



Friday 6th December
2024

The **CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE**

HEADTEACHER'S EDITION

MESSAGES

It's been a productive and festive week at school as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Pupils have been busy rehearsing for various Christmas events and decorating areas of the school, creating a wonderful atmosphere across the school.

We're especially looking forward to our upcoming choir performances. The choir will be singing at Manns Lodge Nursing Home on 10th December and at the Baptist Church on the evening of 11th December.

Thank you to all who are supporting our children at these events – it's always a pleasure to see our school community come together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kate Pelazza
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

10am: SCOPAY booking system for after-school clubs opens

Monday 9th December

School Choir performing at Manns Lodge Nursing Home

Tuesday 10th December

9:30am & 2pm: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity to parents/carers

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December

Christmas lunch

Monday 16th December

1:45pm: Year 4 Carol Service at St. Nicolas Church

Wednesday 18th December

1:15pm: Last day of term

Friday 20th December

Children's first day back

Tuesday 7th January 2025

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



**Cranleigh C of E
Primary**



Faith

In this week's assembly, we focused on the theme of **TRUST** as part of our preparations for Advent and Christmas. We discussed how Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming," marks the time when Christians prepare for the arrival of Jesus. We explored the significance of the purple and gold colours used during this season, symbolising preparation and celebration.

The children enjoyed a thoughtful discussion around 'The Annunciation', a famous painting by Fra Angelico, which depicts the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary. This led us into the story of Mary, an ordinary girl from Nazareth who trusted God's plan for her despite feeling afraid and unsure.



Through carols such as *Angels from the Realms of Glory* and *Once in Royal David's City*, we celebrated the joy and hope of the season. The story of Mary reminded us all that trusting in God can turn ordinary moments into something extraordinary.



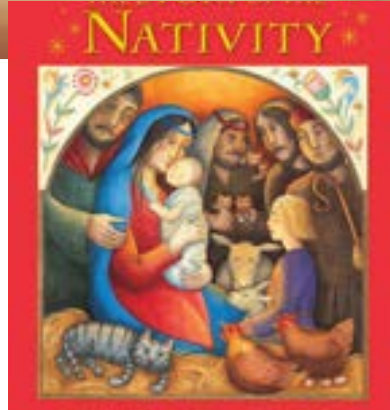
Christmas stories for children



The Christmas Star

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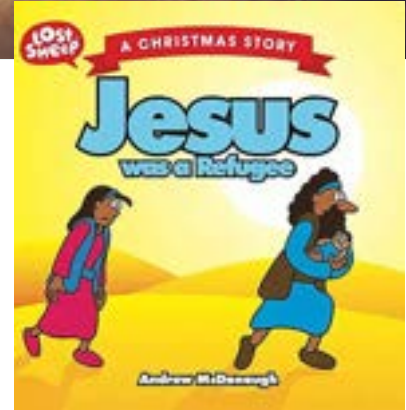
A lovely board book formatted rhyming story about the day Baby Jesus was born.



The Story of the Nativity

Description

A traditional retelling of the first Christmas with echoes of the gospels and a gentle storytelling style.



Jesus was a Refugee

Description

This story is based on that unsettling bit of the Christmas story in Mathew 2:1-23: Mary and Joseph's escape to Egypt to save their son.



A Christmas Journey

Description

This book tells the whole story from Creation to Christmas. It acknowledges the child's love of all things festive, then begins its journey at creation where God's perfect world is quickly spoiled.



On Angel Wings

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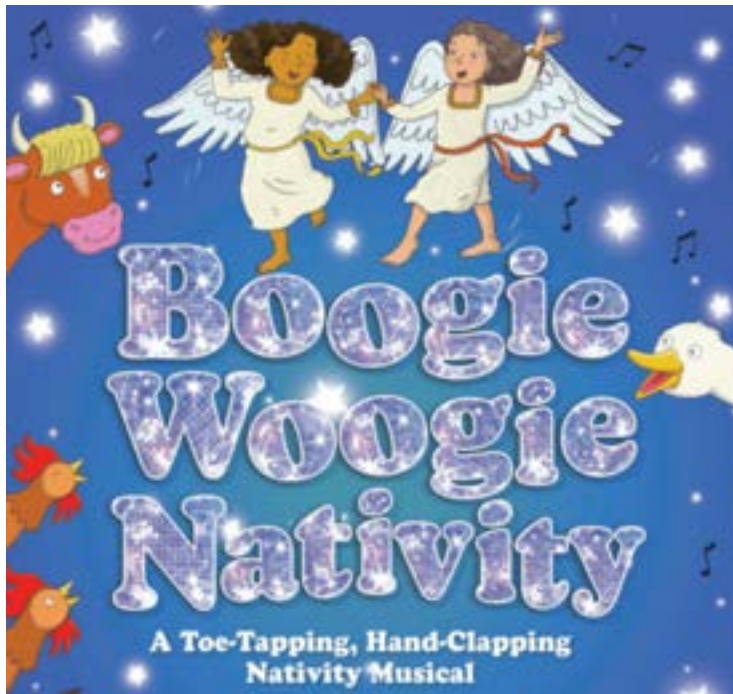
A reworking of the Nativity, beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake.



The Glorious Impossible

Description

The birth of Jesus was a Glorious Impossible. Like love, it cannot be explained, it can only be rejoiced in. And that is what master storyteller Madeleine L'Engle does.



THIS WEEK AT CRANLEIGH

The Reception and Key Stage One children have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming Nativity production. With festive songs, cheerful costumes, and lots of enthusiasm, the children are working hard to bring the Christmas story to life. All tickets for the 12th December performances have now sold out.

We hope you enjoy the show!





THIS WEEK AT CRANLEIGH

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed decorating the real Christmas tree in our lobby on Monday, all while dancing to festive Christmas songs!

Their hard work and creativity have truly brought Christmas to Cranleigh! Thank you to **Sebastian, Madison, Jacob, Joseph, Ruby, Klaudija** and **Mia** for their creativity and effort. And thank you to Santa Fir for donating the tree!

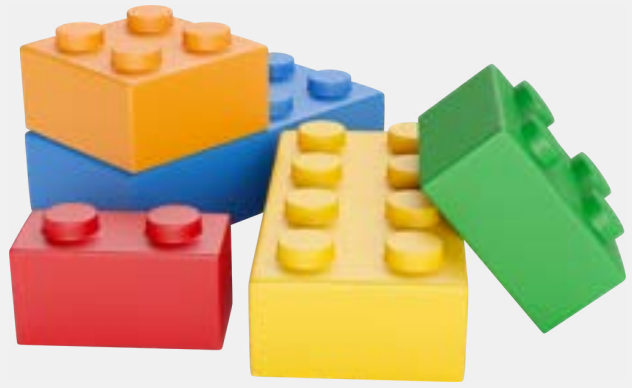




This week at Cranleigh

Year 1 children had a fantastic time baking gingerbread men to kick off their new Writing text, *The Gingerbread Man*. This fun activity really brought the story to life. The children were excited to see if their gingerbread men could “run, run, as fast as they can!”





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring Term Schedule

We have listened to your feedback and, as a result, are now allowing both KS1 and KS2 pupils to attend our Monday and Wednesday clubs, which were previously split by age group.

From 13th January to 2nd April 2025, 3:30-4:30pm:

MONDAYS: Football Club (*Years 1 to 6*)

TUESDAYS: Art Club (*All year groups*)

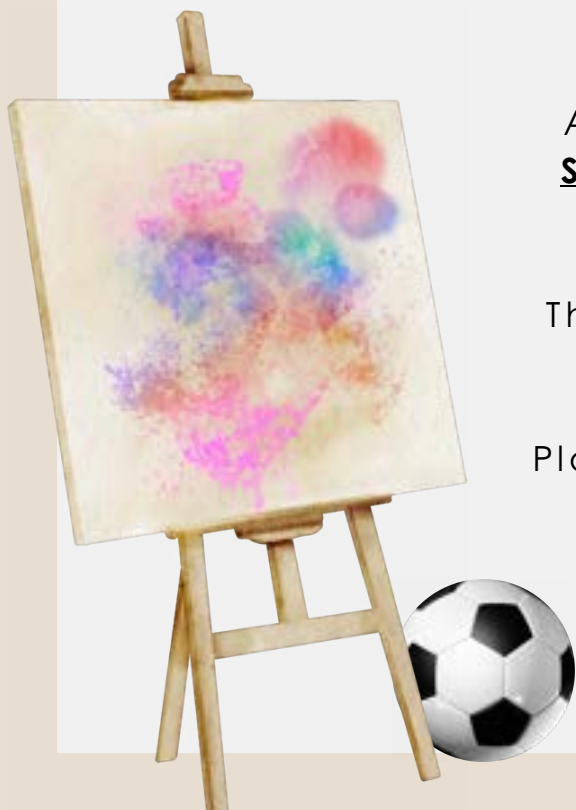
WEDNESDAYS: Dodgeball (*Years 1 to 6*)

THURSDAYS: LEGO and Board Games (*All year groups*)

All bookings must be made via **SCOPAY** (payment details have been emailed home today).

The system will open at 10am on Monday.

Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.



GOAL!



Inter-School Football Competition

Last Friday, **Year 3** and **Year 5** pupils represented our school in an exciting football competition against other local schools. Both teams played with great enthusiasm and teamwork, showcasing their skills.

Year 3 had an exceptional performance, finishing in joint 2nd place—a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all the players for their effort and dedication, and to Mrs Domican for organising.

Congratulations!

House Points

Pioneers

1180

Explorers

1468

Discoverers

1162

Adventurers

1105

| CLASS | STAR OF THE WEEK | HEADTEACHER'S AWARD | House Point Winners |
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| Robins | Lola | Isabella | Alfie, Georgie, Alaia-Rose |
| Sparrows | Cole | Renee | Matilda, Willow, Shay |
| Owls | Isaac | Evie | George, Michael, Isabelle |
| Swans | Amelia-Maria | Sian | Lukian, Amelia, Rose |
| Kingfishers | Daniel | Leighton | Layla, Tracy, Mary |
| Hérons | William | Charlie | Reggie, Raf, Chloe |
| Cranes | Savannah | Dexter | Hania, Naz, Bonnie |

Weekly Attendance Winners

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 5





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)

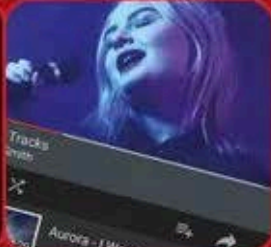
K. Meade: Assistant SENDCo / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

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

The Good Shepherd Trust [contacts](#)



YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM
YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS
On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS
As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING
When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can have any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS
As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.



Top Tips for Parents



TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE
'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content - you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

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| Desktop: | Mobile: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'. To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings'. Click on 'Restricted mode filtering'. Press 'Restrict'. |

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT
By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS
When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING
The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubeers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

NEW FEATURES
DIGITAL WELLBEING
YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN
A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES
If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

POPULAR YOUTUBE GAMERS
There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTubeers are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

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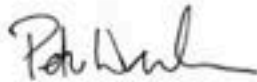
NSPCC

Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

Cranleigh Church of England Primary

A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in Speak out. Stay safe, with Buddy.



Peter Wanless
Chief Executive

Date: November 2024

Thank you for
helping to keep
more children safe!



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

A lovely acknowledgement from the NSPCC:

“I just wanted to say a massive thank you for your support in delivering our programme to your pupils this term.

It was a delight to work with you and visit your pupils for your workshops.”

Christmas Cards



Our school post box will be open on Monday in the shared area for the children to post cards to their friends!

Please let them know they can post them as soon as they enter in the morning.



Community
Notices



THANK YOU

Cranleigh C of E Primary School

for raising a fantastic

£139.00

The money you have raised will be used
to help change the lives of children and
young people facing disadvantage in
communities across the UK.

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