

2nd October 2026



Parent Newsletter



Headteacher update

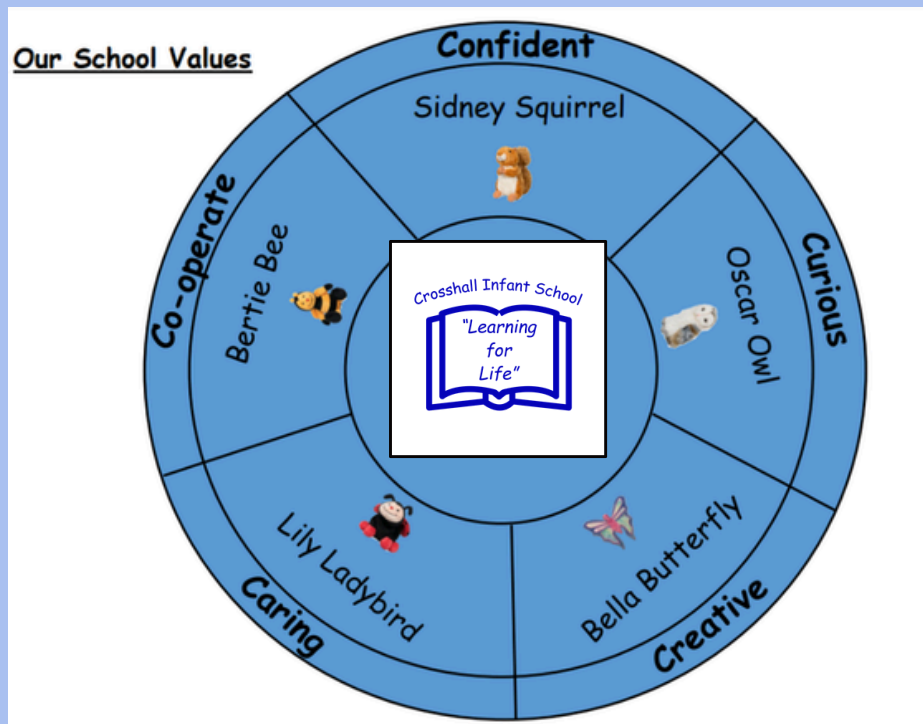
Our focus this week has been Oscar Owl who is **C**urious. There have been lots of children talking about the characters with me this week and they are so proud to tell me about their friends who have shown the attributes too! Ask your child to tell you about Oscar Owl!

We are excited to welcome lunch visitors from Monday. Thank you to those that have already booked in. If you would like to come and have

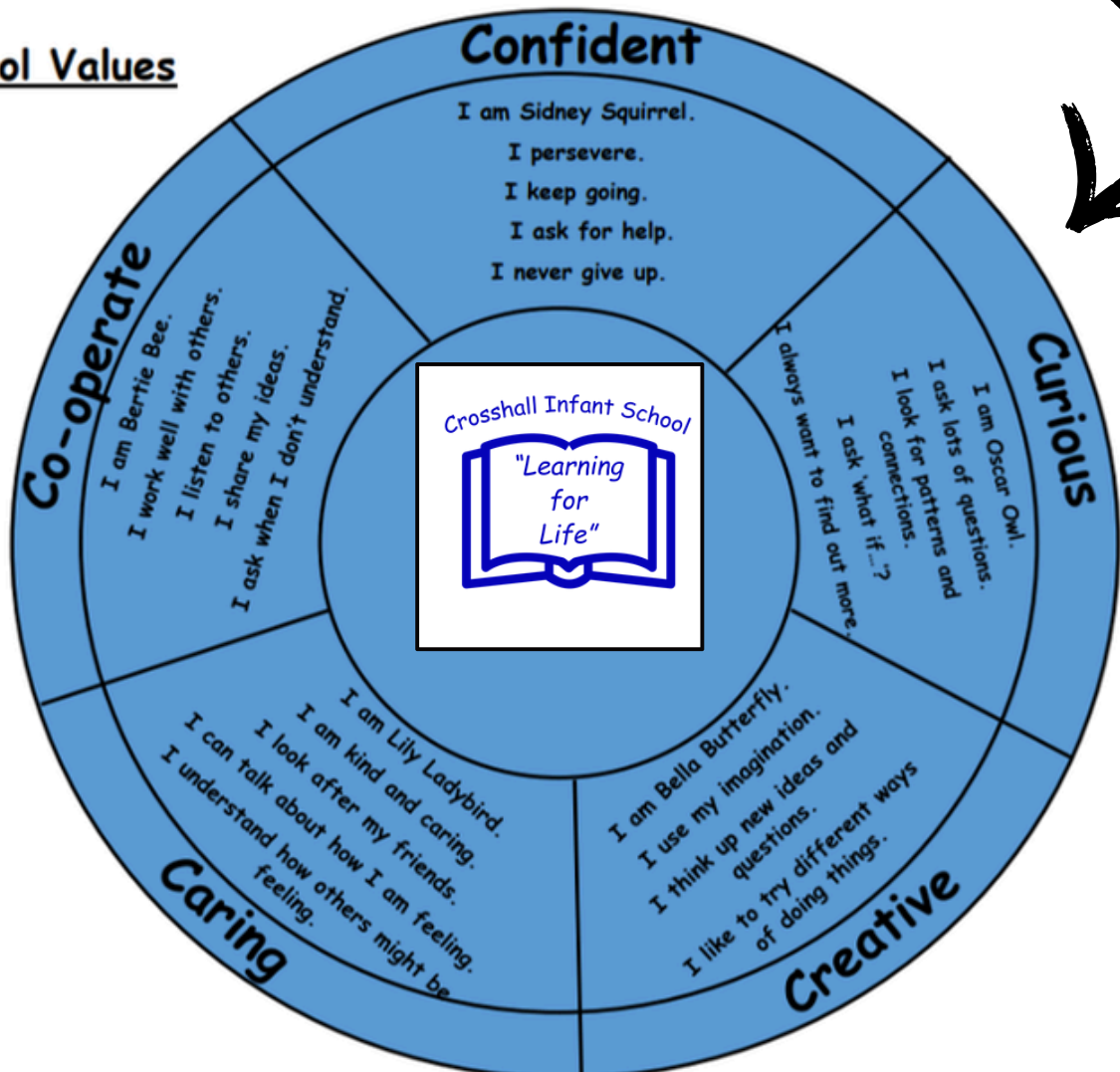
lunch with your child then please contact the school office via Visitorlunches@crosshallinfant.co.uk to book in. A lunch costs £6.50.

Mrs Sawford

Crosshall 5 C's



Our School Values





Key Dates

Wednesday 7th October	MHST coffee morning at Crosshall Junior School. 9am.
Friday 16th October	Harvest Festival – more information on Pgae 5
Tuesday 13th October	TT Rock Stars introduction– Year 2 parents invited Crosshall Junior School 3.20pm More information to follow.
Wednesday 14th October	Nursery drop in parents evening. Surnames A-M 6.00–6.30 Surnames N-Z– 6.30–7.00
Tuesday 20th October	Photo Day – Individual photographs All children to wear school uniform.
Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October	Parents consultations – more information to follow
Friday 23rd October	School closed
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term Kids Club open to all children
Wednesday 25th November	Flu vaccinations – more info to follow



Headteacher Awards

Year 1	Year 2
Leo	Nate
	Sienna





CROSSHALL

Infant School

JUNIOR SCHOOL



JOINT OPEN DAY

for prospective new starters and their families

MONDAY

23rd NOVEMBER 2026

See either or both schools in action on a normal school day.

Group tour with the Headteacher of each school, see the site, hear about the curriculum, enrichment, support and more. Meet pupils and see learning in action.

CHOOSE A SESSION

MORNING VISIT

09:30

CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL



10:00

CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL



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AFTERNOON VISIT

13:30

CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL



14:00

CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL



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To book a place on the above sessions, please follow the relevant link or QR code. Places are limited. If the sessions become full, we shall add additional dates and times.

BOTH SCHOOLS. ONE SITE.

For each session, the Infant School tour will take place first, with the option to then continue and join the Junior School tour.



Please note you only need to book a tour if you have a child joining Reception or Year 3. If your child is joining Year 3 you do not need to book onto the Infant School tour first.



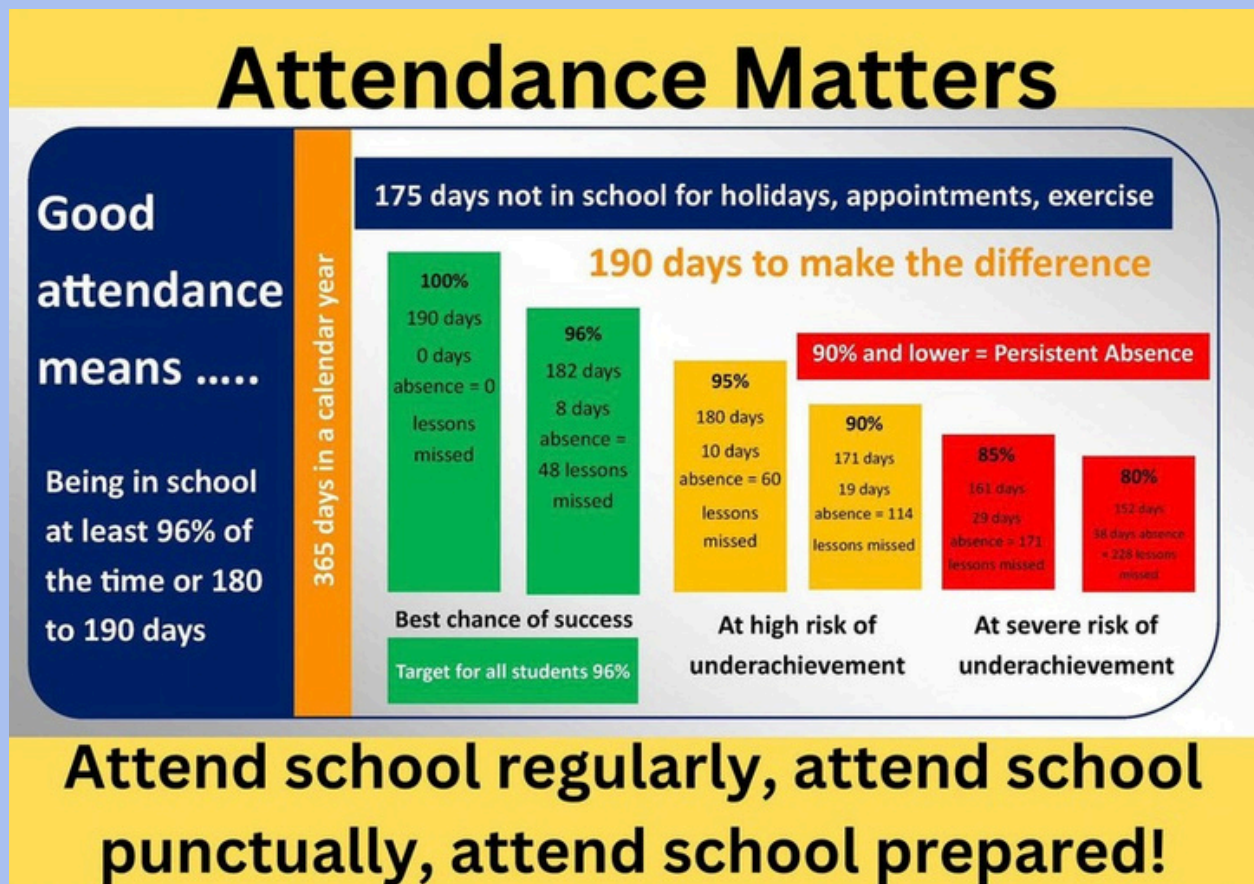
Attendance

A Reminder About Term-Time Absence

To support children's learning, absence during term time is discouraged. If exceptional circumstances mean that your child needs to be away from school, please complete an Exceptional Term-Time Leave of Absence Request Form. These can be found on our school website under the attendance tab.

Wherever possible, we ask that requests are submitted at least three weeks before the planned absence. This allows us time to consider the request and communicate our decision to you. Please note that absences not requested in advance cannot be authorised after they have taken place.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain strong attendance for all pupils.





KIDS CLUB OCTOBER HALF TERM

Activities throughout the week include: Pumpkin carving, mask making, film afternoon with popcorn, Halloween themed baking, crafts and outdoor play



Halloween themed Party on Thursday 29th October with a Prize for the best costume!

26th October – 30th October

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR HALF TERM.
SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE- YOU DO NOT NEED TO
USE KIDS CLUB DURING TERM TIME TO ACCESS
HOLIDAY CLUB.



Harvest



Once again we will be linking up with St Neots Food Bank when we celebrate Harvest this year. The whole school will come together to sing songs and learn about Harvest on Friday 16th October.

As part of this celebration we will be collecting donations which the Food Bank will collect on the day of our assembly. The items will be on display during our assembly.

Tins of:

Soup
Fruit
Meat

Packs of:

Long-life Juice
Biscuits
Sweets

Jars of:

Jam
Pasta Sauce
Coffee

And if possible please no pasta, cereal or milk.

Please make sure the items donated have a best before/use by date of 2027 onwards as the food bank cannot pack items with less than 3 months on them.

Thank you for your support with this event.



Vacancy

We have a cleaner vacancy within school. If you are interested in joining the team please follow the link for more information and application form.

[My New Term- vacancy](#)

We have a part time teacher vacancy from February half term. Please follow the link for more information. If you require a tour of the school then please contact the school office.

[My New Term- teacher vacancy](#)





We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help!

Tokens will be printed in:

- Hunts Post and Ely Standard

How you can help:

- Pick up a participating local newspaper during the promotion period
 - Cut out and save the LEGO® Education tokens
- Gather as many as tokens as possible and take them to your nearest participating school

Every token counts, so please ask family members, friends and neighbours to get involved too.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us bring more LEGO® Education resources into the classroom!





Amazon Wishlist

Crosshall Infant School has a Wishlist on Amazon. On the Wishlist we have items that are needed in nursery and school for classrooms and for the teaching of certain subjects. As a three form entry school it is expensive to purchase books for each class to access during English lessons. We have added 2 copies on to our Wishlist so each class can have their own copy. Please take a look at our Wishlist and if you are able to purchase an item we would be very grateful. If you find the book/item cheaper elsewhere or have the item at home to donate then we will happily accept these too.

Please follow the link to take a look:

[Wishlist](#)



School Lottery

Did you know that you can support our school and have the chance to win cash prizes at the same time?

Tickets cost just £1 per week, with a chance to win the weekly jackpot and a cash prize that is only won by someone in our school community. Better still, every ticket purchased helps generate regular funding for our school.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, family member or friend of the school, your support can make a real difference.

✓ Chance to win weekly cash prizes

✓ Tickets cost just £1 per week

✓ Funds raised go directly towards supporting our pupils

To find out more or to join, please visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/crosshall-infant-school-academy-trust>



MHST coffee morning

The Mental Health Support team are holding an information session for both parents at the Infant and Junior School on Wednesday 7th October. The theme is 'supporting your child with fears and worries'. If you would like to attend this session then please head across to the Junior School after drop off. No Booking required.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR INFORMATION SESSION ON...

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH FEARS AND WORRIES

Crosshall Junior School - Wednesday 7th October at 9 am

with.. The Mental Health Support Team

FREE

Babies and pre-school age children are welcome to join

This session will provide you with **information** to increase your understanding of your anxious child.

We will talk about how to **recognise** when your child may be feeling anxious and **identify** some of the possible reasons they may be feeling this way.

We will then introduce some **strategies** to help your child manage these big feelings!

Nursery



We have started to explore colours this week. The children have decorated pictures of the dog with his colourful spots and these are now displayed for us to see! We have also been learning "I can sing a Rainbow". Some of our children have beautiful singing voices! We've painted, collaged and coloured several rainbows to display in the nursery, adding a lovely splash of colour everywhere.

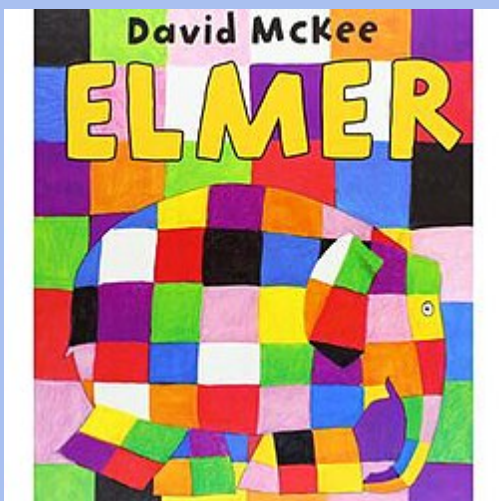
Next week

We will be continuing to learn about colours. Our focus activities will be around the book 'Elmer' by David McKee.

The shape we will be learning about is square, as Elmer is covered in square patches of beautiful colours. The children will be doing a whole class activity and will work collaboratively to build a giant Elmer! There will also be lots of other Elmer based activities next week, including biscuit decorating. On **Wednesday 7th October** it will be Elmer day. Please send your child into Nursery in bright colourful clothes on this day (no fancy dress please).

We hope you are all enjoying reading with your child at home. To ensure that your child enjoys the wide selection of lovely books we have for them to bring home and share with you please return the book after you have read it so we can then issue another book for you to enjoy. We are unable to send a book home without the last one being returned, this is to ensure we have enough books to go round each day.

The staff in Nursery spend a long time setting up the provision before and after school. When you are waiting in the playground for the doors to open please keep an eye on your children. They should not be playing with anything that has been set up.



Wow Moments – This can be anything your child has done that they are proud of or anything they would like to share with us.

Please send in any wow moments to nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk. We love sharing these activities during carpet time sessions.

Nursery parents

If you would like a tour of the school please contact the school office to arrange a time.

Apply now



for a Reception school place for September 2027

If your child will be aged 4 by **31st August**

You need to apply **NOW** for a School place



SCAN ME

**Apply by
15th January
2027**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Reception

Next week....

Next week we will be using the texts "So Much" and "Coming to England" as we begin to celebrate Black history month



Maths



This week, the children will explore how numbers can be composed of 1s and, from this, begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4. Composing and de-composing numbers involves children investigating part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. The children will learn from practical experience that a 'whole' is made up of smaller parts and is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

Reading

Your child will bring home their Little Wandle reading books to share with you today. Please ensure they are returned to school at the beginning of next week.



Writing

The children will write a caption for the main character in the text "So Much" using taught sounds. They will use taught mnemonics to correctly form their letters.

Garden and Woodland

Over the last year the Reception team have worked exceptionally hard to develop the Garden as an outside classroom and the Woodland (playground area) with a rich variety of learning opportunities. Staff spend a significant amount of time setting up these areas and would be very grateful if you could refrain from using resources before and after school.

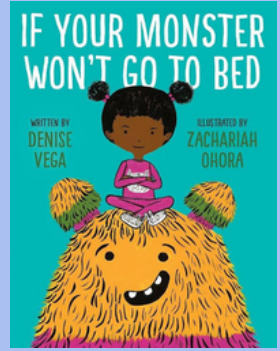


Key Stage 1

Next week...

English

In Year 1, the children are completing their work on *Paddington* by retelling the final part of the story.



The Year 2 children will be starting work on a new book, *If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed* and using it to explore the purpose of instructions. They will be learning about imperative verbs (e.g. put, place, tidy), what a command sentence is and using this information to plan and write their own commands.

Phonics

Year 1 Phonics focus: The children will learn about words that end with 's' and 'es'. They will learn that sometimes the letter 's' can also make the 'z' sound. E.g. crowds, spears.

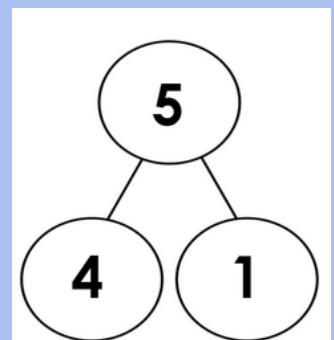


Year 2 Phonics focus: It is our review week this week. The children will be revising and rehearsing all the graphemes and sounds that they have learnt since the beginning of the term.

Spellings: science, special, sweeping, colour, where, magician, searched, animal, busy, because, improve, beautiful.

Maths

Year 1: The children will learning about place values. They will be learning how to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$) to compare numbers. They will be sorting numbers and partitioning numbers into part, part whole models.



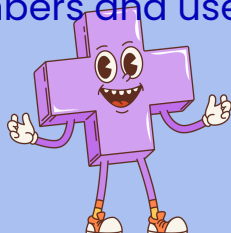
Year 2: The children will use their number bond knowledge to rehearse their number bonds to 100. E.g. $90 + 10$. They will the practise adding and subtracting 1 digit numbers and use them to create fact families.

E.g: $21 + 5 = 26$,

$5 + 21 = 26$

$26 - 5 = 21$

$26 - 21 = 5$



Year 2 music afternoon

Last Friday the Year 2 children had a very exciting afternoon. Audrey Caldwell, the Music director for Meridian Trust, came and worked with all Year 2 children. They had great fun learning new songs, listening to each other and singing as a year group. All the children enjoyed this session and participated fully. Audrey was very impressed with their singing!





Year 2 parents

Apply now



for a Junior school place for September 2027

If your child is
currently in
Year 2 at an
Infant School

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



SCAN ME

Apply by
**15th January
2027**

For further information please visit
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School lunch - week 2

Crosshall Infant School- Menus

Monday - Week 1

Fish Fingers
Chicken curry
Vegetarian fingers
~Pasta
Boiled rice
Homemade bread
~
Garden Peas
Fresh sliced carrots
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate chip cookie
Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Hot Dog
Macaroni cheese
~
Diced potatoes
Homemade bread
~
Steamed broccoli
Sweetcorn
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate brownie cake
Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Homemade cheese and
tomato pizza
Jacket potatoes-cheese
or ham topping
~
Homemade bread
~
Baked beans
Sweetcorn
Fresh salad
~
Crispy cake
Fresh fruit

Thursday

Tomato pasta bake
Pasta with cheese/ham
~
Homemade bread
~
Baked beans
Steamed cauliflower
Fresh salad
~
Shortbread
Fresh fruit

Friday

Roast chicken
Filled wraps-cheese, tuna,
ham
~
Roast potatoes
Fresh salad
~
Steamed broccoli
Fresh sliced carrots
Fresh salad
~
Biscuit
Jelly
Ice cream

Monday -Week 2

Fish Fingers
Chicken curry
Vegetarian fingers
~Pasta
Boiled rice
Homemade bread
~
Garden peas
Steamed cauliflower
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate chip cookies
Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Homemade cheese and
tomato pizza
Cheese whirls
~
Homemade bread
~
Baked beans
Steamed carrots
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate brownie cake
Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Fishcakes
Meatballs
Vegetarian balls
~
Pasta
Homemade bread
~
Steamed broccoli
Sweetcorn
Fresh salad
~
Crispy cake
Fresh fruit

Thursday

Pork Sausages
Egg and cheese
~
Chips
Homemade bread
~
Baked beans
Sweetcorn
Fresh salad
~
Shortbread
Fresh fruit

Friday

Roast chicken
Filled wraps-cheese, tuna,
ham
~
Roast potatoes
Fresh salad
~
Steamed broccoli
Fresh sliced carrots
Fresh salad
~
Biscuit
Jelly
Ice cream

Crosshall Infant School- Menus

Monday - Week 3

Fish Fingers
Lasagne
~
Vegetarian fingers
~
Pasta
Homemade bread
~
Garden peas
Sliced carrots
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate chip cookie
Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Hot Dog
Macaroni cheese
~
Potato wedges
Homemade bread
~
Steamed broccoli
Baked beans
Fresh salad
~
Chocolate brownie cake
Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Homemade cheese and
tomato pizza
Jacket potatoes-cheese
or ham toppings
~
Homemade bread
~
Baked beans
Sweetcorn
Fresh salad
~
Crispy cake
Fresh fruit

Thursday

Fish Cakes
Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetarian Spaghetti
Bolognese
~
Homemade bread
~
Chips
~
Garden peas
Steamed cauliflower
Fresh salad
~
Shortbread
Fresh fruit

Friday

Roast chicken
Filled wraps-cheese, tuna,
ham
~
Roast potatoes
Fresh salad
~
Steamed broccoli
Fresh sliced carrots
Fresh salad
~
Biscuit
Jelly
Ice cream

Daily fresh salad station

Spinach
Mixed peppers
Cucumber
Tomato
Grated carrot/sweetcorn (on some days)

Jacket potatoes will be available every
day.

T.&S. THOMAS
TRADITIONAL
Family Butchers



All our food is made in our
kitchen daily including our bread and all
our desserts.

We are proud to be a nut free school.
All individual diets/intolerances are
catered for.