



WHAT'S ON? SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM DATES 2026

wc 9th February 2026
Parent Consultation Week

10th February 2026
MHST Coffee Morning (open to all)

11th February 2026
Individual Photo Day (informal photos)

13th February 2026
PTA Break The Rules Day

wc 16th February
Half Term Holidays

23rd February 2026
Back to School - Spring Term 2 begins

27th February
Cardiff House Bonus Day (wear token yellow item)

5th March 2026
World Book Day

wc 9th March
Year Six Mock Tests Week

12th & 13th March
PTA Mother's Day Shop

wc 30th March
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April 2026
Back to School - Summer Term 1 begins

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This week, the school has been filled with the smell of Mediterranean chicken as our Year Five children create the first part of their multi-course meal in Design and Technology. The outcomes were amazing and we hope that the families of the Year Five children enjoyed the food when it came home.

Currently, we only have one oven and microwave available to support this important aspect of our curriculum, so we are considering ways of developing the resources that are available to our children.

As you will know from our recent consultation, we are considering changing the maximum pupil numbers to 90 children in each year group. This will allow us to better control the number of children in a class as well as planning for the future. We are currently considering the responses to the consultation and shall share decisions soon.

However, if we do move to three classes in a year group, this will provide opportunities to develop different areas with a wider range of resources. For example, we would like to expand our food technology area to provide more cooking apparatus, develop an area for art and D&T or create a space where our Learning and Wellbeing Mentors can provide a more flexible options for support.

When we are in a position to plan for this development, we will, of course need to raise funds to buy the resources needed. Please can we take this moment to once again ask for volunteers for our amazing PTA. They work extremely hard to provide opportunities for all our children but always need more help. If you can offer your support, please email them on PTA@crosshalljunior.co.uk. We are especially interested in those parents or carers who can offer more sustained support over the next few years.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers

Resources from Home

At Crosshall Junior School, we support families by providing the majority of equipment children need in school, from pens and pencils to scissors and dictionaries. However, we do ask families to provide headphones, art aprons and glue sticks. Please may we ask that parents double check that their child/ren currently have these in school.

Parent Consultations

Parents Consultation details were shared last week, with the booking system being accessible through the MCAS app. Meetings will be the week of 9th Feb. Please only book one meeting per child.

NEW

CJS Clubs

CJS Clubs are live on MCAS app. Sign your child up for a club and pay (where applicable) for your child's place in a club.

If no spaces are available, there will be an opportunity to join a waitlist for most clubs.

Clubs started wc 19th January 2026.

DEADLINES

Year Three Burwell Trip 2026 - see **LETTER**
Final instalment due by 27th February

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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[YEAR THREE](#)

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[YEAR FIVE](#)

[YEAR SIX](#)

Pupil Achievements

We are always eager to hear about the **achievements** of the children outside of school, so please share them with us.

Dylan, one of our brilliant Year Five dancers, competed at Vibe dance competition in Nottingham on Sunday.

He won a variety of events including Tap, Tap Duo and Contemporary.



Unsurprisingly, he also won an award for his costume.

Year of Reading

Last week, we wrote about sharing stories, so this week we wanted to focus on reading non-fiction. From football round ups to album notes and Wikipedia pages, reading non-fiction is a vital way of accessing information.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



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| COINS | Victor | IMPROVED | Mila B |
| COINS | Harriet | IMPROVED | Joseph D |

USEFUL LINKS



[School Dinners Menus HERE](#)



[Term Dates 2025-2026](#)
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[Sync your phone or desktop to our school website calendar HERE](#)

February Half Term Tech Camp

As previously, we are hosting a tech camp over the forthcoming holiday. A video of the sorts of activities available can be found [here](#). Booking can be done [here](#).

Design & Technology

This week, the Year Five children worked extremely hard on developing their cooking skills including learning how to safely chop food. The end products looked and smelled delicious



Art and Design

As part of their art lessons on architecture, the children created their own clay buildings. As we have a kiln on site, the children were able to fire their designs and then glaze them. The final pieces are wonderful and show the hard work that went into every stage of the process.



LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT

St Neots Foodbank are an amazing organisation that has been providing food for families in our local community since 2013.

If you, or someone you know, is going hungry, they are there to provide vital support.

If you are are not in need, please take the time to make donations or even volunteer!. More information can be found at <https://stneots.foodbank.org.uk/>.



ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT

Once again, this week, we are sharing some resources from [Internet Matters](#).

Although many companies provide parental controls, all of them can be a little bit different making them hard to access.

A short video showing parents/carers how to using parent controls within Youtube can be found [here](#) . Another short video showing parents/carers how to use parent controls within Roblox can be found [here](#).



PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Next term activities:

- PTA Break the Rules Day - 13th Feb 2026 - only the rules shared!
- PTA Mother's Day Shop - 12th & 13th Mar 2026
- PTA Easter Disco - 25th Mar 2026
- PTA Easter Raffle - end of March



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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.