Meridian Trust

Crosshall Infant School "Learning for Life"

22nd October 2026

Parent Newsletter

Headteacher update

We looked at Bella Butterfly in assembly on Monday who is **C**reative. She completes our learning on 'Crosshall 5 C's'. The children were excited to learn about what Bella is like and have been busy being creative in classrooms and in the playground with their games. The Crosshall 5 C's allow the children to talk about how they are sharing our school vision in their learning and they are confident in each area.

Thank you for all your support this half term. We would like to wish you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mrs Sawford

Key Dates

Monday 2nd November	Training day - school closed
Tuesday 3rd November	Children back in school
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November	Book Shop- more information on Page 5
Friday 13th November	Children In Need day More information will follow after half term
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November	Peterborough Museum in working working with Year 1 and Year 2 children
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 information to follow
Friday 27th November	School closed
Friday 4th December	Christmas Extravaganza KS1 children will share some festive songs at this event
Friday 11th December	Reception and Nursery Christmas Nativity More information will follow
Monday 14th December	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon for Year 1 and Year 2 children. Children will need collecting from the church at 3pm.
Thursday 17th December	Christmas lunch - no visitor bookings
Friday 18th December	Last day of school Visiting Pantomime for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Remembrance Day

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.

Adventure Playground

There have been a lot questions asked about the adventure playground and when it will re-open. We are working with companies to gain quotes for the repairs needed which range in price. Unfortunately it has a number of rotten posts, along with rope repairs and flooring issues which means it has been deemed un-useable. We need to ensure we are using certified playground specialists so we have the relevant documentation to adhere to health and safety processes and procedures.

I have also spoken to parents about supporting the cost of the repairs and I am working with them to make this possible. Thank you for your on-going support and patience. We are working hard to get the adventure playground back to being 'open' and I will update you when we have any further information.

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 Chistmas 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

We have had a very busy week looking at Harvest. We have looked at what farmers grow in their fields and different fruit and vegetables. We talked about the textures, shapes and weight and how they might taste. We even made our own Hedgehog using a sweet potato.
On Wednesday we had great fun in the magic garden, the children and staff did a big pumpkin hunt finding all diffent size pumpkins. The children have painted some amazing pumpkins this week.
We have also read the book "Zed's bread" and followed the recipe from the book to make our own bread rolls . I hope you had a little taste when they brought them home. They certainly smelt lovely whilst they were cooking.

After half term

The theme after half term is celebrations. We start with Diwali and looking at the book "Dilpa's Diwali". We will be doing some of our own Rangoli patterns.
We will also be celebrating bonfire night and looking at firework safety.
We will be starting our letter of the week and it will be the letter 's'.
Over half term try finding things either around the house or when you are out and about beginning with 's'.
We would like to wish you a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

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

Cambridgeshire County Council

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

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Reception

After half term...

AAter half term, our learning theme will be Celebrations. We will begin by exploring Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. The children will learn the story of Rama and Sita and begin to understand why this story is important to Hindus. They will also explore some of the traditions and customs associated with Diwali.
In addition, the children will learn about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated. Through a range of activities, they will explore how people celebrate this event safely and compare it with other celebrations they have learned about.

Writing

The children will write a sentence using phonics they already know to describe a firework. The children will also complete a piece of independent writing using phonics tthey learnt last half term.

Maths

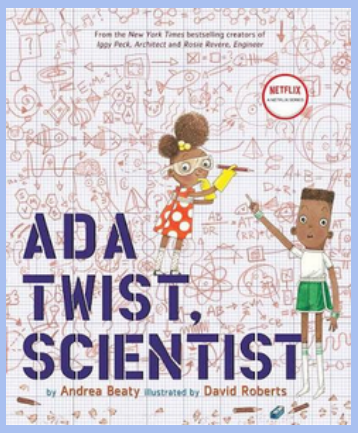
The children will practise one-to-one correspondence. They will learn that each object counted is assigned one number and that the final number in the count tells us how many there are altogether. This will help develop their understanding of cardinality and secure their early counting skills.

Phonics

In phonics, we will be learning the digraphs (two letters that make one sound) ff, ll and ss, as well as the j sound.
Our tricky words for this week are: put, pull, full and as. These are words that the children should practise reading by sight as they cannot always be sounded out using their usual phonics strategies. Please continue to practise these words regularly at home to support your child's confidence and fluency.

Key Stage 1

After Half Term...



English

We will be sharing the new text, *Ada Twist, Scientist,* with the children and using it to help us explore different types of questions using when, where, what, how and why.

In Year 2, the children will also look at the differences between command sentences, statements and questions.

Phonics

Year 1 Phonics focus: The children will be working on the following sounds: /ai/ - ay (play), /ow/ - ou (cloud), /oi/ - oy (toy) /ee/ - ea (each). It would be useful to practise spelling the words. These will not be tested at school, but are useful for the children to know.

Spellings: day, cloud, boy, read, play, sound, joy, treat, said, you, like, push

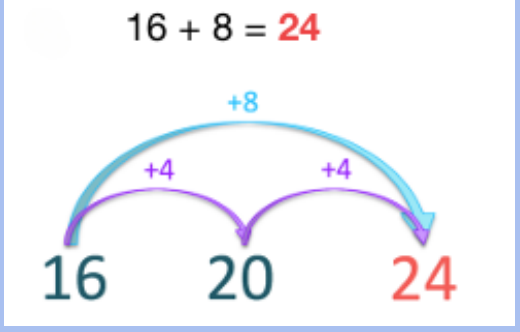
Year 2 Phonics focus: We will be reviewing all the phase 5 sounds and graphemes that the children have learnt over the next few weeks. We will be focussing on: /or/ or a aw au ore oor al oar our augh aur /zh/ si su, /ch/ ch tch ture, /sh/ sh ti ch ssi ci si

Spellings: before, chance, station, usual, explosion, talk, pitch, delcious, thought, sure.

Maths

Year 1: The children will be learning about subtraction. They will be learning a variety of skills, including drawing and crossing out, counting back and finding the difference between tow numbers.

Year 2: The children will continue to learn about addition and subtraction. They will be adding and subtracting so that they bridge a ten. They will learn how to use number lines and their knowledge of number bonds to ten to support them.



Year 2 parents

Apply now

Cambridgeshire County Council

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

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School lunch – week 1

Crosshall Infant School- Menus

Monday - Week 1	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden Peas Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookie Fresh fruit	Hot Dog Macaroni cheese ~ Diced potatoes Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potatoes-cheese or ham topping ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit	Tomato pasta bake Pasta with cheese/ham ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans 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 Flavoured yoghurt
Monday -Week 2	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden peas Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookies Fresh fruit	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Cheese whirls ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Steamed carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit	Fishcakes Meatballs Vegetarian balls ~ Pasta Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit	Pork Sausages Egg and cheese ~ Chips Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn 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 Flavoured yoghurt

Crosshall Infant School- 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	Hot Dog 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 Flavoured yoghurt

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

Goldspy Farms Produce Ltd

FOOD HYGIENE RATING 5

All our food is made 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.