

Another school year has commenced but we're speeding through the term and our thoughts already start to turn towards Christmas! Both, however, bring to mind **new beginnings** – for children and staff as they adjust to a new year at school (possibly even at a new school), and for the celebration of the birth of a new child, Jesus, who changed the world and continues to impact on so many lives.

At CRiBS, we continue our work in schools with RE lessons, 'Unlimited' wellbeing support and mentoring, workshops, and the Christmas seasonal production. However, that doesn't mean that we stop considering new ways for **"sharing the light, love and life of Jesus with children and young people"** in the schools across our Borough and beyond. We want to be relevant and active while holding to the core principles of why we do what we do in sharing and living the Gospel message of **Jesus, our 'Firm Foundation'**. One area that we are looking at developing is our links with churches (and congregations) and the possibility of partnering in the work that we do, in schools and also for mentoring of young people outside of the school setting – we will update you on this as it develops...

We hope that you will find this Newsletter informative and inspiring as you read about what has happened and what is planned. **Thank you for your continued support of CRiBS**, with prayer and finance, for which we are so grateful. Please contact us if you want to know more about any aspect of the work that we do. We hope that many of you will be able to join us at our Christmas Celebration, at St John's Welling, on the evening of Monday 15th December.

Paul Davis (CRiBS Director)



SPARK IN THE PARK

A number of the CRiBS team were involved at Spark in the Park in August. This included Scooper who played an important role in the 'Hot Spot' time. Each day Scooper would share with "Mr Paul" about the incidents that occurred for him as a delivery driver for the Spark Delivery Company. Mr Paul would help him learn from each incident by looking at different Bible stories.



The week ended with Scooper receiving a Bible of his own from Mr Paul saying he would read the Bible every day and talk to people about Jesus. Scooper really enjoyed his time at Spark in the Park, as did the other members of the CRiBS team. It was a privilege to be part of the Spark in the Park family, including talking to families and children who know CRiBS through different schools. **Carole** (Primary Schools Worker)



Monday 15th December 2025

St John's Church, Welling, DA16 2BQ

DOORS OPEN
7PM
7:30 START

INCLUDES A PERFORMANCE OF THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

For more information please email:
info@cribsonline.org



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the team as they go into schools.
- Pray for children and young people in your churches and community.
- Pray for continued access to schools for CRiBS and for God's presence and leading in all the schools we visit.
- Pray for this year's Christmas production.

We were pleased to receive compliments from a Headteacher in Bexley regarding the RE lessons delivered to Early Years and Key Stage 1 in their school. They stated that the lessons were engaging and enabled the children to learn and develop.

Carole
(Primary Schools Worker)

"I loved the CRiBS lessons. They were really fun and I enjoyed them very much. They have taught me a lot."

"I think everyone in my class loved CRiBS and had fun learning about Jesus and everyone was keen to answer."

Year 4 children

SHARING THE LIGHT, LOVE AND LIFE OF JESUS



FESTIVAL OF HOPE

During the summer, Adam and I were asked to deliver an outdoor puppetry workshop at Aylesford Priory for a Catholic schools' event called 'Festival of Hope'. We had a wonderful day sharing with the children, delivering 30-minute shadow puppet sessions to them. The children got involved in using the shadow puppets to tell the stories of Jesus and speaking out the texts to one another. We used the natural light of the sun to project the shadow puppets onto the screen, which was a challenge as it slowly moved across the sky!

There were lots of other exciting activities going on throughout the day, such as archery, circus skills, sung worship and liturgical dance. It was a wonderful privilege to spend a few hours in such beautiful surroundings, and to play our part in the festival. Exploring stories of Jesus using shadows brought into sharp relief by the light that God gave.

Jason (Primary Schools Worker)

PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

Friday 26th September was the National Day of Prayer for Schools. A prayer event, led by CRiBS, was held at Bexley Christian Life Centre and attended by a number of our supporters. We prayed for our local schools, for children, young people, staff, and other organisations and Christians who support schools and colleges within our community.



MOVING UP

We were back in Year 6 classes in the summer term delivering our Moving Up workshop; helping students with the move to secondary school.

We visited 19 primary schools in Bexley and further afield, reaching roughly 850 students! We have had schools re-booking year on year, which is a great encouragement to the team.



"I learnt to be myself and excel in every way at secondary school"
Year 6 Student

STAFF FOCUS

How long have you been working for CRiBS?

I have been working for CRiBS since 2021. I started volunteering with the team after lockdown, helping to deliver the Heartsense sessions.

What is your current role at CRiBS?

Currently I am leading the Heartsense programme in two schools within the Bexley borough. It has been a real privilege to build relationships with the staff and students.

What do you enjoy most about working for CRiBS?

I enjoy working with the incredibly talented CRiBS team. They have always supported me and helped me to grow.

James

(Unlimited Team Member)



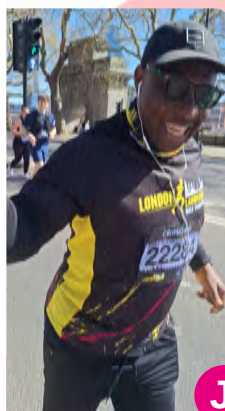
THANK YOU!

We are incredibly grateful for the kind donation we received from two of our supporters who helped a local primary school continue to have RE lessons from CRiBS this year! Now children there can continue to learn about the Christian faith and the life of Jesus!

*Would you or your church like to do the same?
Please send us an E-mail at info@cribsonline.org*

London Landmarks Half Marathon

12 APRIL 2026



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