



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/Carer,

As everyone looks forward to what we hope will be a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, the school is a hive of activity.

This week lower school have been making their own painting materials and experimenting with light. Children in the upper school have been learning about the Windrush generation and activism in art.

In addition, we are busy with our preparations for various trips including our residential visits to Burwell and RockUK.

Trips are an important part of how we enrich learning and, as we continue to become familiar with our new curriculum, we are planning additional opportunities for taking learning out of the classroom.

Although trips have an important learning aim - for example, when we go to Legoland, we participate in a workshop to learn how to use their software - they are also excellent opportunities for developing our values of **Ambition, Resilience** and **Kindness**,

From taking part in activities that they might not normally do, to staying away from home, every trip provides opportunities to develop and our colleagues work hard to support children through any challenges they might experience: challenges that will help them grow.

On a different note, we also would like to remind our community about the provision provided by Kids Club. At reasonable prices, this dedicated space and staff can offer places before and after school, and during holidays for families who would benefit. More information can be found by emailing kidsclub@crosshallinfant.co.uk.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers

National Year of Reading - echo reading

Echo reading is a simple and supportive way to help children develop reading fluency, accuracy, and confidence. An adult reads a sentence, phrase or paragraph aloud first, modelling clear expression and pronunciation. The child then "echoes" it back by reading the same words aloud, copying how it sounded.

To do echo reading at home:

1. choose a book that is slightly above your child's independent reading level.
2. Depending on ability, read a line, sentence or paragraph with expression, then ask your child to repeat it.
3. Keep sessions short and encouraging, praising effort and progress.



WHAT'S ON? SUMMER TERM

SUMMER TERM DATES 2026

26th April

Riverside Junior Parkrun & London Marathon

4th May

May Day Bank Holiday

7th May

Year Five Legoland Trip

8th May

Future Me Assembly (Invite Only)

wc 11th May

End of Key Stage Two Tests

15th May

Celebration Assembly (Invite Only)

wc 25th May

Half Term Holiday

1st June

School Photo Day - Day Change

wc 1st June

Multiplication Tables Check window opens

12th June

Future Me Assembly (Invite Only)

19th June

Professional Day (School Closed)

10th July

Summer Fayre

Upper School Art

As part of their art lessons, children in the upper school will be creating some art about a topical issue that they are interested in.

To add detail to their final piece, it would be useful if children could bring in some paper linked to the issue they are working on. For example, if they want to promote women's football, a newspaper article about the England women's team or if they want to reduce plastics in the environment a leaflet about the issue. Please talk with your child/ren and, if possible, help them find some relevant paper.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Visit [Local Community News on our website HERE](#)



BROMCOM Parent Portal MCAS App: All parents/ carers must register for MCAS App.

See original letter with details on how to setup, activate account and pay for school meals



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Pupil Achievements

Once again our pupils have been setting the sporting world alight with their achievements!



Sofia from Year Three recently took part in a tennis tournament representing Cambridgeshire. She played six matches and won all of them, playing in both singles and doubles!

Sasha (Year Four) and Myla (Year Six) have once again been winning trophies and medals galore. Among the other awards, Myla won Lyrical Solo in her age category and Sasha won Jazz Solo in hers.



Please email (office@crosshalljunior.co.uk) with any achievements of our children so that we can share them with our community.

London Marathon



We would like to celebrate Miss Hemingway's amazing achievement of completing the London Marathon. Despite feeling poorly during the race, she was thrilled to receive her well-earned medal and we are very proud of her representing the school.



It was also fantastic to get such a great turn out on Sunday to support Miss Hemingway. Over 90 children, with many from Crosshall, participated in the Riverside Junior Parkrun with all of them beating Mr Ainscow and Mr Hamilton, who were very slow!



LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS

Deeksha 3LR

IMPROVED

Deeksha 4LR

COINS

Harriet 5LG

IMPROVED

Rosie 4NT

USEFUL LINKS



[School Dinners Menus HERE](#)



[Term Dates 2025-2026 & future dates](#)



amazon

Our Amazon Wishlist has had a refresh!

All the items on the list are part of the Reading Spine. All gifts are very much appreciated and add to what we are able to provide in our classrooms.

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Healthy Snacks at breaktime:
Please provide your child with a healthy snack for morning break. We encourage a balanced diet in school.
ALL snacks MUST BE NUT FREE.



LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



Only Mums and Dads

Only Mums and Dads are a charity that offer support and resources for separating families.

If this happens in a family, it can be a stressful period and Only Mums and Dads are here to offer help to parents in ensuring that children and their needs remain at the core of communication.

Find out more [here](#).

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



Our online safety curriculum is built around the four Cs :

- content - what children see
- contact - who children interact with
- conduct - how children behave
- commerce - financial risks they might be exposed too

Ensuring children know about their digital footprint - the trail their activity leaves as they use the internet - is an important part of their learning.

Internet Matters have provided some additional information for parents [here](#).

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

This Term's Activities:

- Father's Day Shop - 17th & 18th June
- Summer Fayre - 10th July
- End of Term Disco - TBC



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If you have some spare time or would like to join our committee team please do get in touch via the school office or our Facebook page to find out more details.



The PTA need you!