!







## THIS WEEK AT CRANLEIGH

On Tuesday evening, Miss Killick and I visited Cranleigh Arts Centre to see our pupils' artwork being displayed, along with pieces from other local schools. We were especially proud to see Fynley and Davut's winning entries in the 'Face in the Trees' competition. Well done to all our talented pupils!







## This week at Cranleigh

We had another lunchtime visit from the Police on Tuesday. The children are growing more confident around them and really enjoyed their chats. It was lovely to see them asking questions and learning more about how to stay safe and the important role the police play in our community.







# Faith

On Monday 12th May, Buddhists around the world will be celebrating Vesak, also known as Buddha Day. It is a special time that marks the birth, enlightenment, and passing of the Buddha.



Some families in our school community are Buddhist, and this festival is an important part of their faith. People often visit temples, light lanterns, and take time to reflect on kindness, peace, and mindfulness.

At school, we enjoy learning about different beliefs and traditions, and Vesak is a great opportunity to understand more about Buddhism and the values it teaches.





Our Compassion Tree  
shining bright with our  
children's acts of kindness!



# Congratulations!

## House Points

Pioneers

962

Explorers

974

Discoverers

991

Adventurers

977

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK	HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	House point winners
Robins	Alaia-Rose	Mary Kate	Mary Kate, Leon, Kathleen
Sparrows	Grace	Tommy	Sebastian, Angela, Matilda
Owls	River	Storm	Phoebe, Larosa, Tommy
Swans	Sian	Adam	Jathisan, Leo, Rose
Kingfishers	William	Timothy	Mary, Tracy, Cassie
Heron	William	Jaymee-Leigh	Reggie, Lochie, Chloe
Cranes	Alex	Bella	Radek, Seb, Annie

## Weekly Attendance Winners

YEAR 2

YEAR 4

YEAR 5





# ATTENDANCE

## Penalty Notices

**If you take your children out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:**

- 1.** If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 2.** If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 3.** If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.



# ATTENDANCE:

## PUNCTUALITY REMINDER

If your child arrives after the register closes at 8:55am, they will receive a late mark.

**These late marks contribute to periods that may result in a **fine**.**

We will soon be sending letters to families whose children are regularly arriving late and who may now be at risk of a fine.

Arriving late means your child may miss the beginning, or even all, of a lesson. This can have a significant impact on their learning, as they may not understand what to do.

**Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8:50am each day.**

If you're experiencing difficulties getting your child to school on time, please speak to a member of our team; we're here to help.







# Safeguarding Contacts

If you have any concerns regarding a child, please ask to speak to one of our safeguarding team below straight away:

**K. Pelazza:** Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

**J. Mills:** SENDCo / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

**N. Jackson:** Assistant SENDCo / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

**T. Church:** Thrive Practitioner / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

**M. Parry:** Local Committee Safeguarding Lead

**The Good Shepherd Trust** [contacts](#)

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

### 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modeling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

### 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

### 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

### 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

### 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

### 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

### 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

### 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

### 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

### 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

### Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



# Mental Health Helplines (UK)



**SAMARITANS**

**CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY**

If you're in Wales:



If you're under 25:

**THE MIX**

**shout**  
**85258**

**0300 123 3393**

Open 9am-6pm weekdays

**116 123**

Always open

**0800 58 58 58**

Open 5pm - midnight

**0800 132 737**

Always open

**0808 808 4994**

Open 4pm - 11pm

**Text shout to  
85258 for free**





**Worried about money?**

**Call 0300 222 5782**

Open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

**Worried about addiction?**

Click **HERE**

**Looking for bereavement support?**

Click **HERE**

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Click **HERE**

**For support with LGBTQIA+ mental health**

Click **HERE**



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# HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND

