



Crispin School Newsletter

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A Year of Growth

As we reach the end of another academic year, I simply wanted to say **thank you**.

This year has been one of growth, reflection and continual improvement.

Together, we have worked hard to strengthen our school, raise expectations and create even greater opportunities for the young people of Crispin. Whilst we know there is always more to do, I am incredibly proud of how far we have come.

What has made the greatest difference has been the support of our community.

Thank you to every parent and carer who has encouraged their child, attended school events, shared positive feedback, raised concerns when we have needed to improve and worked alongside us throughout the year. Education is at its very best when school and home work in partnership, and I am grateful for the trust and support you continue to show us.

As you read through this final newsletter, I hope you enjoy celebrating the many achievements of our students. Behind every article is a story of hard work, resilience, kindness and success, qualities that continue to make me incredibly proud to be Headteacher of Crispin School.

Thank you for being part of our journey. I wish you all a wonderful, well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as we continue striving to be just that little bit better.

Lee Cornwall, Headteacher





Huge Congratulations

Looking back at our Student Success

RLSS National Lifesaving Championships

Some of our wonderful students participated in the RLSS National Lifesaving Championships that were held on Saturday 1st November 2025 at John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds.

Battling against 12 other regions, Juniors, Oliver, Ailla & Charlotte. Seniors, Joshua (yr 10), Harry (yr 11), Nyah (yr 10) and Poppy (yr 11) worked well in their pairs to round up an impressive medal haul between them; Nyah and Poppy have moved up age groups from last year but continued to excel in the pool.

Spectacular achievement for their first competition year. Charlotte and Ailla made their way onto the Podium with a Silver overall position in the Junior Girls.

All students are highly praised for their teamwork strength and determination. A wonderful achievement for all students involved.



Bronze Medal Winner

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



Cross Country Success

On Wednesday 26 November, a team of Crispin students travelled to Millfield to compete in the annual Cross Country Championships.

Our runners performed brilliantly against strong competition from Millfield,

Wells Blue, Downside, Frome and Wells Cathedral School.

A huge well done to all competitors. Their effort, resilience and determination were clear throughout the event, and they represented Crispin with real pride.



World Book Day 2026

On Thursday 05 March we welcomed Lesley McDowall to Crispin; local author who has just released the 2nd book in her series 'Threads of Trial and Light'. Lesley spoke to KS3 about how she moved from teaching to writing and what her career now looks like. A thoroughly enjoyable hour that saw the students create their own fantasy world and characters through images and discussion.

Friday 06 March saw a huge number of students and staff take part in the traditional 'dress as a character'.

A fantastic celebration of literature.



Fundraising

A HUGE well done to our Year 7 student Arwen.

On 12 May, Arwen cut 12 inches from her beautiful hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust, helping children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.





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On Sunday 14 December, our Year 7 student, Filip competed in a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament in Bristol called All Stars, delivering an outstanding performance. Filip took part in two categories:

Junior Gi – Grey Belt, Under 42kg: Silver Medal

Junior No-Gi – Grey Belt, Under 42kg: Silver Medal

Representing Element 22 Martial Arts Academy from Street, Filip showed great skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.



Year 9 students had a hands-on opportunity to create the soundtrack for an animated movie clip thanks to a THRIVE and Future Ready visit from Strode College's Music department. Michael and Josh demo-ed practical skills in Foley artistry - sound effects - followed by a successful student takeover!



Year 11 Student Smashes First Powerlifting Competition and Qualifies for Nationals

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 student Ed, who recently competed in his very first powerlifting competition and delivered an outstanding performance across all three lifts:

Not only did he take top place in his class, but his impressive results have also earned him qualification for the National Championships this July in Manchester with the British Powerlifting Union.

We are incredibly proud of Ed's dedication and discipline. His achievements are even more impressive given that he has trained largely independently, without formal coaching.

This is a testament to his hard work, determination, and passion for the sport.

We wish him the very best of luck as he continues his training and prepares for Nationals!



Rugby Success

Congratulations to Maddie on an incredible season with Winscombe Warriors U12's!

Maddie joined the U12's team from Wells RFC last September, stepping into a brand-new environment where she didn't know anyone and meeting three coaches for the very first time.

Well done Maddie, we are incredibly proud of you!





Huge Congratulations

Highlight of the Year

Crispin's production of Frozen Jr, back in February was definitely a highlight of the year!

Our cast brought fantastic energy to every performance. The vocals were strong and confident, the acting was funny and engaging, and the dance numbers were performed with real focus and enthusiasm. They supported one another throughout and truly worked as a team, which is what makes a production special.

We were delighted to share the production with our wider community and to welcome local primary school students into the theatre last Thursday. Seeing our students perform with such pride for younger audiences was a real highlight. The warmth of the audiences across all performances meant so much, and the standing ovations each night were a lovely way to recognise the hard work and heart that had gone into the show.

Thank you to the staff team who gave their time and energy so generously, to our wonderful community volunteers, and to our Crispin families for your ongoing support. School productions are always a collective effort, and this one was no exception.

Productions like this are about far more than the final performance. They are about joy, friendships, shared memories and the sense of belonging that comes from creating something together.





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Celebrating our Students

Ski Trip 2026

In February, 51 students and staff travelled to Andorra for an action-packed and unforgettable week of skiing and après-ski activities.

As we wrap up our 2026 adventure, preparations are already well underway for our 2027 ski trip to Pila, Italy and we are very much looking forward to another fantastic experience.



D of E Bronze Practice Exhibition

A Weekend of Challenge and Achievement - In April, 43 determined students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition, marking an important milestone in their journey toward completing the award. Split into eight teams, the group set off with enthusiasm and a shared sense of purpose, ready to test their skills and resilience.



Williams F1 Engineering Trip

In June, some of our Year 10 Engineering students enjoyed an incredible STEM trip to the headquarters of Williams Racing in Oxfordshire.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to see STEM in action, gaining valuable insight into the engineering, technology and problem-solving skills that drive the world of motorsport.

It was an inspiring experience that helped bring their learning beyond the classroom and highlighted the exciting career opportunities available within the STEM sector.

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity and for the memorable experiences our students were able to enjoy.



Year 11 Leavers

In July, we said goodbye to our incredible Year 11s as they left Crispin for the final time following their Leavers' Breakfast.

Thank you, Year 11, for everything you have brought to our school community. You have been a fantastic year group, and we are incredibly proud of you all.





Celebrating 2026

Crispin Equalities Team

We are proud to introduce the newly appointed Crispin Equalities Team, a group of students who have taken on the important role of Equality Leads within our school community.

Working alongside Miss Charles and other colleagues, the team will help raise awareness of the importance of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) across the school community.



June is Pride Month

At Crispin we recognised and celebrated the importance of Pride through a range of activities across the school.

Throughout the month, students explored the history and significance of Pride during assemblies and Thrive tutor activities. As we continue to celebrate diversity, we remain committed to creating a school where everyone feels included, valued and able to take pride in who they are.



Year 11 Prom

In July, we celebrated our Year 11's with their end of school prom at The Crossways. It was a truly wonderful evening.



SUMMER SAFETY AND SUPPORT IN SOMERSET

YOU MATTER. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

YMCA INCLUSIVE YOUTH CLUBS
Street / Glastonbury - open to all young people

Sessions run Mondays and Fridays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

STREET FOOTBALL CLUB MINIS & YOUTH

Features football development for ages 3-16, with some sessions as low as £2.50. (1)

RED BRICK BUILDING YOUTH CLUB

Typically runs Friday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (50p/week; membership required)

FOOD BANKS
Trussell Trust - Bridgwater

<https://www.trussell.org.uk/emergency-food-first-a-foodbank>

FREE BUS TRAVEL

Across England (outside London), children aged 5 to 15 can ride local participating buses completely for free throughout August

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Runs through the summer holidays for children and young people aged 5 - 16. For children eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM), including those with additional needs.

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IN A CRISIS CALL THE FAMILY FRONT DOOR FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT - 0300 123 2224

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE
Emergency **999** | Non emergencies - **101**

HEALTH ADVICE
NHS medical advice 111 or text chat health <https://chat.healthdirect.uk/>

CITIZENS ADVICE SOMERSET
Drop-in service at the Crispin Community Centre. The in-person drop-in session runs every Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or call 0800 278 7842.

MINDLINE SOMERSET
You can call them on 0800 138 1692 (freephone) or 01823 276 952 - 24/7

SHOUT CRISIS TEXT LINE
A free, 24/7 text service available for anyone struggling to cope. Simply text SHOUT to 85258

SAMARITANS
Available 24/7 for anyone experiencing distress, despair, or suicidal thoughts. Call 116 123

SOMERSET DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE (SOSAS)
A free, confidential, and non-judgmental service supporting anyone with drug or alcohol issues, reachable 24/7 at 0300 303 8788

KOOTH FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-25 (TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE)
<https://www.kooth.com/>

Stay safe. Get support. Have a great summer!

THRIVE

EXPLORE • GROW • ACHIEVE

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

BOOKS AND BISCUITS	DEBATING CLUB	WORLD CHALLENGE GROUP MEETING	BASKETBALL	SCHOOL PLAY
SCHOOL PANTO	LIBRARY	FURTHER MATHS (INVITE ONLY)	VEX ROBOTICS	THE GARDEN COLLECTIVE
GIRLS HOCKEY	SKI FIT	BUILD A GLIDER	ART CLUB	SET DESIGN
COMPUTING CHALLENGE CLUB	PHOTOGRAPHY	SOCIOLOGY (INVITE ONLY)	SENIOR CHOIR	HOMEWORK CLUB

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING OUT IN SEPTEMBER!

MORE INFORMATION & SIGN UPS IN SEPTEMBER
Details of club times, year groups and how to sign up will be shared at the start of the Autumn Term. Keep an eye on notices, tutor time and school comms!

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CRISPIN OPEN DAYS - BOOK NOW

See the school, meet the students.

Year 6 Open Days and Evening 2026

- Wednesday 16 September - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Monday 21 September - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Wednesday 23 September - Open Evening (6.30-8.30pm)
- Thursday 01 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)
- Thursday 08 October - Open Morning (09:15-11am)

Wessex Learning Trust
We Learn Together!

www.crispinschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/open-days/

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Staying Safe over the Summer

Our Office is now closed for the Summer holiday and staff are unable to respond to emails until our return on Monday 7th September. If you need safeguarding or wellbeing advice over the summer break, please use the below services and contact the school as needed on our return, for ongoing support for your child.

If You Have Concerns About a Child's Safety

If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm, please contact:

- Police: 999 - if you believe a child is at immediate risk
- Somerset Direct (Children's Social Care): 0300 123 2224 - if you are concerned a child might be at risk, or if you are struggling to look after your child

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email help@NSPCC.org.uk - for advice if you're concerned about a child.

Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Support

Time away from school can feel isolating for some young people.

These services can help:

- Childline: 0800 1111 or childline.org.uk - support for children and young people.
- YoungMinds Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544 - advice for parents worried about mental health.
- Samaritans: 116 123 - 24/7 listening support.
- Kooth (kooth.com) - free, safe online support for young people.

Online Safety Guidance

With more free time, children may be spending longer online. These services provide advice for parents on keeping young people safe:

Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> - parental controls and safety tips, including guidance on buying new tech.

Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP): <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> - report online safeguarding concerns and seek guidance on keeping children safe online.

Wishing you and your family a safe, restful holiday.

Important Calendar Dates

Monday 17 - Wednesday 19 August	Year 6 Summer School
Thursday 20 August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day
Thursday 04 September	INSET Day
Friday 05 September	INSET Day
Monday 07 September	Term Begins - Year 7 Students
Wednesday 09 September	Term Begins - All students

