

# CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL NEWS



6th March 2026

## HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award this week.

Year 1	Year 2	
Lennie	Aurelia	Finley
	Owen	Ethan
	Tom	



## DIARY DATES

I have had a few parents suggest a diary dates section in the weekly newsletter would be great to highlight up and coming events. Please note these dates may change but we will try our best to adhere to them. Often dates are included on individual pages but moving forwards they will be here too.

### **Parent Consultations- Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March**

Information was sent out last week to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

### **Red Nose Day- Friday 20th March**

More info to be sent out soon.

### **Monday 23rd March**

Easter egg competition entries due in so they can be displayed.

### **Open Day- Thursday 26th March**

More information about this is attached in the email.

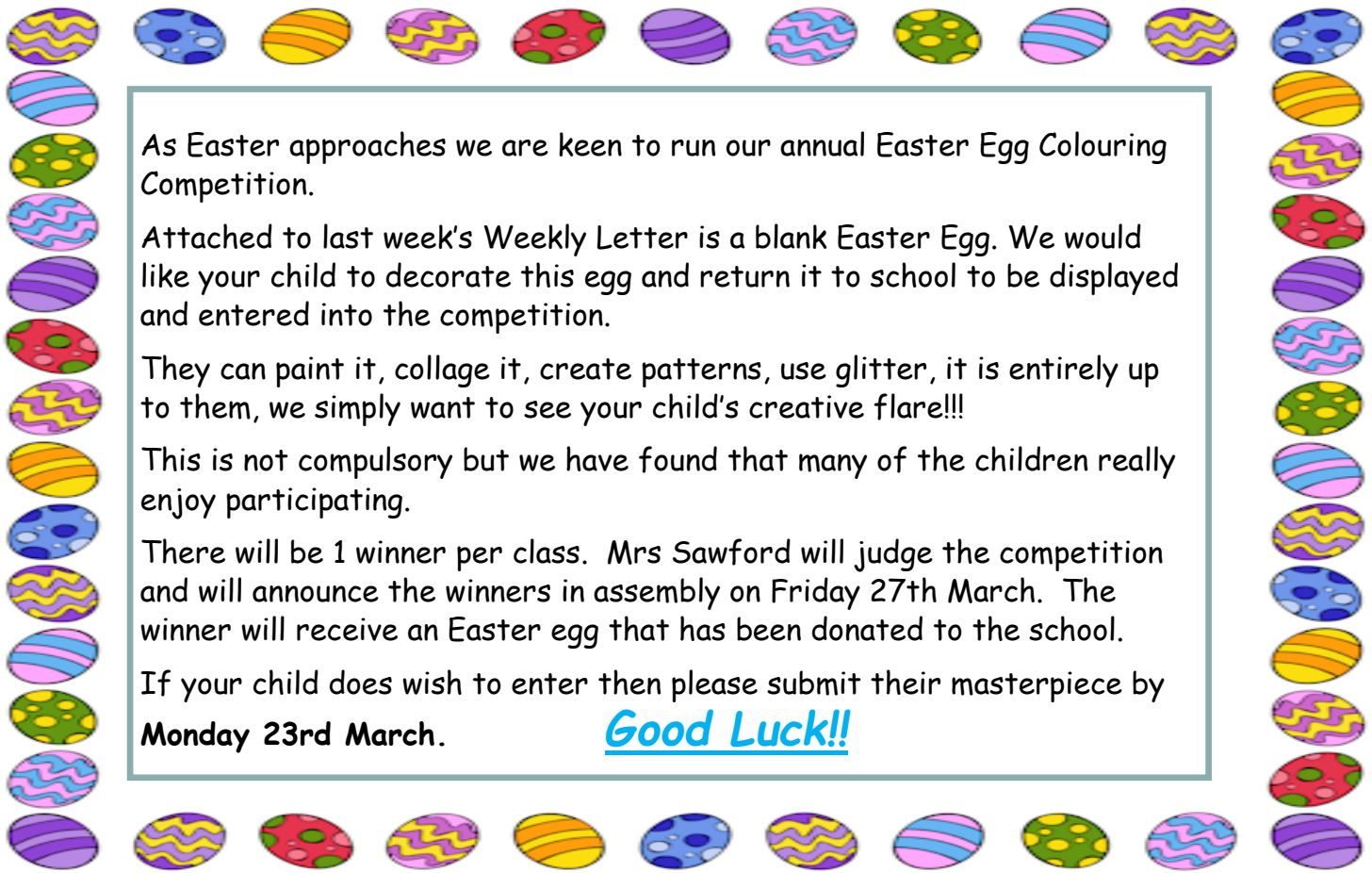
### **Friday 27th March**

Last Day of term.

### **Monday 13th April**

Start of summer term. Children back to school on this day.

## EASTER EGG COLOURING COMPETITION



As Easter approaches we are keen to run our annual Easter Egg Colouring Competition.

Attached to last week's Weekly Letter is a blank Easter Egg. We would like your child to decorate this egg and return it to school to be displayed and entered into the competition.

They can paint it, collage it, create patterns, use glitter, it is entirely up to them, we simply want to see your child's creative flare!!!

This is not compulsory but we have found that many of the children really enjoy participating.

There will be 1 winner per class. Mrs Sawford will judge the competition and will announce the winners in assembly on Friday 27th March. The winner will receive an Easter egg that has been donated to the school.

If your child does wish to enter then please submit their masterpiece by **Monday 23rd March.**

**Good Luck!!**

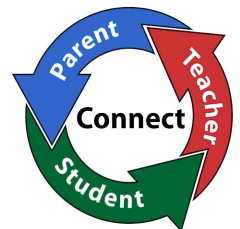
## PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS - NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL

This terms Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on the following dates:

Nursery - **Tuesday 10th March**

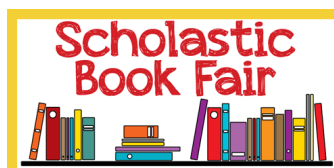
School - **Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March**

Information about how to book an appointment via the MCAS app was sent out last week with the weekly newsletter information.



## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Fair. We hope you enjoyed the selection of books that were available. The total funds raised for the school was £546.47.



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be disadvantaged.

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Even though your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, which is funded by the government for children in Reception—Year 2, applying for Pupil Premium will continue beyond Year 2.

If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed on this [free school meals](#) page, you can apply for free school meals and allow your school to receive the Pupil Premium funding.

Children aged 3 or 4 years may also be eligible for [Early Years Pupil Premium](#).



For more information about Pupil Premium and eligibility you can call **01223 703200** or email [pupil.premium@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:pupil.premium@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Pupil Premium**

## CROSSHALL AMAZON WISHLIST

Thank you to the many families who have made a purchase from our **Amazon Wishlist**.

There is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but it has been created in the hope that you can. If you are unable to purchase a specific item but can purchase a similar alternative then please do so and we are grateful.

Please follow the [link](#) to see what we have on our Wishlist!

All of these resources will make a difference!

## VACANCIES

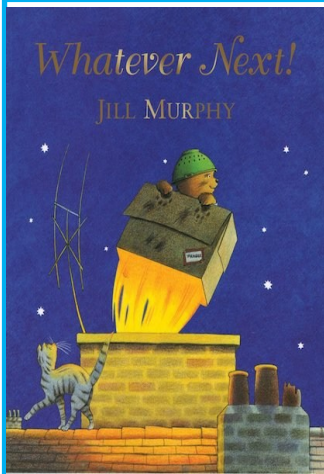
We have a vacancy in our Kids Club for a before and after school playworker. Please see the advert following the [link](#) for more information.

Meridian Trust are looking for a Senior HR advisor to work across a number of schools of which Crosshall Infant and Crosshall Junior School are in this hub. If you would like to find out more information please follow the [link](#) or see the attached documents.



# Crosshall Nursery

What another busy week we have had. The children have really enjoyed exploring space. We have watched launches of rockets, practised our cutting skills and made our own rockets. We have also looked at all the different planets by creating space in our small world play. We have enjoyed reading 'Aliens wear Underpants' and looking at the story with our interactive story sack.



Next week we are continuing our two week focus on Space. We will be asking the children what they would like to find out about Space or being an astronaut. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Our focus text next week will be 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children will be reenacting the story through role play.

The letter of the week is 'R'



Please make sure you have signed up for our Parents Evenings on **Tuesday 10th March**. We are looking forward to discussing how your child is progressing and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you to everyone who brought in a book to swap. The children had fun choosing a new book to bring home.

We hope you enjoy reading the book your child has chosen. Maybe send in some photos of you all enjoying your new book.



**Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.**

If you would like to share your child's WOW moments from home, please email us:

[nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk)

Please remember this email address is only for WOW moments.

This term the children will be learning about People in their Community. The children will learn about people such as the police, firefighters, teachers, doctors, vets, postal workers and bin men. We will also be sharing a series of traditional tales with the children over the Spring Term.



Next week in Reception we will be celebrating British Science week. Throughout the week the children will have the opportunity to learn about a range of scientists as well as carry out their own practical experiments.

**Important**

## Change to PE days

From next week all of Reception will have PE on Fridays.

Bumblebees will also have PE on Monday.

Dragonflies will also have PE on Wednesday.

Ladybirds will also have PE on Thursday.

## Next week

The children will be junk modelling their own recycling trucks and making binoculars out of kitchen roll tubes. If you have any recycling that you would like to donate we would be very grateful for any small boxes and tubes.



## Maths

This week, the children will consolidate their understanding of the composition of numbers by investigating the numbers within 7. Composing and de-composing numbers involves the children investigating part-part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 7 can be made of 5 and 2

## Phonics

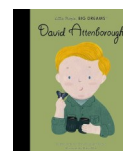
Next week in phonics the children will learn to read and write longer words. They will practice chunking the words into smaller parts in order to read it.

The children will read with an adult 3 times per week.

## Writing

We will be sharing the text 'How a recycling truck works?' The children will write a decodable sentence based on this text.

We will also be sharing the Little People Big Dreams texts on David Attenborough, Alan Turing, Marie Curie and Mae C Jemison. The children will have a range of opportunities to independently write about each scientist.



## Science week

To celebrate British Science week the children will be carrying out their own experiments.

- 📖 They will investigate the best materials to make an umbrella.
- 📖 They will explore seasonal changes throughout the year.

# Homework

## YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Year 1 spelling homework for this week:

glue, argue, cute, June, field, cloud, few, chew, there, sure, what, were.

Please continue to read regularly at home and record this in your child's reading diary.

Year 2 children will have a big spelling quiz on the 64 Common Exception Words in the week commencing 16th March. These can be found on the next page and in your child's reading diary. Please take some time to look at them with your child. You could look for them when reading as well to see how they are used. If you are practising writing them, try putting them into sentences so your child can use them in context.

### Year 1 PE Days

The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.

Barn Owls- Tuesday

Red Kites- Monday

Robins- Thursday

All Year 1 children - Wednesday.

### Year 2 PE Days

All Year 2 children - Tuesday

Otters - Wednesday

Hedgehogs - Friday

Foxes - Friday

This half term's big question has a history focus.

### 'What made Ibn Battuta an explorer?'

The children will learn about what makes an explorer and the challenges that he and other explorers have faced.



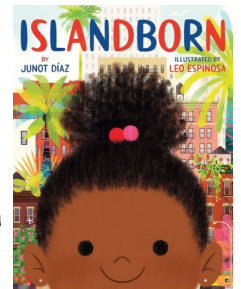
### Next week...

#### English

The children are going to be continuing to use the text *Islandborn* to inspire their writing. We are using it to write descriptions about the island so that the reader can imagine just what it would be like to visit it.

Year 1 children will be making use of adjectives and expanded noun phrases in their writing. They will be extending their sentences using the conjunction 'and'.

Year 2 children will be encouraged to consider their writing from a slightly different perspective; they will be persuading people to visit the island by using a range of descriptive language. We will look at different ways to start our sentences with a particular focus on adverbial phrases.



#### Phonics

**Year 1** children will be rehearsing the sounds that they have been learning over the last 5 weeks and revisiting the following graphemes that they learnt during the autumn term:

/ue/ (argue), /u\_e/ (rude/cute), /ie/ (shield), /aw/ (claw) & /ou/ (cloud)

**Year 2** children will continue to revise the alternative spellings for:

/j/ - dge (fridge), ge (age), g (magic)

We will also be learning about simple homophones such as *wear* and *where*.

#### Maths

In **Year 1**, the children will continue to practise their measuring skills. They will be measuring the volumes of different vessels and using the vocabulary *full*, *empty*, *half full* etc to compare them. The children will be learning how to answer word problems based on measurement.



In **Year 2**, we will continue to learn about fractions. We will be finding  $\frac{1}{4}$  of different numbers, finding  $\frac{1}{3}$  of shapes and numbers as well as learning how to find the whole if we already know a fraction of it. E.g. if we know that  $\frac{1}{4}$  is 4, then the whole must be 16.

#### Science

We will be carrying out investigations using our senses. The children will focus on sight, smell and taste to explore and group different foods and drinks. We will also discuss whether using only one sense, such as smell, changes what we think or expect about the foods and drinks.



# Year 2 Common Exception Words

after  
again  
any  
bath  
beautiful  
because  
behind  
both  
break  
busy  
child  
children  
Christmas

class  
climb  
clothes  
could  
cold  
door  
even  
every  
everybody  
eye  
fast  
father  
find

floor  
gold  
grass  
great  
half  
hold  
hour  
improve  
kind  
last  
many  
mind  
money

most  
move  
Mr  
Mrs  
old  
only  
parents  
pass  
past  
path  
people  
plant  
poor

pretty  
prove  
should  
steak  
sugar  
sure  
told  
water  
whole  
who  
wild  
would

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1-3

Next Week we are on Menu Week 3

During the lunch period staff are available to promote table manners, support with cutting up food and they are there to encourage children to try new foods or to eat a little more.

### Crosshall Infant School- Autumn Term Menus

<p><b>Monday - Week 1</b></p> <p>Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden Peas Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookie Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Sausage rolls Macaroni cheese ~ Diced potatoes Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potatoes-cheese or ham topping ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Tomato pasta bake Pasta with cheese/ham ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Shortbread Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Roast chicken Filled wraps-cheese, tuna, ham ~ Roast potatoes Fresh salad ~ Steamed broccoli Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Biscuit Jelly</p>
<p><b>Monday -Week 2</b></p> <p>Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden peas Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookies Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Cheese whirls ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Steamed carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Fishcakes Meatballs Vegetarian balls ~ Pasta Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Pork Sausages Egg and cheese ~ Chips Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Shortbread Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Roast chicken Filled wraps-cheese, tuna, ham ~ Roast potatoes Fresh salad ~ Steamed broccoli Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Biscuit Jelly</p>

**Daily fresh salad station**  
Spinach  
Mixed peppers  
Cucumber  
Tomato  
Grated carrot/sweetcorn (on some days)

Jacket potatoes will be available every day.

**T.&STHOMAS**  
TRADESMEN  
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.

## Crosshall Infant School- Autumn Term Menus

Monday - Week 3	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Lasagne ~ Vegetarian fingers ~ Pasta Homemade bread ~ Garden peas Sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookie Fresh fruit	Sausage roll Macaroni cheese ~ Potato wedges Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Baked beans Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potatoes-cheese or ham toppings ~ Homemade bread ~ ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit	Fish Cakes Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese ~ Homemade bread Chips ~ Garden peas Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Shortbread Fresh fruit	Roast chicken Filled wraps-cheese, tuna, ham ~ Roast potatoes Fresh salad ~ Steamed broccoli Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Biscuit Jelly

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## KIDS CLUB

If you require childcare throughout the Easter holidays then our Kids Club will be open 8-6. There are spaces available throughout this time. Please contact Kids Club on [kidsclub@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:kidsclub@crosshallinfant.co.uk) to book your space. You do not have to use Kids Club during term time to access this holiday provision.



## GREEN GATE- BIKE AND SCOOTER STORAGE

In order to improve the security of the whole site, from now on, the Junior School will be locking the green gate near Year Six between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. You will still be able to leave your scooter/bike there but if you are a nursery parent and collect at 12 you will need to leave your child's bike/scooter in the nursery grounds.