

16th October 2026



Parent Newsletter



Headteacher update

This week we have celebrated Harvest. Rachel Went visited us from 'CrossTeach' for Monday's assembly and started our week of celebrations. We then came together today to sing songs and celebrate Harvest. Our choir performed for the first time and they did a wonderful job! Nursery sang 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' beautifully and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed songs they have been learning in singing assembly.

Coming together for these special whole school events is always one of my favourite times of the year! Thank you to everyone who donated an item to St Neots foodbank. This is being collected on Monday and I know it will support a lot of families in the town.

Mrs Sawford



Key Dates

Tuesday 20th October	Photo Day – Individual photographs All children to wear school uniform.
Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October	Parents consultations Bookings are now live Please see correspondence sent 7.10.26.
Friday 23rd October	School closed
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term Kids Club open to all children
Monday 2nd November	Training day – school closed
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November	Book Shop– more information on Page 5
Monday 23rd November	Joint Open Day with Croshall Junior School. You only need to attend this if you have a child starting in Reception or Year 3 in September 2027.
Wednesday 25th November	Flu vaccinations – more info to follow



Headteacher Awards

Year 1		Year 2
Rose	Minnie	Teddie
Jaxson		Henry





Coats



Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day. It might look sunny when you leave the house in the morning but that doesn't mean it won't rain at playtime or lunchtime! We are an all weather school so we go out come rain or shine.



TT Rockstars and Numbots

Your child should have received login details for Numbots and TT Rockstars. These have been stuck on their reading diary. If you lose your details please ask at the office for a reminder.

There is no set time for this across the week. Look out for challenges that will be set as the year goes on!



Parking

We have had a number of complaints recently regarding parking outside of the school. Please make sure you are not blocking driveways and ensure you are adhering to the speed limit. It is extremely busy around the school at drop off and pick up so please take extra care when driving and keep your children close to you so they are not running into the road. Feel free to 'Park and Stride' from the Co-op which helps to ease congestion.





Remembrance Day



Reflector

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Snap Band

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50



Ribbon Wristbands or Pencils

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.00

Poppies, and various other items, will be available for the children to purchase from Monday. You can send your child in with their donation in an envelope and they will be taken to choose their item during the school day. Please see the poster for suggested donation amounts.



Photo Day



On Tuesday 20th October the school photographer will be in taking individual photos. There will also take photos of siblings that are at the Infant School.

If your child attends nursery, **but is not in on a Tuesday**, you are welcome to come to the school office at 8.30 to have a photograph taken (sibling photo too if that applies to you). Please do not come if your child attends nursery on a Tuesday as this will be taken during session time.

Please make sure your child is in school uniform. They will have their photograph taken in a cardigan/sweatshirt so make sure they have one in school on this day. No large hair accessories are to be worn. Children should be in school shoes, not trainers.



Items required!

We are low on boys trousers, specifically age 5, 6 and 7 years old for spare uniform. If you have any uniform you no longer need please can you send it into school so we can add to our 'spares'.

Please can you send in a box of tissues to use in classes. We are entering the 'cold' season and we use a large amount of tissues. We would appreciate tissue donations!



Drinks in School



Water bottles need to be sent into school every day. These need to contain water only. No flavoured water or juices please.



Fundraising

Christmas Elves needed!

It is that time of the year when the fundraising committee in school are preparing for all the Christmas activities! We are looking for some help to support us with this.

Donations needed:

Christmas wrapping paper (new rolls or rolls you no longer need)
Selotape

We are also looking for 'Elves' to wrap the Christmas presents for Christmas shop. If you could spare some time to wrap some presents then please email the office (office@crosshallinfant.co.uk) and they will forward to the fundraising committee. When presents are ready you will be asked to collect gifts, paper, selotape and labels from the office. Your help will be very much appreciated!



Book Shop



We are excited to be holding our first Book Shop of the year after half term! Reception children will visit on Thursday 5th and KS1 children on Friday 6th. Nursery children will be taken across during their sessions on these days. If your child does not attend nursery on a Thursday or Friday they will have an opportunity at the beginning of the week. There will be a wide range of books available to purchase, and children will attend with their class. All books cost £2.50 and can be purchased through MCAS ahead of the Book Shop. There is no limit on the number of books that can be purchased."

All profits made from the sale of the books will be used to fund a visit from Peterborough Museum who will in school in November to enrich the Year 1 and Year 2 History curriculum.

Nursery

At nursery this week we have talked a lot about Autumn. We have talked about the colours changing on the leaves and the children then produced some lovely painted leaves to hang in the nursery. We have done scissor snipping with the dried leaves to decorate hedgehogs. We made leaf men in the garden and the children made conker soup in the water tray! We have also done lots of rehearsing of "The dingle dangle scarecrow" which the children performed brilliantly. They were very enthusiastic with their singing and made us so proud in the whole school assembly!



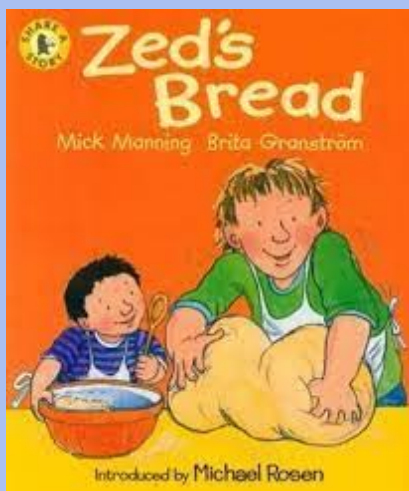
Next week

The theme next week is Harvest. We will be talking about farmers who grow our food and about the food that is grown in the fields. We will be reading the story "Zed's bread" by Michael Rosen. We will be following Zed's recipe to make our own bread which the children will enjoy either here or at home.

We are starting to have a lot of children bringing in large toys from home. After half term we are asking that these toys stay at home. The children are settled and no longer need these home comforts as there are plenty of similar toys at the nursery, which they do all play with.

A polite notice when doing a packed lunch that fruit based snacks are not allowed as they look too much like sweets which are not permitted.

A healthy packed lunch with a sandwich or similar, a piece of fruit, crisps are permitted. Thank you for your support with this.



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



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**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 in Reception, we will be using the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell as the focus for our learning. Through this much-loved story, the children will explore themes of family, feelings, friendship and caring relationships as we end this topic.



Maths

This week in Maths, the children will be learning to compare amounts. They will build on their subitising skills (recognising small quantities without counting) and begin to compare groups of objects. The children will use the mathematical language "more than" and "less than" to describe and compare different amounts



Writing

The children will independently write a caption to match an illustration from our focus text, Owl Babies. They will apply the phonics knowledge they have gained so far to hear and record sounds in words and will be encouraged to use the tricky word "is" in their writing.

Named PE Kit

We have had a significant number of PE jumpers left in school that are currently unnamed. Over the half-term break, please take the opportunity to ensure that all items of uniform, including PE kits, are clearly named. This will help us to quickly identify and return any misplaced belongings to the correct child.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep track of children's uniform.



After half term...

After half term, our Reception topic will be Celebrations. One of the first celebrations we will be learning about is Diwali. If Diwali is a celebration that is important to you and your family, we would love to hear from you. We are always keen to involve families in our learning, and would welcome any parents or family members who would be willing to come into school to share their experiences with the children.

You may wish to talk about how you celebrate Diwali, share photographs, special clothing, artefacts, stories or traditions that are meaningful to your family. If you would be interested in supporting us with this learning, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Dodson.



Key Stage 1

Next week...

English

Year 1 children will be writing a poem about autumn. They will be using adjectives to extend a kernel sentence.

In Year 2, the children will be writing a poem about autumn leaves. They will be extending kernel sentences to include adjectives and adverbs.



Phonics

Year 1 Phonics focus: The children will learn about words that end with the suffixes 'er' and 'est'. For example: sweeter and greenest. They will also rehearse the sounds that they have learnt this half term when they are in longer words. The children will practise chunking the words and blending them for reading.



Year 2 Phonics focus: We will be reviewing all the phase 5 sounds and graphemes that the children have learnt over the next few weeks. We will be focussing on: /oo/ /yoo/ oo u u-e ew ue ou ui /air/ air are ear ere /ur/ er ur ir or ear /ow/ ou ow next week.

Spellings: useful, share, world, mouth, where, about, true, circle, their, through

Maths

Year 1: The children will be learning about subtraction. They will be using their knowledge of number bonds within 10 to support them.

Year 2: The children will continue to learn about addition and subtraction. They will be adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and looking for patterns. They will then move on to learning how to add two 2digit numbers.



This week, the children all received their log ins to Numbots (Year 1) and TT Rock Stars (Year 2). They have been stuck in their reading diaries. Please take some time to log in at home and explore the platforms. Should you misplace the log in information, please contact the school office.





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



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Apply by
**15th January
2027**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your child's current 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

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

Party Food
Filled wraps-
cheese, tuna, ham
Pizza slices
~
Carrot and Cucumber
sticks
Crisps
~
Cookie

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.