

Newsletter – Friday 4th July, 2025

Dear Cragside Family,

The half term ahead is always a very busy one with school visits, sports days, the PTFA Summer Fair, transition events and of course our end of year Celebration events. Yesterday, we held our transition morning, where all children got to 'move up' to their new classroom and to work with their new teacher. It was wonderful to see how smooth this went and to welcome some new children and their families into our Cragside family. Our new Reception classes felt very ready for Reception and I hope the children have taken some reassurance from this time and this helps them to look forward to September. We missed our wonderful Year 6's yesterday though it's been great to hear how much they enjoyed spending time at their new secondary school.

This week, we've also welcomed the return of some of our past pupils who have been in school as part of their Year 10 work experience projects. It's been a real joy to host these students and see how they have matured since their time at Cragside. They have shown real kindness, commitment and great work ethic during their placement which has been wonderful to see.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next two weeks, at our Celebration Assemblies, Summer Fair and Nursery Stay and Plays.

Rwandan Day Success – A message from Mrs Cowie

A huge well done to all of the Cragside family. We raised £495 on the day. The Mayor of Cramlington said our school was very welcoming and was proud of what we had achieved over the years. We will continue to raise money for Mukuge Primary at the summer fayre then send the final amount in September. Thank you so much to Alain, our Rwandan friend and contact for the school. Thank you so much to all of you.

**Vaping on school property**

Please can I remind you that vaping or smoking on school grounds is not permitted.



Sports Day Sports Day Message – A message from Miss Oliver

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our Sports Day events! The children showed fantastic sportsmanship and worked brilliantly together in all activities. It was wonderful to welcome so many families to share the events with us. Thank you for coming along and joining in with the fun. A special thank you to our amazing Year 6 Sports Leaders and JLV volunteers. Your energy and support played a key role in making the events such a great success!



Attendance Matters: A school update

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance is at 95.6%. We're still working as hard as ever to improve this, and maintain our place in the top 10-20% of schools nationally. In recognition of how well we are doing with attendance, we had a visitor in school who carefully evaluates the strategies and processes we follow to support attendance. He shared that he considered the level of attendance we have achieved, and the work we do, to be 'outstanding'. Well done Cragside families!

Punctuality- Every Minute Matters!

You may have noticed that Carol Barnfather, our EWO, returned to school for another visit on Thursday. I was delighted that she noted a dramatic drop in the number of children coming late to school. Carol is going to continue to be with us over the next two weeks, and next term. Thank you so much for supporting our drive to improve punctuality. This is part of our aim to ensure every child is in school, on time, every day. Our driving ambition for the children, as always, is at the absolute forefront of this. We want the very best for every child, as you can see, lateness=lost learning.

Our school day starts at 8.45am, with the gates opening at 8.30am each day.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!

10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!

15 mins late each day 10 days lost!

20 mins late each day 13 days lost!

30 mins late each day 19 days lost!



Monday attendance

Our whole school attendance was 95.7% on Monday. It's getting better each week! Thank you for your support with our Monday attendance focus.

Top Year Group Attendance

Year 4 currently have the top attendance for this half term with 96.2%. Well done year 4!

A message from the Friends of Cragside



Help Cragside Win £1,000 of Book Tokens!



National Book Tokens are running a brilliant competition where one lucky school will

win **£1,000 of book tokens** – plus **£300 for our school library!** 🙌

It only takes a few seconds to enter, and **anyone** can do it – parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours... the more nominations we get, the better our chances!



When you enter, please make sure you write:

Cragside C of E Primary School, CRAMLINGTON



It's really important to include "Cramlington" so your nomination counts for our school!

Here's the link to enter:



<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>



Please share this with friends and family too – let's get as many nominations as possible before the closing date on **31st July 2025**.

Thanks for your support! 💛

Dates for your diary

Monday 7 th July	Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30am – Morning session 2.00-3.00pm – Afternoon session
Tuesday 8 th July Tuesday 8 th July	9.15am Reception Celebration Assembly and Sports morning Year 3 to Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum Visit
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Surfing trip 3.15-5.00pm Summer Fair
Thursday 10 th July	9.15am Year 1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 11 th July	9.15am Year 2 Celebration Assembly
Monday 14 th July	Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm

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Tuesday 15 th July	9.15am Year 4 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	9.15am Year 3 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 17 th July	9.15am Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 18 th July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly 3.15pm End of Summer term
Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Start of Autumn term



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