

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a particularly busy week here at Crosshall Junior School. Year Six pupils have undertaken **tests** in reading, GPS and maths, and attended their **swimming lessons**. **Life Bus sessions** have happened for all pupils. We held the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, and whilst all that was happening, all our usual **lessons and learning** continued around the school too.

Our attendance figure for the first 12 days of this school year is **98.1%**. This is well above the national average and a sign of school and home working in partnership. We thank you for your support in ensuring that children attend school and also for reaching out to us when needed so we are able to offer support. My colleagues and I often offer a helping hand at the Blue Door, our Learning and Wellbeing Mentors provide support as required, teaching assistants are available in classrooms, teachers can often receive a quick message at the end of the day, and our office team send, receive and pass on messages. **#TeamCJS**

We always aspire to communicate frequently, clearly and with a suitable level of detail. We are introducing some short (around 30 minutes) sessions called '**Life@Crosshall**' to keep parents/carers informed about various areas of school life. Please see the letter in last week's email for details and **[sign up to attend here](#)**.

With this week's email, we include a poster advertising a forthcoming Open Day for families looking for a school place. This is a joint Crosshall Infant and Junior School event. If you know someone looking for a Reception or Year Three place for September 2027 (or other years, of course), please share this with them. It will be displayed around the school, on our website and on social media also.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Liam Murphy | Headteacher

WHAT'S ON?

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2026

Delayed
NFER Testing Week (Y3-Y5)

Tuesday 29th September
Life @ Crosshall: Home Learning (homework)

Thursday 1st October
Year Six Residential Parent Information Event

Monday 5th October
Author Visit: David Owen

Tuesday 6th October
Life @ Crosshall: Reading

Tuesday 13th October
Life @ Crosshall: TTRS & NumBots

19th October
Parent Consultation Week

Monday 19th October
Celebration Assembly (invite only)

Thursday 22nd October
PTA Halloween Disco

23rd October
School Closed: Staff Training Day

26th October
October Half Term Week

Parking



We ask again, please, that all members of our community are considerate of local residents, other road/footpath users and each other as you drop off and collect children from school. This week, we have received reports of blocked driveways, cars stopping on the Great North Road and parking on footpaths.

'Park and Stride' remains an option.

Reminder: Latex

As some may know, we have children in school with latex allergies. To help us maintain a safe environment for all pupils, we ask that balloons are not brought into school, including for crafting, pupil's work or celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe.



[WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS CLICK HERE](#)

Reminder: Scooters/ Bikes



Scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school site for safety reasons: at the beginning and end of the school day, the playground and walkways are busy with people of various ages and mobilities. Everyone **must** adhere to this. Pupils have been reminded in school; we ask that parents/carers reiterate this message.

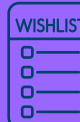
Term Dates



Term Dates
2026-2027 &
future dates

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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.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS

Ethan S 3LR

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all our families who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We are delighted to have raised almost £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support, an incredible amount and a wonderful reflection of the **kindness** and generosity of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and treats, contributed money, helped to organise the event or simply came along to enjoy a coffee.

Every contribution has made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.



Contributions still welcome.

Life Bus

What a fantastic week the children have had on the Life Bus! Each year group has benefitted from a session in the interactive bus covering healthy friendships, making decisions and learning about the human body. These sessions enrich pupils' learning and give them an opportunity to ask and answer questions in a different environment. We look forward to our next visit in 2028!

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



With more choice than ever and rising concerns about safety, phone ownership can raise important questions for families. These might be:

- Is my child ready for a phone?
- How do I keep my child safe?
- What's the right approach for our family?
- Are children and phones a good mix?

Every child is different, and the decision about when to introduce a phone is down to the parents or carers – and should be based on your child's individual needs, maturity, and circumstances. While there's no one-size-fits-all answer, [this guide is here to help you weigh the pros and cons, understand signs of readiness, and set up healthy habits from the start.](#)

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Lots of events are being planned for the coming months!

Details to follow shortly...

Follow us on Facebook
[@crosshalljuniorschoolpta](#)

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.

Dinners



We provide a range of healthy and delicious school lunches and aim to provide a varied choice for pupils. Pupils are charged £3 per day for a school meal.

Thank you to the Year Three parents/ carers who have joined us for lunch recently. We hope to see you again soon! Many grandparents have booked to visit next week too.

Visitors are welcome to join their children for a lunch most days and these are charged at £5.50 per adult visitor. Please contact the school office to check availability. Birthdays or other family celebrations/ events are often a good reason to enjoy a school lunch together.

Volunteers Wanted!

We benefit from a large number of volunteers: PTA, Academy Council, readers, trip help.

We would welcome any volunteers who would be interested in giving some of their time to carry out some admin tasks (photocopying, tidying, filing and the like). If you are interested, please contact the school office.

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



At Crosshall Junior School, one of our core aims is to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for our whole school community - children, staff, parents and carers. We recognise how important mental health and emotional wellbeing are to our lives in just the same way as physical health.

Children's mental health is a crucial factor in their overall wellbeing and can affect their learning and achievement. All children go through ups and downs during their school career and some face significant life events. [This page on our website is there to support this aim.](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



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