

# CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL NEWS



13th March 2026

## DIARY DATES

### Red Nose Day- Friday 20th March

Non-uniform with crazy hair! Donations can be made through the MCAS app or follow the [link](#) to the JustGiving page.

### 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.

## VISITING FOR LUNCH

It has been so lovely to see so many of you visit us for lunch. If you would like to come in to school and have lunch with your child then we are still taking bookings. The children love it when they have a visitor! Please use the following email address to book a lunch slot: [visitorlunches@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:visitorlunches@crosshallinfant.co.uk).

## EASTER EGG COLOURING COMPETITION

The annual Easter Egg Colouring Competition is well under way and we have already had some fantastic entries.

Remember the template can be painted, collaged, patterns created, glitter and sparkles used, 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.



## RED NOSE DAY 2026

We will be joining in with Red Nose Day celebrations this year on **Friday 20th March**.

The School Council have met and have decided that our theme is to be 'Non-uniform with crazy hair'. The children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and if they wish they can make their hair crazy using hair dye, wigs, numerous plaits...the list is endless! We can't wait to see your crazy hair!

We certainly look forward to seeing everyone in their amazing outfits, but only if your child is comfortable with doing this.

We have also set up a Just Giving page for your donation [here](#).



## 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.

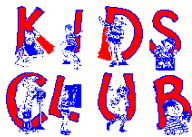
**There are some new items on the list that will be used in our reception provision.** [Amazon wishlist](#).

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.

All of these resources will make a difference!

## KIDS CLUB

If you require childcare throughout the Easter holidays then our Kids Club will be open 8am-6pm. 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.



## ITEMS REQUIRED

We are looking for some resources to create 'zones of learning' under the Reception canopy. If you have any of the following items please speak to Miss Dodson or Mrs Sawford.

 garden trellis

 pallets

 circular logs

 wooden plant stands

 astroturf/fake grass/carpet cut offs



## POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

We have been made aware of a new positive mental health service that is free for all parents and carers.

They offer face to face workshops and a parent support line, which you may find useful if you are seeking support with mental health for your child.

The website can be accessed by using the following link: [Home - Nessie](#)



## CROSSHALL OPEN DAY

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Open Day** on

**Thursday 26th March**

Full details were sent out last week. The children are getting really excited to showcase their school and take you on a full tour.

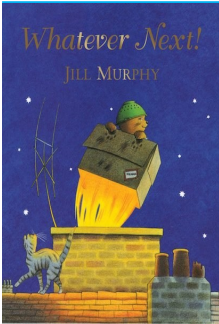
We will have refreshments, mini games in the hall, and the Crosshall Bookshop will once again be open. Thank you for the donations that have been sent in so far for the raffle.

We also welcome our parent volunteers to help run the event but you must be **DBS cleared** through school.

All proceeds from our Open Day will be used to support the extension of the school curriculum for all children.

Thank you for supporting this amazing event.

# Crosshall Nursery



What a great second week of our Space topic. The children have really enjoyed exploring space through lots of play, painting, reading and watching various short stories about space and the different planets on the interactive board. They loved the story *Whatever Next* and enjoyed recreating it outside with props.

Following on from our topic of 'Whatever Next', which the children really enjoyed, we will be focusing on bears. We will design our own bears with paints and different materials. This will also enable the children to practice their scissor skills whilst cutting out various materials and bear shapes. We will be reading 'We're going on a Bear hunt' and in the magic garden we will go on our own Bear hunt.

The letter of the week is 'h'.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents evening. It was so lovely to see you all and share the lovely progress that your children are making. We are all very proud of all of them.

## Important dates

Friday 20th March—Red Nose Day. Children can come to nursery in their own clothes and crazy hair! Donations can be made through the MCAS app or visiting the [JustGiving](#) page.

Thursday 26th March—Open Day

Easter egg competition—Don't forget to send in your child's entry into our Easter egg competition. We have already had some lovely entries and we will display these on the nursery windows for you all to enjoy.

**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.

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

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.



## PE days

All of the children  
Reception 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.



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

## Comic Relief

On Friday  
20th March  
we will be raising money  
for Comic Relief. The  
children are invited to  
come into school  
wearing their own  
clothes and "Crazy"  
hair.

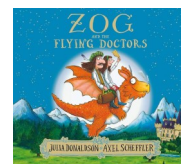
## Maths

This week, the children  
will continue to explore the  
composition of numbers within  
10, focusing on the 'special case'  
of when 2 equal parts combine to  
make a whole. The children will  
first use their skills of  
comparison and identify when 2  
sets are equal or not equal.



## Writing

We will be sharing the text  
Zog and the Flying doctor and  
the Busy People text:  
Doctors. The children will  
write a decodable sentence  
based on this  
text.



## 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. This week we will cover  
word such as carpet, magnet,  
market, velvet, bedroom,  
carpark, farmyard, rooftop

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

## PSHE

In PSHE next week we will  
continue to think about how we  
keep ourselves fit and healthy.  
The children will be thinking  
about what foods and drinks  
are healthy options.



## Magic Garden

Spring appears to have finally sprung! Next week the children will be exploring signs of spring such as buds, changes to leaves and spring flowers.

# Homework

## YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Year 1 children will have a big spelling challenge on the 45 Common Exception Words in the last week of term. Please take some time to look at these with your child. They can be found on the next page and in your child's reading diary.

Year 2 children will have a big spelling quiz on the 64 Common Exception Words, next week. These can be found below 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.

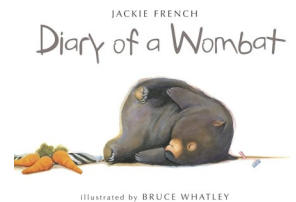


### Next week...

#### English

Year 1 The children will be continuing to work on the skills they have been learning to help them describe a setting. They will be using expanded noun phrases to describe a setting from the story *Monkey Puzzle*, which they learnt about as part of our recent Book Week.

Year 2 The children will be sharing and discussing the story *Diary of a Wombat* and using it to think about what it means to keep a diary. They will be exploring the wombat's busy week and pretending that they are the main character to write a recount of all the interesting things that she got up to.



#### Phonics

Year 1 children will be revising the sounds that they have covered this half term. They will be paying particular attention on practising their blending skills when they are reading to develop the skill of decoding words in their heads and reading them automatically.

Year 2 children will learn that 'w' and 'qu' can change the sound that /a/ makes to /o/ and /or/. We will look at examples, such as squash, water and warm and learn the different spelling patterns.

You could look for these words when you are reading with your child.

#### Maths

In Year 1, the children will be practising their subtraction skills. They will be partitioning numbers using part, part whole models, identifying fact families and using number lines.



In Year 2, we will continue to learn about fractions. We will be learning that  $\frac{2}{4}$  is the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$  and looking at how we can identify this in both shapes and quantities. We will also learn how to find  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a whole.

#### Science

We are continuing to explore our amazing bodies by carrying out another investigation. The children will be looking to see whether having bigger hands means that they can hold more cubes in them. They will make predictions, consider how to investigate fairly and then record their findings.



## Year 1 Common Exception Words

the  
a  
do  
to  
today  
of  
said  
says  
are  
were  
was

is  
his  
has  
I  
you  
your  
they  
be  
he  
me  
she  
we

no  
go  
so  
by  
my  
here  
there  
where  
love  
come  
some

one  
once  
ask  
friend  
school  
put  
push  
pull  
full  
house  
our

# 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 1

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>                      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>                      Sausage rolls                      Macaroni cheese                      ~                      Diced potatoes                      Homemade bread                      ~                      Steamed broccoli                      Sweetcorn                      Fresh salad                      ~                      Chocolate brownie cake                      Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b>                      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>                      Tomato pasta bake                      Pasta with cheese/ham                      ~                      Homemade bread                      ~                      Baked beans                      Steamed cauliflower                      Fresh salad                      ~                      Shortbread                      Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>                      Red Nose Party Day                      Filled wraps—cheese, tuna, ham                      ~                      Homemade cheese and tomato pizza                      Crisps                      Carrot and cucumber sticks                      ~                      Cake</p>
<p><b>Monday -Week 2</b>                      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>                      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>                      Fishcakes                      Meatballs                      Vegetarian balls                      ~                      Pasta                      Homemade bread                      ~                      Steamed broccoli                      Sweetcorn                      Fresh salad                      ~                      Crispy cake                      Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>                      Pork Sausages                      Egg and cheese                      ~                      Chips                      Homemade bread                      ~                      Baked beans                      Sweetcorn                      Fresh salad                      ~                      Shortbread                      Fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>                      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**  
 TRADING AS  
 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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