

# CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

Crosshall Infant School



17th April 2026

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

Reception
Theodore



## STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce we have appointed Mrs Michelle Ellis as an Early Years Practitioner in nursery. She will be working in nursery every day and will be a keyworker for a group of children.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Driving up attendance and tackling persistent absence is one of school priorities this academic year. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly so your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Every half day absence from school has to be classified by the school (not by parents) as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. Any pupil arriving late will also affect their attendance record.

Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence and we ask parents to work with us by not taking children away in school time. **Remember that any cost savings you think you may make by taking a holiday in school time are offset by the cost to your child's education and any potential Local Authority fine.**

***There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday.***

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



## TISSUES FOR YOUR CHILD

Thank you to those parents who have sent in a box of tissues for their child to use in class. We are extremely grateful.

Supplies are now dwindling so please could you send in any further boxes for your child to use, directly to the classroom and hand to the teacher at the door.

Thank you for your continued support.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN TISSUES FOR YOUR CHILD**



## LUNCH BOOKINGS

Thank you for visiting for lunch. The children have loved welcoming you into school and sharing lunch.

The bookings have reopened so if you do wish to make a booking then please contact the school office 01480 475980 or email us at [visitorlunches@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:visitorlunches@crosshallinfant.co.uk) and then make payment via your MCAS account.



## CROSSHALL AMAZON WISHLIST

Thank you to the many families who have made a purchase from our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

With restricted government budgets, it becomes increasingly more difficult to ensure that the basic resources such as pencils, paints, glue sticks, whiteboard pens etc are provided for.

We have recently added some books onto the [wish list](#) which will support the children in the classrooms. School have purchased 1 of each copy but ideally we require 3 so each class, in each year group can access the text.

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.

All of these resources will make a difference!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 4th May**

Bank Holiday—school closed

**Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th May**

Crosshall Book Shop—this will take place in school and more information will follow

**Friday 22nd May**

Teddy Bear's picnic. School Council are organising a Teddy Bear's picnic (children event only)

**Monday 25th—Friday 29th May**

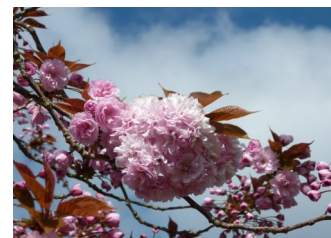
Half term

**Wednesday 3rd June**

Class photo day

# Crosshall Nursery

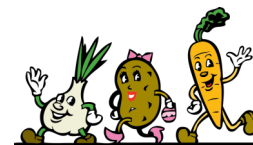
It was so lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week and hear all about their adventures over the holiday. It sounds like you all had a lovely break. The children have come back settled and have been busy looking at how things change and grow around us. They really enjoyed the magic garden this week as lots had changed over the Easter break with lots of blossom and new buds appearing. We took the magnifying glasses with us and they really loved seeing the changes close up.



Next week we will be continuing to learn all about the growth of plants. We will be reading the book Jasper's Beanstalk and planting our own beans. We will look at the life cycle of a bean as it grows.

In maths we will be building on our knowledge of weighing and measuring. The children can weigh their fruit and vegetables in our garden centre shop and measure levels of water in our water tray activities using a variety of jugs and tubes.

The letter of the week is L



## Reminder

The weather has started to get a little warmer but we do go out for a lot of the nursery day so please can your child always bring a coat to nursery even if it is just a lightweight one that can be popped in their bag.

Thank you

Thank you for all the lovely wow moments that were sent in this week. The children really enjoyed sharing the lovely things and places they visited over the Easter break.

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

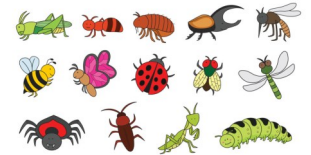
[nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk)

Please remember this email address is only for WOW moments.

All other email communications should go to [info@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:info@crosshallinfant.co.uk)

# RECEPTION

This half term we are learning all about Minibeasts. The children will learn all about insects, spiders, worms, snails and many more through exploration and hands on experiences.



## PE days

Bumblebees on Monday

Ladybirds on Thursday

Dragonflies on  
Wednesday.

All of Reception on  
Friday

As part of our learning about Minibeasts, Reception will be visiting Paxon Pits on **Thursday 14th May and Thursday 21st May.**

Please read the letter attached for more information as to which classes will be visiting on each day.

## Phonics

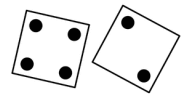
Next week in phonics we will be revisiting the digraphs er, ee, ai, oa, and the trigraphs air, ear and igh.




The children will learn to read and write longer words and words with double letters e.g bb, tt, mm, nn

Your child will bring home the text that they have read three times in school. Please ensure this book remains in their reading folder to be collected in next week.

## Maths

This week, the children will continue to develop their subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements. A key focus this week is to use the children's developing understanding of doubles to support their subitising skills.

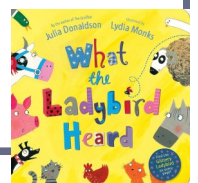


Letter mnemonic	Formation phrase
	Curl around the cat.
	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.
	Around the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet.

## Writing

Next week we will be having a handwriting focus during writing sessions. The children will learn sayings to support them with the correct formations within each letter family.

The children will have to opportunity to access a wide range of learning based around the text "What the Ladybird Heard" next week such as map drawing and making their own ladybirds,



# Homework

## YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

The children have continued learning about money at school this week. Here is a link to an online toyshop game that you could play at home.

[Toy Shop Money Game \(GBP\) - Topmarks](#)

Please practise the following spellings:

lie, time, both, home, cried, like, over, note, were, one, says, here.

Year 2 children will be practising the following spellings:

kidneys, alley, monkeys, jellies, turkeys, chimney, lollies, donkey, move, improve.

A paper copy of maths homework has been handed out today.

Next week, the children will need to have their own 'interesting' twig or stick for art. Please could you take some time to look for one with your child and send it into school.



Over the coming weeks, we will be making our own instruments in music. Please could you send in any kitchen roll tubes, old tin boxes, sandpaper, tins that have removable lids e.g metal coffee tins. No sharp edges please.

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

**'What makes South America unique?'**

The children will learn build on their knowledge of continents and explore the different features that South America has.



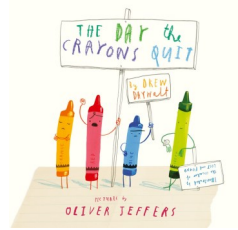
### Next Week

#### English

Our focus book for the next two weeks is *The Day The Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt.

Year 1 children will be looking at different aspects of the text, including the use of question marks and exclamation marks. They will be learning about the features of a letter.

Year 2 children will be exploring the variety of sentences types that are used in the book. They will be categorising commands, exclamatory sentences, questions and statements and using them to write their own versions. The children will learn what the features of a letter are and use this to begin to plan their own.



#### Phonics

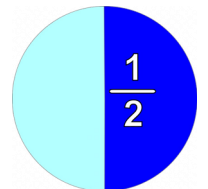
Year 1 children will be revising the following graphemes: /ie/ pie, /i-e/ time, /o/ go /o-e/ home

Year 2 children will be learning that some words have /ey/ making the /ee/ sound at the end of words and why that is. They will learn the rules for how to add different suffixes to root words that end in /ey/.

#### Maths

In **Year 1**, the children will begin to learn about fractions. They will learn how to find half of a shape or quantity and the importance of each group being equal.

In **Year 2**, the children will revisit addition and subtraction. They will be revising how they can use known number facts to help them answer problems and bridge 10s.



#### Science

The children will be planting sunflower seeds this week in order to investigate how they change and grow over time. We will be looking at what they will need to grow successfully and how we can monitor their growth.



#### Computing

The children have been really enjoying using Scratch Junior in school to learn coding skills. If you would like to access the programme at home, the app can be downloaded here: [ScratchJr - Home](#)



# SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1-3

Next week we are on Menu Week 2.

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- 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            Ice cream</p>
<p><b>Monday -Week 2</b></p> <p>Fish Fingers            Chicken curry            Vegetarian fingers            ~            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            Ice cream</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.

**Monday - Week 3**

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

**Tuesday**

Sausage roll  
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,  
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