



CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 17.10.25

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS - MR AINSCOW & MR MURPHY

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Last night, several Crosshall staff were privileged to attend the Longsands Open Evening. We did this to get a better understanding of the school where the majority of our children attend in secondary education.

As we visited different departments around the school, we spoke to many teachers and were impressed with their passion for learning and their knowledge of their subjects. This level of subject expertise is one of the differences between primary and secondary and it was evident, speaking to the teachers, how much our children will benefit from their teaching and knowledge.

Another impressive aspect is the quality of their equipment. From the PE equipment to the science labs, children are able to learn more deeply using the correct equipment to explore their subjects. We had a great time using Bunsen burners to test chemicals!

The creative arts were particularly wonderful to see last night. In the art department, we were blown away by the quality of what we saw. It was like being in a gallery seeing amazing photography, painting and drawing from every year group.

Of course, in any school, the most important element is how we develop children. We were lucky to see many former pupils of Crosshall (even some who are now teachers at Longsands!) and their confidence and self-belief was fantastic to see. Those we talked to mentioned how much they were enjoying subjects like English and geography – even though some of them missed Crosshall.

Those colleagues who visited Longsands came back with ideas about how we can improve our curriculum and provide even better support for the transition into secondary school and we shall be reaching out to our secondary colleagues to explore more opportunities for collaborative work.

Next week is our Parent's Evenings and teachers are looking forward to talking with you about how your child has settled into the new year. Whilst these appointments are, by necessity, time limited, please remember that you can organise a follow up meeting if needed.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Reminder that it is Parent Consultations next week. Teams links have been sent out this week for each class with details of how to login at your time slot. See original [LETTER](#)

Book via the MCAS app, under Menu > Parents Evening. [Help guide HERE](#).



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2025/2026 DATES

- wc 20th October 2025
Parent Consultation Week [LETTER](#)
Celebration Assembly - invite only
- 27th - 31st October 2025
HALF TERM
- 3rd November 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY
- 4th November 2025
Autumn Term Two STARTS
Upper School KS2 Briefing 3:30pm [LETTER](#)
- 6th November 2025
Future Me Information Event 3:30pm [LETTER](#)
PTA Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for Christmas hamper item)
- 7th November 2025
CJS Open Day for parents/ carers [LETTER](#)
- 6th & 7th November 2025
PTA Christmas Jumper Sale after school [POSTER](#)
- 26th November 2025
Flu Vaccination - Catch up session 1-3pm
- 27th November 2025 7-9pm
PTA Christmas Wreath Making [POSTER](#)
- 28th November 2025
Christmas Decoration Day (wear Christmas jumper) & Edinburgh Bonus Day (wear token blue item for members of Edinburgh house)
- 9th December 2025
Rocksteady Tues group Concert - invite only
- 10th December 2025
Instrumental Concert
- 11th & 12th December 2025
PTA Christmas Shop
- 15th December 2025
PTA Christmas Pantomime
- 16th December 2025
Carol Service at St Mary's Church
- 17th December 2025
PTA Christmas Disco
- 18th December 2025
Rocksteady Thurs group Concert - invite only
- 19th December 2025
LAST DAY OF TERM

COMMUNITY NEWS

Visit our Local Community News page on our website [HERE](#) for activities and events:

Book for October Half Term Tech Camp:
[Next Thing Education Tech Camp](#)
[@Crosshall in October Half Term POSTER](#)

Parent Portal: BROMCOM. All parents/ carers must register for BROMCOM.
See original letter with details on how to setup and activate an account [HERE](#).

HSSP FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, HSSP hosted a Football Festival for KS2 and Crosshall entered a team. It was a fun morning for all involved. Thank you to adults who helped with transport to this event too. Well done to everyone who took part!



HUNTS POST ART SUPPLY COMPETITION

We are collecting tokens as part of the **HUNTS POST Art Supplies Competition** that runs until 6th December.

Cut out and bring your tokens to the school office and help CJS be in with a chance of winning a share of £10,000 worth of art supplies!



Flu Vaccination - Follow Up Session

Following the initial Flu Vaccination session here in school on Monday 22nd September, the health team have confirmed that they will be holding a follow up session for anyone who missed out originally, on **Wednesday 26th November from 1pm-3pm**. To give consent head to the website [HERE](#).

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

See our LETTER sent out today with upcoming dates and links.

Upcoming events this term:

- ⇒ **Non-uniform Day, 6th Nov**
(in exchange for Christmas Hamper item)
- ⇒ **Christmas Jumper Sale, after school 6th & 7th Nov**
- ⇒ ****NEW EVENT** Christmas Wreath Making, 27th Nov.**
See [POSTER](#)
- ⇒ **Christmas Shops, 11th & 12th Dec**
- ⇒ **Christmas Pantomime, 15th Dec**
- ⇒ **Christmas Discos, 17th Dec**

Contact the team on Facebook page [@CrosshallSchoolPTA](#) to have a chat and learn more about ways to get involved and volunteer to support our many events and activities.

Well done to Arthur who has won our Halloween Hamper!

RBL POPPY APPEAL 2025

Children and visitors can now buy Poppy Appeal merchandise from the school office. Suggested donation: what you can afford.

COME & JOIN US FOR SCHOOL LUNCH

You can come and join your child(ren) for a delicious hot dinner at lunchtime any weekday!

Celebrate a birthday, a special occasion or just to enjoy a hot two-course meal!

You must book your chosen date via the Office.

Payment is now made on the MCAS App, under Product > Parent/ Carer School Lunch.

USEFUL LINKS



Subscribe to our school calendar and sync it with your phone or desktop calendars [HERE](#)



School Dinner Menus [HERE](#).



[2025-2026 term dates](#)

[2026-2027 term dates](#)

Learning & Wellbeing Support

Following the MHST Supporting Your Child to Regulate Emotions session, we can now share slides from the event. Please click [HERE](#) to view.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS

Bartek

IMPROVED

Hugo



COINS

Harriet

SPEED

Eden

IMPROVED

Blake

ROCK HERO STATUS

Alfred