



Crispin School Newsletter

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Message from Mr Cornwall, Acting Headteacher

What a wonderful end to the week. Today's Celebration Assembly at Strode Theatre was a truly special occasion, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families who were able to join us. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in the audience, celebrating the achievements of our students.

These assemblies are significant moments in our school calendar. Being recognised for effort or attainment in key areas of learning is no mean feat - especially when you consider the breadth of competition across the school. Every student who stood on that stage should feel incredibly proud of what they have accomplished.

This week also marked the launch of our *Golden Ticket Fortnight*, and once again our students have risen to the challenge. The number of golden tickets awarded has been exceptional, and with 4.5 days left of term there is still every opportunity for students to earn even more and secure their place in the final prize draw. The enthusiasm, positivity and determination shown by our students has been a real highlight of the week.

As we move into the final days of this term, I want to express my sincere thanks to all parents and carers. Your support, encouragement and the firm lines you hold at home make an enormous difference. Together, we are maintaining high expectations and keeping learning at the very forefront of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable end to the term.

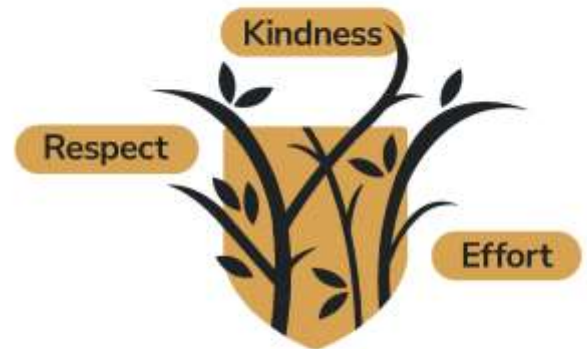
Lost Property

We have lots of lost property!

Please encourage your child to go along to Student Reception at Break or Lunchtimes to find any of their lost items.



Voice of Crispin



Always ask for help, learning should be a challenge and we all need help along the way.

Do not stand for someone interrupting your learning - this is, and will never be, right.

CRISPIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH
CRISPIN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

FEATURING A COLLECTION OF
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC TO REFLECT THE
SEASON

TICKETS £5 ON BROMCOM
OR £5 ON THE DOOR CASH

Get into the warm and joyful Christmas
mood with an unforgettable music concert.

16.12.25 19:00
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



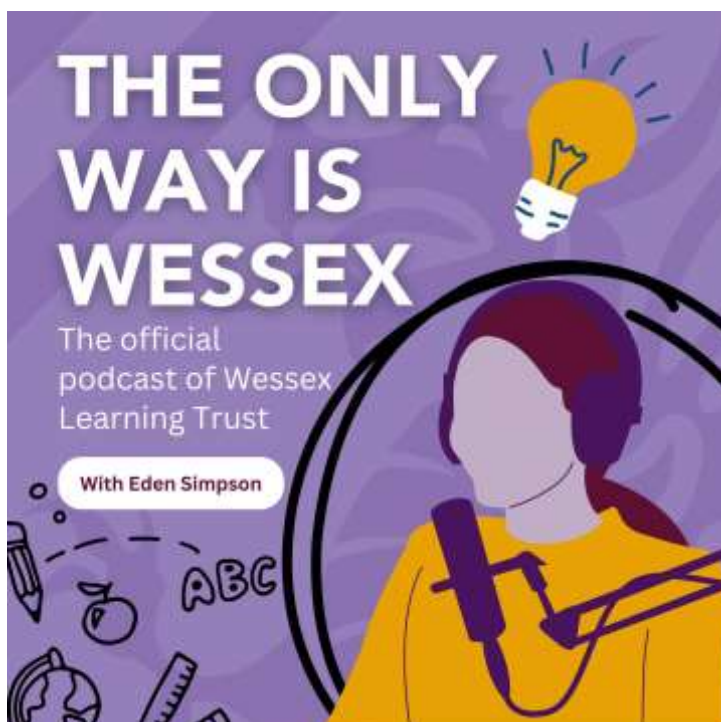
Children with SEND

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are entitled to the same protection as every other child, but research shows they can sometimes face additional risks, such as bullying, social isolation, or being targeted for exploitation.

At Crispin, we work closely with families to ensure SEND students feel safe, included, and supported. This includes personalised strategies, targeted pastoral care, and close links with outside professionals.

As a parent, please let us know if your child with SEND is experiencing difficulties, whether in school or beyond. Open communication helps us tailor support and address concerns quickly.

Together, we can make sure every child, whatever their needs, has the same opportunities to feel safe, valued, and able to flourish.



NEW PODCAST ALERT!

We're excited to announce the launch of The Only Way is Wessex, the brand-new podcast from the Wessex Learning Trust!

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3PtPsAo5w0nOI9ZGBDFWWn?si=c1b7873f87e44021>

Our very first episode is now **LIVE** — and we're kicking things off with a deep dive into the world of education alongside Trust Chief Executive Gavin Ball.

Tune in to hear:

- ◆ What a Multi Academy Trust really is
 - ◆ What makes the Wessex Learning Trust stand out
 - ◆ How Mr. Ball found his path into education and leadership
- Whether you're a parent, student, educator, or just curious about what happens behind the scenes in our schools, this is an episode you won't want to miss.

Listen now on Spotify and join us on our journey, because the only way is Wessex!



The Importance of School Attendance - Especially during Winter

As we are in the colder months, it's natural to see seasonal coughs, colds and other minor illnesses circulating. However, it's more important than ever that children continue to attend school regularly to prevent missing learning, the social interaction that they receive through schooling and for their self-confidence. Good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success, personal confidence and long-term wellbeing. Every day in school matters.

When children miss lessons, even for seemingly small reasons, the impact can build quickly. Routine, relationships and learning are disrupted, making it harder for students to keep up with new content and maintain friendships. Research shows that pupils who are frequently absent fall behind, which can affect their progress in every subject and reduce future opportunities.

We fully understand that children will occasionally feel unwell, and there will be times when staying at home is the right decision. However, many common winter ailments such as colds, sniffles, or mild sore throats, can be managed in school. If your child is well enough to be out of bed, eat, drink, and take part in everyday activities, they are usually well enough to attend school. If this changes throughout the school day, we will be in touch.

Our staff are here to support students and ensure that they feel safe and cared for throughout the school day. If your child requires medication or has specific needs during recovery, please contact us, we are always happy to help.

Together, we can make sure every child benefits from the learning, friendships, and opportunities that school provides every single day. Thank you for your continued partnership in making attendance a priority this winter. The first port of call for any worries or concerns will always be your child's tutor, whom they see every day.

Flu Vaccinations Walk In Clinics

2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)

All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins
(No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection
Please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	16 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Wednesday	17 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
Monday	22 nd December	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Burnham-On-Sea War Memorial Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard, TA20 1YA
Monday	29 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	West Mendip Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD

January 2026 Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 30 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the highest individual house points last week.

Joshua Wren	Year 11	Anna Rowland	Year 11
Arwen Chegwiddden	Year 7	Ellie-Paige Gale	Year 7
Evie Hooker	Year 11	Elkie Forfitt	Year 11
Lexi Stanley	Year 11	Dylan Hider	Year 11
Kitty Oaten	year 11	Pixie Bartlett	Year 9
Jack Newick	Year 11	George Phillips	Year 11
Charlotte Walter	Year 11		
Louis Rossie Osborne	Year 9		



Year Group house Point Leader (Year to date)

Year 7	Grace Mitchell	Year 8	Erika Whittick
Year 9	George Ware	Year 10	Iona Graham
Year 11	Oscar Vowles		

Somerset Schools Admission Arrangements 2027/28

Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements for Somerset schools.

The only proposed change is the addition of St Cuthberts Infants and St Cuthberts Junior schools. The consultation information is published on both our Trust and school websites.

To view the arrangements please click [here](#). Comments should be sent to the Wessex Learning Trust office by email consultation@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk

The consultation will end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the school website by 28 February 2026.

Work Experience Opportunities

in Somerset

We have placements available during Summer 2026 at sites across the Somerset countryside including Fyne Court, the Mendip Hills and the Holnicote Estate.

Scan the QR code to find out more and apply.

nationaltrust.org.uk/support-us/volunteer
fynvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk

For everyone, for ever

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tinea (ringworm)
Throat infection	Strep throat

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
 To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://apro.de/minfec>.

Crispin Future Ready

Careers & Next Steps Café – Year 11 & 10

Chatting all things college and careers, year 11 and 10 students were invited to drop in again to a Careers Café at lunchtime on Wednesday.

Michelle from UCS College Group (Bridgwater, Strode, Taunton & Cannington) visits Crispin regularly and is happy to dish out advice on college courses and applications, travel, work experience and any other worries.



Crispin Alumni

We've been shouting out to our Alumni community for your stories and career journeys – please keep sharing with us so we can inspire our next Crispin generation!

This week we're pleased to introduce ex-student, Josephine Clark.

Crispin Alumni

JOSEPHINE CLARK

Leaver 1996

My Current Job: Lead Product Line Manager - Kids Footwear

My role involves problem solving, team work and being creative.

I love brief writing and watching the season develop from initial thoughts to final product.

After Crispin I studied Business studies, Communication studies and Geography A levels.

I went to **University** in Southampton to study a BA Hons in **Marketing and Graphic Design**.

At school my **favourite subject** was DT as it let me be creative.

Average Footwear Base Pay: £31K/yr (Glassdoor)

Explore more Footwear jobs at nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



“Try to get as many opportunities to explore what you might want to do, that involves things you enjoy. I didn't know my job existed but it's a perfect mix of creativity and problem solving.”



CALLING ALUMNI

• GET IN TOUCH! •

- ▶ SHARE YOUR STORY
- ▶ SPARK INSPIRATION
- ▶ MAKE AN IMPACT



Are you an ex-Crispin student?

If so click the QR code or go to [Crispin School Alumni Q&A – Fill out form](#) and complete our Alumni Q&A.

By sharing your experience, career pathways and advice you could help inspire the next generation!

Upcoming Events & Information

Wessex Water and YTL UK are holding an apprenticeship Open Day

Saturday 31 January 2026 for those interested in joining their technical apprenticeship programmes. This is an opportunity to watch demonstrations, hear from current apprentices and learn more about post16 options.

Join us at our open day



Wessex Water and YTL UK are looking for people to join our 2026 technical apprenticeship programmes.

Book your space via the link below

<https://careers.ytluk.co.uk/careers-site/apprenticeship-open-day>



OPEN EVENTS

Visit a UCS College Group Open Event and see why we're Somerset's most ambitious education provider. Explore outstanding state-of-the-art facilities, meet expert tutors and experience the exceptional pastoral support that puts students at the heart of everything we do. Whether you're looking to study A Levels, T Levels, a technical and professional qualification or an Apprenticeship, our colleges and courses will help you shape a future you're proud of. For more information visit www.ucscollegegroup.ac.uk or call 01278 441234.

REGISTER NOW!

Scan to register!

BRIDGWATER COLLEGE | Wed 14 January | 6pm - 8pm

TAUNTON COLLEGE | Thu 15 January | 6pm - 8pm

STRODE COLLEGE | Tues 20 January | 6pm - 8pm

TRANSFORMING LIVES



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Creative Careers

DREAMING OF A CAREER IN THE SCREEN INDUSTRIES?

Take our free careers quiz to discover which role you could be most suited to across Animation, Games, VFX, Concept Art and Motion Graphics!



It will take you less than 5 mins



Find out which career path is made for you



Get a digital version of our Careers Guide

ESCAPE
STUDIOS
— LONDON —

For anyone interested in careers in creative screen industries like animation, games or art and motion graphics, Escape Studios London has a fun interactive quiz for you to explore what jobs you might be most suited to – take the quiz [here](#)