



WHAT'S ON? SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM DATES 2026

12th & 13th March

PTA Mother's Day Shop

wc 16th March

Mother's Day Lunches

18th March

Rock Heroes Day (Year Four only)

19th March

Year Six Eat 'n' Bowl Trip

20th March

Red Nose Day

24th March

Dads Who Read Event (library)

25th March

Easter Disco

26th March

Open Classroom (after school)

wc 30th March

Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April 2026

Back to School - Summer Term 1 begins

7th May

Year Five Legoland Trip

wc 11th May

End of Key Stage Two Tests

Year Six Mock SATs Week

This week, the Year Six children sat their mock tests.

As expected, the children tried extremely hard. They focused throughout their tests, asked for help when needed and put their best effort in.

As a reward, staff will be supporting a bowling trip after school next week!

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](#)

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It was lovely to see so many visitors this week for our **Mother's Day** lunches. We hope to see many more next week.

This week, the Year Six children sat their mock tests in preparation for the tests they take in May.

During their time at Crosshall Junior School, children will experience two types of **statutory tests**. In Year Four, children will sit the Multiplication Tables Check and in Year Six, they sit the End of Key Stage Two Tests.

As these are statutory tests, we are required to follow a clear set of expectations that are in place for all schools in order to keep them fair. Nonetheless, we do all we can to ensure all our children are **supported** to be as successful as possible.

There are a number of options we can use to support children. For example, for the Multiplication Tables Check, that is completed on a screen, we can change the font, the background colour or give children the option to move on to the next question themselves. With the End of Key Stage Two tests, we can offer scribing, reading (except the reading test!), rest breaks and, if the children qualify, additional time.

We use these options to ensure that every child is able to access the tests and to achieve their potential. If you think your child might benefit, please arrange a time to speak to the class teacher.

With Easter fast approaching, the PTA will once again be holding their famous **Easter Egg raffle** (more details attached to the email). To support this wonderful event, please may we ask for donations of **Easter Eggs** to be brought to the office.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers

Reminders

As we near the end of the term, we have noticed a few areas where we would benefit from some additional parental support:

- Please may we remind parents that **no mobile devices**, including watches, that can connect to the internet are allowed on site.
- Please ensure your child has a usable **glue stick** in school.
- Please ensure children have the **correct uniform** and PE kit in school at the appropriate time.
- PE kit should **not** include items of clothing with **logos** such as Nike, sports teams or clothing brands. They should, as much as possible, be plain.

As always, we thank our community for the support they provide the school.



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](#)

Year of Reading

One of the most important things adults can do to support children in their reading is model that they too read. This might be reading for leisure by having some family reading time, it might be demonstrating how they use reading in their work or just some of the day-to-day reading they do in their lives.

To support this, we hold a number of events where family members can come to school to share reading with their child/ren. The next one of these events will be our **'Dads Who Read'** on Tuesday 24th March. This event is open to any male relative and is an opportunity to share some quality reading time, explore books and relax. We hope to see you there.



Sporting Achievements



Our footballers have been competing with schools from around the district - including another Meridian Trust school. On Thursday, we took a girl's team to the HSSP Girl's Festival of Football. They had a great time and were excellent



ambassadors for the school.

We are proud to say that our other teams have, once again, been victorious, moving through to the next round of the cup and winning the 'B' Team tournament.



LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS	Elliot J	IMPROVED	Elliot J
COINS	Harriet	IMPROVED	Harry

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](#)



In order to improve the security of the site, from now on, we will be locking the green gate near Year Six between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm.

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



On our new website, you can now find resources to support children and parents by clicking the 'feeling worried' button that is on every page. This page provides a description of our **Learning and Wellbeing Mentors** (LWM) and the amazing work they do with families and children across the school as well as links to external support that might be helpful. If you think your child might benefit from seeing a LWM, please contact the school office. More information can be found [here](#).

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



Although [YouTube kids](#) is designed for younger children, for children our age the content can feel too childish. A feature within [YouTube Kids](#) is called **'Parent Allowlisting'**. This does a number of things, but one of the most important is that parents can keep their younger children within the environment of the Kids app, and parents can approve individual videos from the main YouTube service to that particular child's YouTube Kids account. A video explaining this can be found [here](#).

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Next term activities:

- 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.