



Crispin School Newsletter

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Crispin Remembers

Why Somerset Remembers

This week students and staff at Crispin marked Remembrance 2025, honouring the sacrifices made by generations of servicemen and women from our local community and beyond.

This year's theme, "Why Should Somerset Remember?", was explored across year-group assemblies, where students learned about remarkable local figures who served with courage. These included Second Lieutenant John Alexander Hellard, who fell on the second day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916; Captain William Williams, a US pilot based in Somerset who died during an anti-submarine operation in 1942; Odette Hallowes, an SOE agent who showed extraordinary bravery in occupied France; and Warrant Officer Class 1 Matt Tomlinson, a former Crispin student honoured for his gallantry in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their stories highlighted the enduring connections between Somerset and the events of global conflict.

Our School Act of Remembrance

At 10:50 on Tuesday 11 November, members of the Cadets formed up outside the hall and marched through the school, led smartly by Coby Patey. They took their position by the remembrance tree, where the wreath would later be laid.

During the service, Lian Bonehill read the poignant poem 'On Flanders Field', reminding everyone of the voices of those who served and the importance of carrying their memory forward. The service concluded with the laying of the wreath by Holly Whitcombe, a symbolic gesture of respect on behalf of the entire Crispin community.

This year's Remembrance event encouraged students not only to look back at the past, but also to reflect on how local stories of bravery, loss and resilience continue to shape our present. As we honoured those who served, we strengthened our understanding of why remembrance matters - for Somerset, for our school, and for the future.





Why Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts

Excellent school attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring a child's academic success, wellbeing, and future opportunities. At Crispin School, we are committed to working in partnership with families to support excellent attendance, as it has a direct and lasting impact on your child's learning.

The Link Between Attendance and Achievement

Missing school-whether a single day or frequent short absences-adds up quickly. Just a few days of absence can lead to gaps in learning, making it harder for students to keep up with work, feel confident in lessons, and achieve their full potential. National research shows that:

- Students who attend **96% or above** are significantly more likely to achieve strong academic outcomes.
- Missing just **1 day every 2 weeks** adds up to **19 days of learning lost** in a year-almost a full month of school.
- Regular routines lead to better progress, improved confidence, and stronger social relationships.

Attendance and Wellbeing Go Hand in Hand

Consistent attendance supports more than academic success-it builds social confidence, resilience, and positive mental wellbeing. Students who attend regularly:

- Form stronger friendships and feel more connected to school life
- Build good habits around responsibility, timekeeping, and organisation
- Are more likely to participate in clubs, trips, leadership roles, and enrichment opportunities

How You Can Support Good Attendance

We understand that occasionally children will be unwell and unable to attend. However, there are steps parents can take to help keep attendance strong:

- Aim for medical and dental appointments outside of school hours
- Establish a consistent morning and bedtime routine
- Encourage attendance even when your child feels a little tired or "not in the mood"
- Communicate with us early if there are barriers to attendance-we are here to help

Working Together

We want every child to thrive, and attending school regularly is a key part of that journey. Our pastoral and attendance teams are here to support families.

If you are finding attendance challenging for any reason, please speak to us-we will work with you.

Let's make every school day count.





Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 21 November 2025

Friday 21 November will be a non-uniform day.

Students are encouraged to wear something **red in support of the initiative.**

House points are awarded for every student that wears something red.

There are no contributions required to participate.

At lunch time, there will be activities in the hall led by Mr. Priddice (Head of Curriculum for Life) with some freebies!

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop.

If you would still like to contribute to Children in Need this year, we have set up a Just-Giving page for any additional donations.

[Office School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it makes a real difference to the lives of so many.



YMCA BRUNEL GROUP
BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE | EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET

Youth Work at Crispin
with the YMCA Street Youth Team

121 Support Sessions
for years 7-11

Talk to your tutor or head of year if you need some support and they can arrange a 121 session with us.

We are here if you want to talk or need some advice, and we also offer C-card

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YMCA
Here for young people
Here for local communities
Here for you

STREET
YOUTH TEAM

Raising money for -

Christmas Photo Shoot!

MONDAY 1st & TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER
Lunch time in i21

JUST... £1 Per DIGITAL PHOTO!

Minimum £3 order CASH ONLY



Millfield Biology Photograph Competition 2025

Millfield Biology's 5th Photograph competition invites the whole Millfield Community to submit photographs within this year's theme.

Theme :

Nature Exposed: Capturing Earth's Living Systems

How to enter:

- Send your photographs to biophotocomp@millfieldschool.com
- Full Terms and conditions on the Biology Minerva Page
- Please read terms and conditions before entering the competition
- Closing date : 31st December 2025

Millfield Biology Photograph Competition 2025

About the competition

Millfield Biology photograph competition invites amateurs to submit photographs on a particular theme, that changes each year.

Competition 2025

'Nature Exposed : Capturing Earth's Living Systems' is the theme of this year's competition

This theme encompasses a wide area to choose from, the judges will be looking for original interpretation of the theme.

We also welcome entries that explore this theme at a molecular and cellular level.

Prizes

We will be awarding prizes for the following categories.

- Pre-Prep entry
- Prep school entry
- Year 9-11
- Sixth form
- Staff
- Millfield Wider Community

With Special prizes for

- Best Photograph of local wildlife / nature
- Best Photograph of exotic wildlife / nature
- Best Photograph depicting a biological concept.
- Best Scientific photograph
- Best Landscape photograph
- Best Microscope photograph
- Overall, Winner – encompassing 'Nature Exposed'

- Entries to be sent to biophotocomp@millfieldschool.com by midnight 31st December 2025
- Entries to include, Name of photographer, School year, Staff or Wider community member





Online Safety & Social Media

Children today live much of their lives online - social media, messaging apps, and gaming are central to how they connect with friends. While these platforms can be positive, they also bring risks such as cyberbullying, unsafe contact, misinformation, and inappropriate content. Increasingly, young people are also exposed to AI-generated images or videos that can be misleading or harmful.

You can help by keeping regular, open conversations with your child about what they are doing online. Ask them about their favourite apps and games, and encourage them to share anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. Check privacy settings together and remind them never to share personal information or photos with people they don't know in real life.

The holiday season often means more online activity. Please set healthy boundaries around screen time and device use, particularly at night. And remember: if you are worried about your child's online activity, the school safeguarding team is always available to provide support and advice.

Student Success

On 25 October, Crispin Year 8 student, Darcey received a Bronze medal for her Kick Combo at the International championships at Bath University.



Well done Darcey, great work!

Year 11

After School UpGrade Autumn Terms				
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	Art	Art	Art	Engineering Unit 1 catch up
Time	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:30
Room	i21	i21	i21	i03
Subject	Photography	Photography	Photography	Music NEA
Time	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:30
Room	i21	i21	i21	P05
Subject	Graphics	Graphics	Graphics	Maths
Time	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:20-16:20
Room	i21	i21	i21	T12 and T32
Subject	Product Design week B	Drama week B	Product Design	
Time	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15 - 16:15	
Room	i02	Drama	i02	
Subject	Drama week A	Science	Music NEA	
Time	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:30	
Room	Drama Studio	S07	P05	
Subject	Food (NEA catch up)			
Time	15.15-16.30			
Room				
Subject	History			
Time	15.15-16.30			
Room				



Homework to do?

Use the computers in the warm
space at Street Library
(with parental permission)

Thursdays 3pm - 5pm

PLUS

Warm Space has started at Crispin
Community Centre
Monday to Friday
Hot soup, drinks and toast available
every day from 1pm- 4pm!



YEAR 8 – 3 DAY ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL

@ PORTLAND OUTDOOR CENTRE



- Date:** Monday 31st March - Weds 1st April
- Location:** Isle of Portland, Dorset
- 3 days of outdoor fun, teamwork & challenge**
- Activities include:** watersports, climbing & abseiling, raft-building, coastal bushcraft and more

A deposit of £100 is required by 5 December 2025

⚠ Limited places available – first come, first served!



Crispin Carol Concert

at Wells Cathedral

Wednesday 03 December
7:30 pm

Featuring traditional and
contemporary Christmas Music
performed by staff and students of
Crispin School

**Free
Entry**



**Crispin
School**

Aspiration • Compassion • Excellence

The Crispin Youth Production of

FROZEN JR.

**Strode Theatre
5-7 February 2026**

Tickets

Standard: £14 Under 16: £10

Available from Strode Theatre Box Office
www.strodetheatre.org.uk

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

This on-stage production is presented by
Music Theatre International
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtiintl.com



Important Calendar Dates

Whole School Events	
Friday 21 November 2025	Red Card to Racism - Students & Staff are encouraged to wear red
Wednesday 03 December 2025	Crispin Carol Service, Wells Cathedral, 19:30
Wednesday 10 & 11 December 2025	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Crispin Carol Service, Street Baptist Church, 18:00
Friday 19 December 2025	End of Term, 12:15pm
Monday 05 January 2026	Term Begins, 08:35

Year Group Events		
Year 7	Wednesday 13 - 15 May 2026	Residential Trip
	Thursday 04 June 2026	Face to Face, Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 8	Thursday 26 March 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
	Monday 30 March - 01 April 2026	Residential Trip
Year 9	Monday 02 February 2026	Options Evening
	Thursday 26 February 2026	Virtual Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
Year 10	Thursday 04 December 2025	Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening 16:00-19:00
	Wednesday 28 January 2026	Year 10 Careers Day
	Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May 2026	Year 10 Mock Careers Days
	Wednesday 24 June 2026	Year 10 Step Up Evening
	Monday 15 - Friday 26 June 2026	Year 10 Summer Prelims
	Monday 29 June - Friday 03 July 2026	Work Experience Week
Year 11	Thursday 04 December 2025	Year 11 Strobe Experience day
	Thursday 29 January 2026	Face to Face Parents' Evening, 16:00-19:00
	Monday 09 February - 27 February 2026	Year 11 February Prelims
	Friday 08 May - Wednesday 17 June 2026	GCSE Live Exams
	Thursday 02 July 2026	Leavers Breakfast & Prom
	Thursday 20 August 2026	GCSE Results Day

