



## WHAT'S ON? SPRING TERM

### SPRING TERM DATES 2026

wc 16<sup>th</sup> February  
**Half Term Holidays**

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
**Back to School - Spring Term 2 begins**

27<sup>th</sup> February  
**Cardiff House Bonus Day (wear token yellow item)**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**World Book Day**

wc 9<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year Six Mock Tests Week**

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March  
**PTA Mother's Day Shop**

19<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year Six Eat 'n' Bowl Trip**

26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Open Classroom (after school)**

wc 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**Easter Holidays**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Back to School - Summer Term 1 begins**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This week, we have been proud to raise the profile of wellbeing as we joined in with Children's Mental Health Week. The focus of the week has been on what it means to belong and the children have completed a number of activities to explore this idea.

Belonging is a vital human need as it provides feelings of safety and security as well as helping form part of our identities. From being part of a family, a culture, a school and even down to the hobbies we have, feeling connected to something helps us place ourselves in the world.

At Crosshall, we are eager to always be promoting a sense of belonging. Wearing a common uniform with a clear logo is one way of giving children a clear representation of the community we belong to. Another is the routines and rules that we have in school. This is one of the reasons why it is so important that families support the school with our routines, our uniform and our expectations, as it helps pupils feel part of a greater whole.

Of course, a vital part of feeling belonging is pupils feeling cared for and wanted. For the vast majority of our school, this is their everyday experience - knowing that the adults around them are acting in their interests, that they want the best for them and that we care about their futures. Occasionally, because of something that has happened, children may feel that this is not the case. When this happens, it is vital home and school work together to reinstate that important sense of belonging. We do this through talk, reminders and helping them feel part of the school once again.

Have a lovely half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again.

**Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers**

## Website

A new school website went live this week with the support of colleagues from the IT team of the Trust. The address remains the same: [www.crosshalljunior.co.uk](http://www.crosshalljunior.co.uk)

Initially, the structure of the website matches what we had previously, but you may find that some links you used before have changed. Certainly, Google needs a chance to catch up!

One area we are restructuring is the library of letters, so please be patient as we update this section. In the meantime, if you are missing a letter please email the office. Please also be aware that links to the previous school calendar will no longer update.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

## DEADLINES

**Year Three Burwell Trip 2026 - see LETTER**  
Final instalment due by 27<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

[YEAR FOUR](#)

[YEAR FIVE](#)

[YEAR SIX](#)

## Wellbeing Week

As part of Children's Mental Health week, we held a 'break the rules' day to raise money for the PTA. The school was full of funky hair, soft toys and interesting shoes! It was fantastic to see.



In addition, children in Year Three have written to a local football team - The Eaton Socon Eagles - to give advice on how to cope with nerves and anxiety before a big match. Our pupils suggest that players listen to some calming music, do some breathing or even squeeze lemons. It shall be interesting to hear what the players think.



## Football Competition

Yesterday, our football team took part in the next round of the Henson Cup, playing in a local derby against Middlefield Primary School. The girls played with energy, determination and superb shooting winning 6-0 in the end. The team are now through to the semi-finals. Will our long hunt for silverware finally come to an end?



## National Year of Reading

Even though it is the holidays next week, it is important the pupils continue to read every day.



The holiday is an excellent time to visit our local library in St Neots.

Visiting the library is a great opportunity for parents/carers to talk to children about their reading and one way of doing this is to talk about books we loved as children.

For example, this week, I was excited to hear that there is a Magic Faraway Tree film coming. This was a book I loved as a child, shared with my children and even read to a Year Three class a few years ago. What stories could you share with your children?

## LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS Theo IMPROVED Theo

COINS Harriet IMPROVED Annabelle

## 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.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



For children who have school dinner every day next term, the **total cost** will be **£67.50**.

## LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



As well as school events, there are Children's Mental Health Week resources available for families.

These are provided by Place2Be and can be found [here](#).

As well as fundraising ideas and links to activities for the week itself, they also include more general advice and tips on their parenting smart website which can be found [here](#).

## ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



For those families with Android phones, Google have updated their support for parental controls. More information in on their their Family Link website, which can be found [here](#).

To help further, there is a short Internet Matters video [here](#) that shows parents how to set up parental controls.

For iPhone users, Internet Matters provide information on parental controls [here](#).

## PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Next term activities:

- PTA Break the Rules Day - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 - only the rules shared!
- PTA Mother's Day Shop - 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026
- PTA Easter Disco - 25<sup>th</sup> 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.