

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back – we hope you had a good break and enjoyed the long, hot summer! The children were keen to recount visits to see family, as well as holidays abroad, trips to the seaside, the cinema, ten pin bowling and local parks. It was though, also good to hear, that despite such enjoyable holidays, they were pleased to be back in school, meeting up with friends and looking forward to the year ahead.

They looked very smart in their uniforms and a thank you is extended to parents who also remembered the children's P.E kits. All the children will need them this week to ensure they can participate in timetabled P.E sessions, so please ensure kits are in school.

Attendance & term time leave

We'd also like to thank families for returning to school promptly.

Recent attendance data during the summer, made for uncomfortable reading though. The absence rate across **all** schools rose to 6.93% in 2025/26, higher than the pre-pandemic baseline of 4.73% in 2018/19. Nearly one in five pupils missed at least 10% of school.

The government's response to this, is to make it personal. Every mainstream state school in England will now receive its own individual attendance improvement target which will be monitored. This target will not be a national average to aim towards, but one that is personalised to our school. In response, all families must work with the school and ensure children are attending on a regular basis, and visits to relatives and/or holidays abroad take place in the school holidays, not during term time. (Please check the website for this year's term time dates.)

Transition & team building

As we start the year, we want your child/children to develop good relationships with the teaching staff and build on the bonds they have formed with their peers. From week beginning the 7th of September, each year group (Yrs. 3 – 6) will be visiting Ash End House Farm for the morning session, while our younger children (Yrs. 1 & 2) will go fruit picking at Caldicott's Nursery. Travelling in small groups by minibus, or taxi, with staff from the year group, they will return in time for lunch.



Expectations meetings

Meetings with parents in the Autumn term will revolve around connections, academic expectations and behavioural boundaries. These meetings should be attended by all parent/carers to ensure 2026 – 2027 is a successful year for your child/children. Starting at 9.10am and based in the school hall the dates for these meetings are detailed below.

Date	Yr. Grp.
Tuesday 15 th September	Yr.6
Wednesday 16 th September	Yr.4
Thursday 17 th September	Yr.5
Tuesday 22 nd September	Yr.3
Wednesday 23 rd September	Yr.1
Thursday 24 th September	Yr.2
Tuesday 29 th September	Reception
Wednesday 30 th September	Nursery

Celebration assemblies

During the school year the children are always involved in a range of celebrations and awareness days. This year each year group will be involved in presenting an assembly for their peers **and** their parent/carers. Please save the date and join us on the day.

Date	Yr. Grp	Theme
20 th October 2026	Yr.2	Harvest
3 rd November 2026	Yr.5	Diwali
1 st December 2026	EYFS – Reception & Nursery	The Nativity
2 nd February 2026	Yr.1	Chinese New Year
16 th March 2026	Yr.3	Eid al-Fitr
22 nd June 2026	Yr.4	Windrush / Refugee Week
16 th July 2026	Yr.6	Leavers Celebration Assembly

Enrichment

To inspire and engage children in their year group topics we will again look to the inclusion of educational visits. There is currently an amazing experience at the NEC - Tutankhamun: The Immersive Exhibition which brings Ancient Egypt to life like never before. Our children in Yr.3 will have the opportunity to visit this award-winning interactive exhibition which promises an educational and immersive exploration of Pharaoh Tutankhamun's world, reflecting their studies later this year. Travelling on Thursday 10th September, they will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am and will return early in the afternoon. The visit will be subsidised by the school reducing the cost to **£15 per child**. Given the short notice however, all payments should be made by **30th September**.



In December, all year groups will have the opportunity to visit the theatre.

Yrs. 3 – 6 will travel to The Rep to see J. M. Barrie's Peter Pan (described on their website as 'Perfect family entertainment!') while Reception, Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 will see the story of the Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale – The Ugly Duckling - recreated on stage, at the same venue. Reviews are again very positive, and it is described as the 'perfect introduction to theatre for our younger audiences.'



Educaterers

Our school meals will be provided by Educaterers this year and we ask that you read the attached letter which is by way of their introduction to all our families. We aim to introduce pre-ordering shortly, to ensure all children have their choice of meal and will send further information as to how this can be done at home. Should your child have any allergies, it is important you notify us immediately, so the kitchen can be informed and the meals served to your child are fully compliant with their dietary requirements.

As always thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Yours sincerely,

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