Don't forget to join our new Facebook group, you will need to answer Membership questions - this is to keep our online community safe & secure!

The Crescent Academy Newsletter

#AutumnDays | October 2026 | #ColderMornings







Head Teacher's Welcome

What a fantastic start we have made to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see our children settle so quickly into their new classes, embrace new routines and approach their learning with such enthusiasm. Walking around the academy, there is already a real sense of purpose, positivity and pride, and I would like to thank our families for the support you have given in helping make the start of the year so successful.

We have already had plenty to celebrate. In particular, our Year 6 residential visits to Cornwall have been a huge success. Our children have thrown themselves into every opportunity, demonstrating independence, resilience and teamwork while creating memories that we hope will stay with them for many years to come. We have been incredibly PROUD of the way they have represented The Crescent Academy, and our thanks go to the staff who have worked so hard to make these experiences possible.

There is also so much to look forward to as we move further into the autumn term. From special events and curriculum experiences to opportunities for parents and carers to join us in school, the weeks ahead promise to be busy and exciting.
If you are out and about around Stoke this weekend, please remember it's the Potters Arf on Sunday which I am running again and so cheers of support are as welcome as always!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to sharing many more successes and celebrations with you throughout the term.

Adam Clewes

Coming up this month and next...

OCTOBER 2026

- 5th Disco Tickets go on sale
- 5th Cornwall Sharing Assembly for Visit 1
- 7th Year 2 Parents invited to story time at 3pm
- 8th 9.30 & 2.30 Year 1 parents phonics workshop
- 12th Year 5 Bikeability Week
- 12th Cornwall Sharing Assembly for Visit 2
- 13th Year 1 Parents invited to story time at 3pm
- 14th Autumn Discos
- 15th Spelling Bee Part 1

NOVEMBER 2026

- 2nd Celebrations of the Nations SMSC Day
- 9th No after school clubs this week
- 11th Parents' Evening
- 20th Season 1 Reveal
- 22nd Paris International Visit 1
- 26th Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donations
- 27th School closed for INSET day
- 30th Final Week of clubs
- 30th Non Uniform Day for Bottle Donations

shout out

Miss Payne
Before & After School Club Leader



For those children who have an early start to the day or a late end, there is one familiar face always ready and waiting to greet them - Miss Payne. Then she gets to work making sure there is snack for 700. Miss Payne has worked at The Crescent for 18 years and it is safe to say that she has a special place in all our hearts; just as all the children have a special place in hers! Thank you for the early mornings, the late evenings and the unwaivering dedication you show!



Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance

This year, we are making a small change to the way we organise our Key Stage 2 Christmas performance.

Rather than every child taking part, the performance will be produced by those children who have chosen to sign up to our Performing Arts Club.

We know that Christmas performances are a real highlight for some children, who absolutely love being on stage, learning lines, singing, dancing and performing for an audience. However, we also know from listening to our older children that this is not something that everybody enjoys. For some pupils, the weeks of rehearsals and the prospect of performing on stage can be something they would rather not take part in.

Just as we provide additional opportunities for children who have a particular passion for sport, art or other areas of school life, we want to give our budding actors, singers and performers the opportunity to really showcase their talents.

By making the performance part of our club offer, those children who genuinely love the performing arts can choose to be involved and work together to create something really special.

Fear not – Christmas certainly isn't being cancelled at The Crescent! There will still be plenty of festive activities, celebrations and special experiences for all of our children throughout December. We fully intend to celebrate Christmas in style and make sure that the end of the autumn term remains a magical and memorable time for everyone!





Growing Something Special!

A huge thank you to some very generous members of our local community who have helped us get our new after-school Gardening Club off to a fantastic start! We are incredibly grateful to Paul Buckley and Peter Nixon from Blythe Bridge Rotary Club for providing the funding for our brand-new greenhouse, and to Peter Shelley from Shelltech Services for kindly installing it for us. Our thanks also go to Barbara Nixon, who has very generously made aprons for our budding gardeners! Paul has gone even further, purchasing a fantastic selection of equipment; including gardening gloves, compost, tidy trays, scoops, pots and hydrangea bulbs, helping to make sure our children have everything they need to get growing. We have also been fortunate enough to be gifted our very own composting bins. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful support – our Gardening Club now has all the ingredients to flourish, and we cannot wait to see what our children grow!

Pictured from left to right are Peter, Barbara and Paul.



The children have been bringing our PROUD values to life... and what better way of doing this than with our competitive curriculum?

The following competitions have already got our 4 new captains competitively counting points!

P - Pride: *Videos to celebrate what makes us proud about our school*

R - Resilience: Showing we could communicate without words.

O - Open-Hearted: *Posters to show kind qualities*

U - Unique: *Portraits of our team mates*

D - Determination: TBC... Coming next week!

An extra date for the diary!



Family/sibling and inidividual pictures will be taken on December 2nd. If you would like your children to have their photograph together, please bring them to school from 8am until 9am. Individual photos of all children will be taken during the school day.