



Crossdale News - 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Crossdale News - we hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter; a communication for you with key messages and dates from school.

We've had a wonderfully busy couple of weeks at school, enjoying both Book Week and Science Week. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically in such a wide variety of activities. As this week comes to a close, we're already looking forward to celebrating Sign Language Week next week!

Please remember to keep checking our [school website](#), as this is where you should be able to find answers to many of the questions you may have. All newsletters can be found on our school website, in the '[News and Events](#)' section.

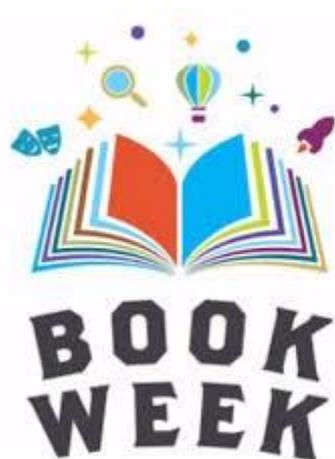
Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell and Miss Seedhouse

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What a fantastic Book Week!



The week before last, we enjoyed a fantastic Book Week filled with excitement, creativity, and a shared love of reading. The children absolutely loved their visits to the library and the opportunity to listen to stories read by teachers beyond their usual class teacher. They also relished the chance to read with children from other classes, helping to build a real sense of

community across the school. Of course, World Book Day was a highlight, with everyone embracing the fun of dressing up as their favourite book characters.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for their support in celebrating Book Week with us. Your encouragement plays a vital role in promoting a love of reading and helping children experience the joy and imagination that books can bring.

Take a look at [class blog pages](#) to see a snapshot of what happened in classes during the week!

Super Science Week



This week, the school has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Science Week. The children had great fun bringing in the *egg-brake buggies* they had carefully designed and created at home, and they thoroughly enjoyed testing them in school to see whose design could protect an egg on impact! Wednesday's practical sessions were another highlight, giving pupils the chance to explore hands-on investigations and discover scientific ideas through experimentation.

We were also incredibly fortunate to welcome several of our very own 'real-life scientists'. Their visits brought science to life in the classroom, helping the children understand how scientific thinking shapes the world around us. Hearing directly from scientists about their work sparked curiosity, enthusiasm, and plenty of thoughtful questions!

Science Week has been a brilliant celebration of exploration and discovery, and it's been wonderful to see the children so engaged and inspired.

Sign Language Week



Next week, we're excited to be taking part in Sign Language Week, beginning on Monday 16th March. To help launch the week, we are inviting children to come to school in their usual uniform with a blue accessory on Monday - this could be anything from socks or hairbands to badges or scarves. Blue is the colour used to celebrate and promote British Sign Language, and this small gesture helps us start the week with a shared sense of purpose.

Throughout the week, each class will be learning a set of meaningful, useful and fun signs, spending time practising them in school while developing their understanding of clear communication and inclusion.

The following week, we will bring the whole school together for a special Sign Language Assembly, where pupils will have the chance to showcase what they have learned.

We hope this focus helps children deepen their understanding of British Sign Language and appreciate the many ways people communicate.

Red Nose Day



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

We're looking forward to supporting Red Nose Day 2026 on Friday 20th March. This is always a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together, have fun, and raise money for an important cause.

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something red to show their support - this could be a red accessory, an item of clothing, or even a creative touch from home. There's no need to buy anything new; families are encouraged to join in however works best for them.

If families would like to make a donation, these can be brought into school in cash on the morning of Red Nose Day. Every contribution, big or small, helps support the valuable work of Comic Relief.

Thank you for your kindness and support; we're looking forward to a fun and colourful day at Crossdale!

Parents' Evenings



We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for our Parents' Evenings this half term on:

- **Tuesday 24th March**
- **Thursday 26th March**

These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and consider their next steps in learning.

Booking Appointments

Thank you to everyone who has already booked their Parents' Evening appointment.

Our online booking form went live last week, and we are aware that some families experienced a glitch with the Reception bookings. This issue has now been resolved, and all families should be able to book as normal. If you continue to experience any difficulty, please let the school office know.

Viewing Your Child's Work

Before or after your appointment, families are warmly invited to visit their child's classroom to look through their books. This is a lovely chance to see the learning your child is most proud of and the progress they are making.

Meetings With Class Teachers

All appointments with class teachers will take place in the school hall.

- Each meeting lasts 10 minutes.
- To help the evening run smoothly, we kindly ask parents to support us in keeping to time.
- If you feel you require a longer conversation for any reason, please speak to your child's class teacher ahead of Parents' Evening so we can arrange this.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Learning to play a musical instrument



Would your child like to learn a musical instrument of their choice?

Woodwind tuition (Clarinet, Flute, and Saxophone) is available through *Inspire Music* here at Crossdale! If you'd like to sign up for the SUMMER Term (April - July 2026), please complete and return the form below. This applies to both new and continuing pupils.

Lesson Options & Costs (per term):

- Shared lesson: £78.75
- Solo 20-minute lesson: £157.50
- Solo 30-minute lesson: £236.25

Instrument hire: Instruments can be loaned from Inspire for a maintenance charge of £22 per term.

Payment is required in advance of tuition starting.

 Financial Support If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you hold an NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate (*proof required*), or you receive Universal Credit with a take-

home pay of £935 or less (*proof required*), your child is entitled to free lessons and instrument hire through Inspire Music.

Additional Information

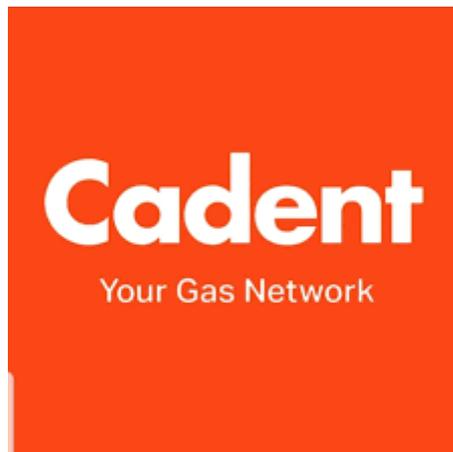
Inspire Music guarantees a minimum of 10 lessons per term, though most students will benefit from 10–12 lessons.

To cancel, please select the option on the form, and email admin@crossdale.notts.sch.uk to cancel in writing.

[Inspire Music SUMMER TERM, APRIL - JULY 2026 New & Existing pupils – Fill out form](#)

To continue or begin tuition for the summer term, please return the completed form by FRIDAY 20TH MARCH.

Gas works on Brockwood Crescent



Further to the information shared earlier in the week, we'd like to remind parents about the essential gas pipe replacement work taking place on Brockwood Crescent, from Monday 16th March for approximately three weeks.

During this period, you will still be able to access but stopping & parking will not be permitted to allow the work to be completed safely. Please ensure you make alternative arrangements for drop-off and pick-up, and allow extra time for your journey.

We understand this may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep the area safe and accessible for the engineers carrying out the work.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

[Upgrading your gas pipes - Cadent Gas Ltd](#)

Thank you for your understanding.

Latest News from SWA



Click here: [SWA Newsletter, February 2026 - The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form](#)

Challenge Tree Library - Amazon wishlist!



A few years ago, we set up our Challenge Tree Library – a special collection of books for children in Years 2–6, designed to inspire a love of reading and broaden horizons. It's been a

fantastic success, and we're thrilled to see how much the children enjoy exploring new themes and genres.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our families who have supported us so far by purchasing books from our Amazon Wish List. Your generosity means our shelves are filling with exciting titles, giving children even more choice in what they read – thank you for helping us keep the love of reading alive!

If you'd still like to contribute, you can donate a book from our Amazon Wish List:

Please can we kindly ask for everyone to check at home to see if you have any books hiding, as we are missing quite a few from our shelves!

Safeguarding Notice for Parents



Online Trends and Staying Safe

You may have seen media coverage about a so-called “**red vs blue**” trend circulating on social media. It has appeared mainly in short videos, memes and coded messages designed to provoke reactions and encourage peer pressure or disruptive behaviour.

Situations like this are a good reminder that online trends can appear suddenly and spread very quickly, particularly through platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat and WhatsApp. Children often hear about these trends through social media, group chats or conversations with friends, and they can quickly become a topic of discussion in school and playgrounds.

Rather than focusing on the trend itself, we see this as an opportunity to talk with pupils about safe internet use, critical thinking and making sensible choices online. Learning how to question what they see online and how to respond responsibly is an important skill that will support them throughout their lives.

How parents can help:

- Talk calmly with your child about what they see and hear online.
- Check privacy settings and consider age-appropriate limits on apps and devices.

- Encourage children to tell you — or a member of staff — if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or confusing.

For parents who would like more context, a recent **BBC News article** explains how this trend has been discussed in schools across the country. [How the 'red v blue school wars' exposed the social media gap between children and parents - BBC News](#)

Open conversations at home and school help children develop the confidence and judgement they need to navigate the online world safely.

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers free, confidential support for parents and carers. You do not need a referral, and families can contact the team at any stage if they would value advice, reassurance or practical help.

Family Hubs support families with children aged **0–19**, including help with child development, behaviour and routines, emotional wellbeing, feeding and sleep, and building confidence in parenting. They can also help connect families with other local services and support.

For families with younger children, there are also several sessions available nearby:

Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake

Tuesdays (term time)

9.45–11.00am

Lantern Lane School, East Leake

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

Thursday **26 March**

10.00–11.30am

Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

Weekly sessions (term time)

10.00–11.30am

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support Groups are also available nearby in **East Leake, Bingham and West Bridgford.**

If you would like to find out more or speak to someone, you can contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub directly:

 0115 977 3749

 FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk

 <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks>

 Search **Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe** on Facebook

Even a short conversation can help you find the right support for your family.

Sporting Events



Akido

The children have recently achieved their first belt, which is a fantastic milestone and a real testament to the hard work they've put into their classes.



Take a look at the sports blog to see how the children got on at a recent athletics event:
[Crossdale Athletics team win gold! - Crossdale Primary School](#)

[Crossdale PTA Events - Crossdale Drive School - PTA Events and Updates \(crossdaleschool.com\)](#)



Our amazing group of parents and teachers work together to support school life and fund exciting projects. Each year, we cover annual commitments of £6,000, and everything we raise beyond that goes towards special projects within the school.

Since last year, we've been raising and saving for our quad regeneration - and there's some exciting news about this project! Read on below to find out more.

We're always happy to welcome new parents and carers. Whether you can help at an event, support planning, or assist behind the scenes, any contribution makes a real difference to our school community.

[Friends of Crossdale](#)

PTA-Funded Improvements – Exciting Updates

We are delighted to share an update on the latest projects funded and supported by our wonderful PTA. Their ongoing commitment continues to make a real difference to our school environment, and we are very grateful for the hard work and fundraising that makes these improvements possible.

New Forest School Storage

A brand-new shed base has now been laid near the back playground. This will house a new storage shed for our Forest School equipment, helping us keep resources organised and accessible for staff and pupils.

We expect the new shed to be installed and ready for use before the end of this term.

Quad Area Transformation

Over the Easter holidays, our quad will be undergoing a much-anticipated transformation. The area will be given a new grassed area, creating a greener, more welcoming space that will be usable and accessible for all children. We are very excited about the improvements ahead and look forward to seeing pupils enjoy this refreshed outdoor area next term.

Well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts over the last couple of weeks:



To be updated as soon as possible

A big well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts over the last few weeks:

R - Sparrows:

Y1 - Robins:

Y2 - Puffins:

Y3 - Starlings:

Y4 - Penguins:

Y5 - Owls:

Y6 - Lime:

Roll of Honour!



Remember you can email contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk to share any details and photographs of your child's achievements from out of school. We love to celebrate all the amazing things the children are doing! Please use *Roll of Honour* as the subject line.

(Please can we kindly ask that when sending in photographs, you consider blanking out surnames on any certificates and that when there are team photos, we assume that you have permission from the parents of all other children in the photo, to publish the photograph on our newsletter.)

Swimming Success!

In February she was swimmer of the month and we are all super proud of her.

A big well done Lucy, what a brilliant achievement!



Screen star!

We wanted to share a massive well done and say how proud we are of Ivy, who has been zipping to and from London filming an incredibly exciting project that will be airing in cinemas / TV and online globally at the end of the month.

Ivy has also just landed a lead role in a Short film for a global entertainment giant and will be flying off to Prague to start filming this Easter! Ivy is so committed and truly works so so hard, well done Ivy, you deserve this!

What exciting times you're having, Ivy! Enjoy these new experiences. We're really pleased for you and can't wait to see you on the screen soon!



Upcoming Events



Week beginning 16th March - Sign Language Week

Monday 16th March - Accessorise with something blue to celebrate the start of Sign Language Week

Thursday 19th March - Y2 trip to Beaumanor

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day (non-uniform with something red if possible!)

Monday 23rd March - Y1 & Y2 visit to Keyworth for mini Time Travelling activity with Keyworth churches

Tuesday 24th March - Topic Homework showcase in classes

Tuesday 24th March - Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 25th March - EQT Singing Event

Thursday 26th March - Parents' Evenings

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter Holidays - School closed to pupils

Monday 13th April - Children return to school

Please see the school calendar on the website for up-to-date information: [Calendar - Crossdale Primary School](#)

The term dates for the academic year can also be found on the website: [School Holidays - Crossdale Primary School](#)

School dinner menu



Please see our school dinner menus from our provider Taylor Shaw: [School Dinner Menu - Crossdale Primary School](#)

Menus for all year groups can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Please note that children in Reception and Y1 have a slightly different menu to the other year groups, due to government guidelines.

Contact Us



Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a question or concern. Our teachers are on the playground before and after school most days and they are always happy to talk then or arrange an appointment for a longer chat.

If you need to email: contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

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