Thank you It is with great pleasure that I write this newsletter as newly appointed Head teacher of Archbishop Cranmer and I would like to thank you all very much for all the many kind messages of support I have received since my appointment. I have written an introductory letter to all parents – please find this on our website. Wishing you all a restful and happy half term break and we will look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd June.

Well done Year 6! Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have taken SATs in their stride. We are so proud of them and they should be very proud of themselves. They have all worked hard and approached their tests with a positive and mature attitude, just as they have approached their work all year. They enjoyed a well-deserved picnic (accompanied by some teddies) on Friday. Early on Monday morning they set off on their Ashbourne adventure and are enjoying an exciting week, including Alton Towers, a theatre trip, raft building, swimming, coal mining museum, cinema, skiing, water world, to name just a few of the activities!

Secret Agent Training Our Year 2 children also worked on their end of year assessments last week but this year we decided to do something a little different in KS1 and instead of mentioning SATs in class, the children embarked on exciting Secret Agent Training! All the children enjoyed wearing their Secret Agent I.D cards to show they were working on a special assignment! Well done to all of the children for their hard work! We are very proud of you!

Keep up to date! If you haven’t downloaded the FREE Twitter app then please do, if only to follow @AslocktonSchool. Parents are saying this is excellent for seeing all the amazing ‘Beyond Expectation’ things the children get up to every day at school!
Year 4 and 5 had a fantastic time on their Lincolnshire coast residential.

They played games on the beach, learned circus skills, played golf, plunged off great heights with a ‘leap of faith’, took on the climbing wall, had fun in a swimming pool with slides and did lots more! Big thanks to Miss Wilkinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs Wicks and Mr Kahn who took such good care of them whilst they were away. Great to hear that residential centre staff and visitors commented on our children’s impeccable manners and Take Care attitude. What impressive ambassadors for school they are!

Garden Angels! A huge thank you to Mrs Page and Border Control who arrived at school with an abundance of garden tools and plants and worked tirelessly all day, planting our front entrance borders and planters. Our Plot to Pot club members donned their gardening gloves on and joined in, working very hard. What a difference this has made and we hope you are enjoying looking at the marvellous colourful display as you approach school. Thank you very much to the kind parents who donated plants and watering cans too! The children are enjoying watering the new borders and taking care of our new plants. Read all about us in the article from the Newark Advertiser.

https://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/news/school-adds-a-splash-of-colour-9068799/

If you would like Julie Page to take ‘Border Control’ in your garden then pick up a card from the school office!
Sports news

We are great sports people at Archbishop Cranmer. Just look at what we have been up to in May!

Our year 3/4 boys thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Cricket festival. Year 4/5 golfers teed off in the Rushcliffe Tri-golf competition and our Y5/6 netballers won their first two games in the Rushcliffe Hi5 Netball Competition. We have also had ten table tennis players playing in the Nottinghamshire schools table tennis league, Year 5 children passing their level 1 and 2 safe cycling course and year 3 and 4 receiving weekly Kwik Cricket coaching from the Belvoir Cricket club! Amazing achievements everyone!

Get involved - look at the diary on the website to see what great clubs we have for all year groups!

Curriculum News from this week

Foundation have been developing ‘out of this world’ awe, wonder and imagination with their space topic. Year 1 farmers cultivating their crops in their topic Farm to Fork.

Class 2 have been retelling the parable of The Lost Sheep using story cubes and Class 3/4 have done a practical investigation of the digestive system.

Classes 4/5/6 held Wacky Races with elastic powered buggies. Great teamwork and engineering!
This half term our Christian Value focus has been **Love**. The value of ‘Love’ underpins everything we do in school. We believe that through a focus on Love by working together as part of a strong and supportive family, we can all achieve more – socially, emotionally and academically.

Matthew 22:38 “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

Next term our Christian Value focus is **Thankfulness**. We will look at why being thankful is important.

Thessalonians 5:18 *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

How do we show Thankfulness in school?

- We show our appreciation for pupil’s achievements by giving praise, stickers and certificates to them.
- We know that having food, clothes and lovely things is a blessing and not a right.
- We show our thankfulness through our support to charities that help others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.
- We give thanks to God through our hymns and our prayers.
- We learn to be thankful for the skills of others and the ways in which they enrich our lives.
- We say thank you to each other and know that saying thank you is important and polite.

Find out how you can involved as a family


Some great prayer resources for the family can be found here

[https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-adventure-map](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-adventure-map)

We are all looking forward to **Thy Kingdom Come** Prayer Day after half term, where we will all be taking part in lots of activities to join in this global prayer movement that invites Christians from around the world to pray for more people to know Jesus.

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**Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club -- Art and Photographic competition - Press release**

This is the Fourth year that we have organised this Art competition which for the first time included a Photographic competition and is open to all the Junior schools in Radcliffe /Bingham / Cotgrave and the villages in the Vale. The theme this year was **Our Countryside** with prizes being awarded to the winners in each of two categories ie Key stage years 3 / 4 and years 5 / 6, as well as the winning school receiving a donation to their Art department. Additionally a Best in Class in each of the categories was chosen from the entries submitted by each of the participating schools and from which the winning entries were chosen.

Eight schools took part with 158 entries and again standards were high.

Our thanks to Long Acre Studios in Bingham and the Arts Society Trent Valley for their support.

**One of the winners for Art was Leila Rose Johnson (Year 4, Archbishop Cranmer)**

The winning and Best in Class Artwork is being exhibited at the Bingham Library until 31st May so go along and have a look!
Website  Please check our updated website regularly – copies of letters are now under the Parents information tab, along with an up to date diary of up and coming events. We recommend that you download the FREE TheSchoolApp so you can stay even more connected and get the latest diary dates, letters and notifications on the move. The App makes viewing the school website on your mobile phone clear and easy! Here’s why:

Saves you time
As a parent, it can be challenging to keep up with what’s going on at your child’s school. Letters that don’t make it home, emails tucked away deep in your inbox and not having enough time to check the calendar days.

Stay in the loop
All of this can lead to you feeling in the dark, missing some key school deadlines and alas sometimes missing a cake sale day!

Quick and easy
So, wouldn’t it be great if there was one single place where all this communication and information could be accessed quickly and easily?

Introducing, TheSchoolApp
We use TheSchoolApp. The app is a mobile app that has been designed to help improve the communication between parents and schools; helping you to stay in the loop.

How it works   Easy to set up - quick to use.
1. Visit the App / Play store.
2. Search for TheSchoolApp.
3. Click download.
5. Search and select Archbishop Cranmer Academy NG
6. Stay up to date with the latest news from your school.
7. See upcoming calendar events.
8. Notifications to keep you in the loop.

Attendance  Well done to Class 6 for the highest attendance again this week with 100%. Can Clive Cranmer, our Attendance Bear go with you to Ashbourne?

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Achievements at home. Please let us know about any ‘out of school’ achievements. Email your child’s news and a photo to the school office for publication in our next newsletter and maybe a slot on our new Gallery of Excellence! We always want to hear about the activities the children enjoy success in out of school and want to celebrate the children’s achievements in school!

PTA News  The Friends of Archbishop Cranmer School have signed up to the easy fundraising scheme. This scheme has 100’s of retailers, who, every time you shop online with them, donate money to our school at no extra cost to you, the purchaser. These companies range from car insurance providers, utility companies, BT, Sky, Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, Amazon, eBay, Groupon, Travel companies (plus many more..) So from your weekly food shop to your yearly search of the market for insurance or Broadband. Taking out a National Trust membership or purchasing a gift or deal. By downloading the easy Fundraising app to your phone and accessing the websites you already use via this app, rather than directly, you can make a huge difference to our schools income which will help us make school a more enjoyable place for our children. Sign up today by following the below link;

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/archbishopcranmerpria/

Year 2 Pupil School Meals: Pupils in Year 2 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals which will cease once they return to School in September as Year 3 pupils. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply now to ensure you do not incur any meal charges in September.

You may apply online via the following link; https://emsonline.nottscc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login

The National Literacy Trust just launched a brand-new website, Small Talk, which is designed to help parents develop the skills and confidence they need to boost their child’s language skills at home. It features simple activity suggestions, advice and videos to help parents chat, play and read with their child whenever and wherever they are. https://small-talk.org.uk/?mc_cid=a811e19887&mc_eid=2b18b778cd