



CROSSHALL CLOSE UP



Weekly Update - 21 November 2025



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

After the excitement of last week, this week has been a little more normal. The partnership between home and school is a vital one, and this term so far we have offered various opportunities for parents to better understand school through information sessions and open days. We are planning more for next term.

One way parents can support their children is by encouraging daily reading. Reading is a vital part of any primary school curriculum as this skill is needed to access information across adult life. As well as learning how to decode words, the key skill we are developing is how to understand how words fit together to make sentences, chapters and whole books - we can this reading comprehension.

One of the most important ways of developing this skill is through repeated and ongoing practice, which is why we ask all children to **read at home every day**. The more frequently children read across a range of books, the more progress they are likely to make with their reading. To support our understanding of how effectively children are reading at home, we provide a reading diary for families to record their reading and any discussions they have had with their children about their books.

If there are challenges with supporting your children with their daily reading, please talk to the class teacher so we can offer our support in overcoming them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for parents' support in providing the correct equipment. The vast majority of the equipment children need is provided by the school, but we ask that a **glue stick** is provided from home. Please can you help us by making sure your child has one in school.

Next week, we are looking forward to our annual **Christmas Decoration Day** as we start off the Festive Season in style! After school, next Friday, we will be repeating our appeal for donations for St Neots' Foodbank. Christmas can be a tough time for many families and the Foodbank helps out by providing hampers. We will have Christmas trees on the playground with tags showing some of the donations the foodbank need. We ask all families who can, to take a tag and make a donation to help our local community.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy

WHAT'S ON? AUTUMN TERM 2

26th November 2025
Flu Vaccination - catch up session 1-3pm
[CONSENT FORM](#)

27th November 2025
PTA Christmas Wreath Making 7-9pm [POSTER](#)

28th November 2025
Christmas Decoration Day (wear a Christmas jumper)
3:20pm St Neots Foodbank Appeal [LETTER](#)
3:30pm Christmas Carols in Playground

1st December 2025
NEW DATE Edinburgh Bonus Day
(wear blue item Edinburgh House pupils)

9th December 2025
9:00am Rocksteady Tues group concert - invite only
2:00pm Year Three Christmas Assembly [LETTER](#)

10th December 2025
9:15am Instrumental Concert [LETTER](#) (invite only)
2pm Year Three Christmas Assembly [LETTER](#)

11th & 12th December 2025
PTA Christmas Shop

11th December 2025
Choir: Visit Nelson Lodge [LETTER](#) (invite only)

15th December 2025
PTA Christmas Pantomime (internal event)

16th December 2025
Carol Service at St Mary's Church [LETTER](#)

17th December 2025
PTA Christmas Disco

18th December 2025
Rocksteady Thurs group Concert - invite only

19th December 2025
LAST DAY OF TERM - Christmas Dinner Day
(wear Christmas jumpers)

DEADLINES

Year Six SATs Papers - see [LETTER](#)
Order by end of today on MCAS app > Products

Year Three Burwell Trip 2026 - see [LETTER](#)
First instalment due by 15th December
Final instalment due by 27th February

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Visit Local Community News on [our website HERE](#)

CHILDREN IN NEED

FUNDRAISING TOTAL:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need fundraising efforts over the last couple of weeks. We've had various pupil-organised craft sales, and non-uniform day last Friday.

Our total amount raised was £598.88!



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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HSSP DANCE COMPETITION:

Congratulations to our Year Five & Six dancers! Last week, our talented dance team took part in a HSSP Dance Competition and proudly came first, earning well-deserved medals. They demonstrated outstanding excellence, teamwork, and dedication throughout their performance. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Crosshall Junior School with such confidence, creativity and spirit. Well done, dancers - Ariane, Chloe, Dylan, Ellie-Mae, Esther, Giulietta, Max, Ruby and Simran!



CHILDREN IN NEED:

Well done to **Autumn, Layla, Margot, Neha, Olivia, Penny and Rebecca** who raised £110.60 for Children in Need last Friday. Their craft sale included crochet loom bands, bookmarks, fidgets and lucky dip. Well done also goes to **Levi** who raised money with a craft sale too.



NEXT FRIDAY (28th NOVEMBER)

CAROLS IN THE PLAYGROUND & ST NEOTS FOODBANK APPEAL:



As a jolly way to round off **Christmas Decoration and Christmas Jumper Day**, please come and join us for some informal carol singing outside in the school playground after school. Some refreshments and lyrics for the carols will be provided.

All are welcome!

At the same time, Christmas trees will be located in the playground near Year Four & Six for you to pick a gift tag for an item(s) to donate to our **St Neots Foodbank Appeal!**

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS

Theo

IMPROVED

Theo

COINS

Dabira

SPEED

Yvonne

IMPROVED

Franklin



Christmas Dinner will be served on last day of term.

If your child usually has packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner on that day, please make selection on MCAS app **by Wednesday 3rd December.**

Thank you!

USEFUL LINKS



Our **CJS Amazon Wishlist** is full of items to enhance activities for children across the school. We really appreciate the extra helping hand. View our list and place an order [CLICK HERE](#).



[School Dinners](#)

[Menus HERE](#)



[Term Dates](#)

[2025-2026](#)

[2026-2027](#)



[Sync your phone or desktop to our school website calendar HERE](#)

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT



From 17-23 November, it is **Children's Grief Awareness Week.**



Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Support offers families in our community support around their grief.

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>



There is also **Winston's Wish** - a charity that offers free, accessible online grief support to children and young people (aged 25 or under) across the UK who are bereaved or facing the death of someone important. <https://winstonswish.org/>

ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT

Preventing Online Radicalisation

https://www.wisekids.org.uk/wk/PrevRad/content/index.html#/lessons/hbT3WZkVBCNtI09AuV6LgI9IVKrv_f1P

The digital world is embedded in our lives, and it brings us all immense benefit. In fact, we cannot imagine a world today without the Internet and the services it affords. However, we also know that the digital world and digital technologies can be misused by perpetrators to persuade, manipulate and cause harm. Visit wisekids website for an interactive e-learning course.



PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

UPCOMING THIS TERM:

- **Christmas Wreath Making**, 27th November. See [POSTER](#)
- **PTA Christmas Shops**, 11th & 12th December. Letter to follow soon.
- **Christmas Pantomime** (for pupils only), 15th December
- **PTA Christmas Discos**, 17th December. Letter to follow soon.



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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.