



Crossdale News - 27th February 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 hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. It's been lovely to see the children return to school refreshed and ready for another busy and few weeks. This half term is packed with special events, including Book Week, Science Week and Sign Language Week - three fantastic opportunities for our pupils to explore new ideas, celebrate creativity and deepen their learning. We're looking forward to everything the coming weeks have in store!

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

Included in this week's edition:

- **Chick update**
- **Parking Reminder**
- **The Hive**
- **Book Week**
- **Science Week**
- **Sign Language Week**
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Before the half-term break, we were lucky enough to welcome a very special group of visitors into school - our chicks! The children loved watching them hatch, grow and find their fluffy feet over their first few weeks of life. It has been a wonderful learning experience for

pupils, giving them the chance to observe life cycles up close and develop their understanding of care, responsibility and the natural world.

The chicks have now been rehomed on a local farm, where they will continue to grow and flourish. We are so pleased they have gone to a safe and happy new home, and we know the children will enjoy hearing updates about how they're getting on.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this project. It has brought so much excitement, curiosity and joy to our school, and we hope to welcome more chicks again in a couple of years from now!

Parking Reminder



We kindly ask all parents and carers to park safely and considerately on Crossdale Drive and the surrounding roads at drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure vehicles are not left on corners, on bends or too close to junctions, as this reduces visibility and makes crossing the road unsafe for children and families. The Highway Code advises drivers not to park within 10 metres of a junction to help keep everyone safe.

We also remind families not to drop children off in the middle of the road. This creates a significant safety risk, as children may need to move between cars or step into moving traffic.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment around school for all pupils and families.

Improvements to 'The Hive'

Over the past two weeks, we have had some exciting internal work completed in The Hive - the building used for our breakfast and after-school club, as well as for small-group sessions throughout the school day. The space has undergone a significant refresh, with both the flooring and kitchen fully replaced.

Our wrap-around care providers, The Limetrees, are now busy setting everything up to ensure The Hive is a warm, welcoming and practical space for all the children who use it. We're delighted with the improvements and are confident that the upgraded facilities will make a real difference to the children's experience.

Children will be back in The Hive from Monday 2nd March for both breakfast club and after-school club. When you see it, we're sure you'll agree it's a huge improvement!

Book Week



Book Week at Crossdale: A Celebration of Reading!

We're delighted to be celebrating Book Week next week, with a fantastic range of activities taking place across school. From reading buddies and library visits to class-based story adventures and creative challenges, pupils will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy books in exciting new ways. Please see the poster below for the full list of events happening throughout the week!

★ Travelling Book Fair! ★

Thursday 26th February – Thursday 5th March

Our Travelling Book Fair arrives this week, and we are excited to welcome families into a world of stories, imagination and brand-new books. Every purchase helps us earn free books for our school, supporting our reading curriculum and classroom libraries.

What to Expect

The Book Fair will be open before and after school, closing at 8:50am to allow children and staff to get to lessons on time. There will be a wonderful range of new and exciting titles - perfect for discovering your next favourite read.

Ways to Pay

Families can choose the option that works best for them:

- Online payment (preferred): www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay
- Cash (added to our online Fair Report afterwards)
- Gift vouchers available from the Travelling Books website

World Book Day – Dress as Your Favourite Book Character!

On Thursday 5th March, we will join schools across the country in celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character!

We can't wait to see the creativity, colour and excitement this special day always brings!

Book Week Competition: “Me as a Reader”

We're thrilled to launch our whole-school Book Week competition, and we can't wait to see the children's creativity shine!

This year, pupils are invited to design an A4 poster that represents who they are as readers. Their poster might include:

- The types of books or stories they enjoy
- Characters they feel connected to
- Places they love to read
- How reading makes them feel

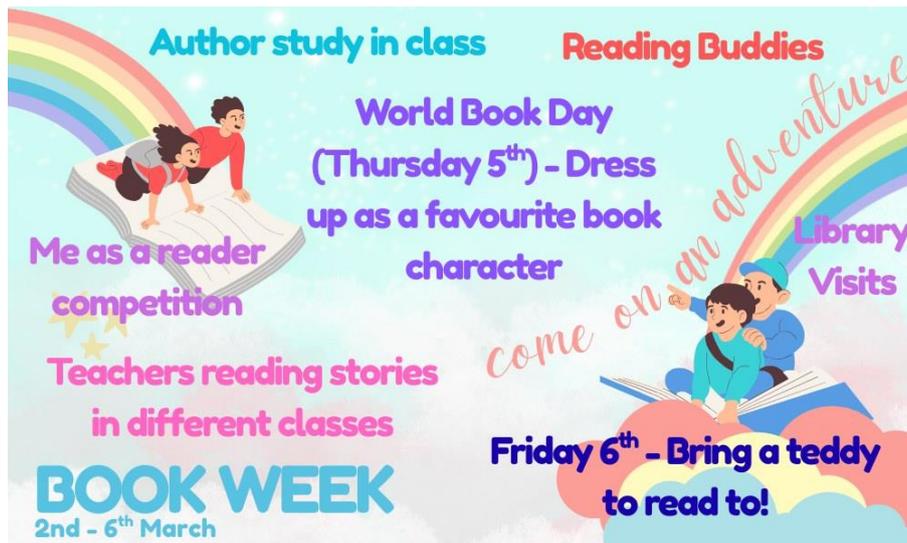
Posters can be drawn, painted, collaged or digitally designed — anything goes, as long as it fits on A4 paper and reflects their reading identity.

Prizes and Celebration

A winner will be chosen from each class, and every winning designer will receive a brand-new book from the Book Fair!

All entries will be displayed throughout school for everyone to enjoy.

Please ensure entries are in school by Wednesday 4th March.



Science Week



As mentioned in our last Crossdale News, we will be celebrating the annual British Science Week again at Crossdale, from the 6th-13th March.

The theme for Science Week this year is: 'Curiosity: what is your question?' This theme is all about putting children and young people in the driver's seat, and encouraging them to find answers to the most pressing questions they have about the world.

We will be starting off the week with a special assembly on Friday 6th March, filled with experiments! This assembly will be hosted by a science organisation that is new to Crossdale this academic year, Gizmo's Lab Science Club, who will be running an after-school club in the summer term.

We will also be welcoming in scientists from our local community to come and share their work with the children, so if you (or someone you know) work in a scientific field and would be able to offer a few hours one morning or afternoon to come in and chat about your career with the children, we would be most excited.

We will also be building on the learning that we have been doing as a school on Protected Characteristics by finding out all about the different backgrounds that scientists come from and taking part in the annual Equals Trust Sci-Tech competition - Egg Brake! The children

have heard about this in assembly and in class this week, and we will send home information to give you an overview!

We look forward to celebrating British Science Week 2026 this March.

Sign Language Week



We are excited to share that Crossdale will be taking part in Sign Language Week, beginning Monday 16th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn about and celebrate this important and expressive form of communication.

Throughout the week, each class will be taught a set of signs, carefully chosen to be meaningful, useful and fun. Children will spend time practising their signs in school, learning not only the movements but also the importance 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. This shared moment is always a highlight, and it gives children the opportunity to appreciate sign language as a rich and valuable way of connecting with others.

We hope this focus helps pupils understand more about British Sign Language, the Deaf community, and the many ways people communicate. It's a fantastic chance to celebrate diversity, empathy and the power of language in all its forms.

Red Nose Day



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

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

To mark the day, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, with something red to show their support - this could be a red accessory, red clothing or even a splash of creative flair! There's no pressure to buy anything new; we simply encourage families to take part in whichever way works for them.

If families wish to make a donation, these can be brought into school in cash on the morning of Red Nose Day. All contributions, big or small, help support Comic Relief's work in communities across the UK and beyond.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support. We look 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 provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and look ahead to their next steps in learning.

Booking Appointments

We will be preparing our online booking form next week, and this will be shared with parents as soon as it is ready. Families will then be able to choose an appointment time that works best for them.

Viewing Your Child's Work

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

Meetings With Class Teachers

Appointments with your child's class teacher will take place in the school hall.

Each appointment is 10 minutes long, and we kindly ask parents to help us keep to time so that the evening runs smoothly for everyone.

If you feel that you require longer than the allocated 10 minutes for a particular reason, please speak to your child's class teacher ahead of Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your support - we look forward to seeing you there!

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



Before half term, children took part in our Safer Internet Day assembly. This year's focus for Safer Internet Day was artificial intelligence (AI) — what it is, how it is used, and how children can use technology safely, responsibly and kindly.

We talked about:

- what AI means and where children might already see it
- how AI can be helpful, but also get things wrong
- the importance of kindness and checking information
- telling a trusted adult if something online causes worry or upset

We will also be sharing the slides used in the assembly so you can look through them together at home.

Questions you might ask your child (with helpful answers):

- *What does AI stand for?* Artificial intelligence — computers designed to do some things that human brains can do.

- *Can AI think or feel like people?* No. AI can spot patterns and give answers, but it doesn't have feelings, emotions or imagination.
- *Can AI ever be wrong?* Yes. AI can make mistakes, so it's important to check information and ask an adult if unsure.
- *Can AI ever be harmful or used in a bad way?* Sometimes, yes. AI can be used unkindly (for example, to make upsetting messages or images), or it can give wrong or confusing information. That's why we should always use it carefully and tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.
- *When is AI a good choice to use?* When it helps learning, communication or creativity without being unkind, unsafe or unfair.
- *What should you do if something online worries you?* Tell a trusted adult — at home or at school — straight away.

These short conversations really help children make sense of what they hear and build good habits around technology. Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep children safe, thoughtful and confident online.

[Click here for more information](#)

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



Family Hub Support for Keyworth Families

February & March 2026

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers free, confidential support for parents and carers. You do not need a referral, and support is available early - whether you have a quick question or need more structured help.

Below is what is available locally and nearby:

1. Available in Keyworth - Baby Self-Weigh – Keyworth Health Centre

Monday 9 March, 1.30–2.30pm

Drop-in session.

If you have a baby and would value reassurance or a quick check-in, this is available locally.

2. General Support for All Families

The Family Hub supports families with children aged 0–19.

This includes help with:

- Child development and communication
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour support
- Feeding, weaning and fussy eating
- Building parental confidence
- Parenting programmes
- Support relating to domestic abuse (in partnership with Women's Aid)

Families can contact the team directly, walk into a Family Hub building, or complete an online service request form.

3. Available Near Keyworth

NEW: Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake (term time only)

Tuesdays from 24 February, 9.45–11.00am

Lantern Lane School, East Leake (LE12 6QN)

No booking required (maximum room capacity applies).

Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

Weekly from 24 February, 10.00–11.30am (term time only)

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

26 February, 12 March, 26 March

10.00–11.30am (fortnightly, term time only)

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support

West Bridgford – weekly from 25 February (1.30–2.30pm)

Bingham – 5 & 19 March (10.00–11.00am)

East Leake – 27 February, 13 & 27 March (10.00–11.00am)

Early Years Drop-In – East Leake Library

Monday 9 March

2.30–3.30pm

No appointment needed.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

☎ 0115 977 3749

✉ FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk



📱 Search “Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe” on Facebook

The Family Hub is there to help families get the right support at the right time. Even a short conversation can make a real difference.

Sporting Events



Our Sports Leaders in Action

Our fantastic Sports Leaders have been busy this week out on the front playground, leading games and activities using our new playtime equipment, generously funded by the PTA. They have done a brilliant job encouraging teamwork, fairness and active play, and it has been wonderful to see so many children joining in with enthusiasm. A huge well done to our Sports Leaders for their energy and leadership, and a big thank you to the PTA for helping to make these lively playtimes possible!

Girls' Football Team Through to the Semi-Finals!

Our Girls' Football team delivered a fantastic performance this week, securing a 2–0 victory against Willowbrook at Keyworth United to progress to the semi-finals of the cup.

Two superb goals from Evelyn and Nancy sealed the win, supported by some outstanding goalkeeping from Ava, who made several crucial saves to keep the clean sheet.

The whole team played brilliantly, showing determination, teamwork and real passion as they continue their pursuit to defend the cup as reigning champions from last year. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment. Well done, girls!



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

The Golden Ticket Lucky Bar is Back! 🍫 ✨

We are so excited to announce that our "Golden Ticket" chocolate bars are returning for their third year! Will your child find a winning ticket?

When: Collection will be at the end of the school day in the playground on Friday, March 6th.

Availability: To ensure no one misses out, we highly recommend pre-ordering. Since we prioritise pre-orders, we cannot guarantee there will be extra bars available for sale on the day.

Pre-orders are open now, until Monday 2nd March. Click on the following link to pre-order:

[Friends of Crossdale](#)

Choose your treat:

Option 1: Classic Milk Chocolate

Option 2: Dairy-Free Chocolate

Please make your selection carefully when ordering. If ordering for more than one child, please use your eldest child's name for booking.

Good luck to all our little adventurers!



Golden Tickets

LUCKY BARS
PRE PURCHASE £1.75
VIA OUR WEBSITE
DAIRY ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE

Friday 6th March

COLLECT FROM PLAYGROUND
AFTER SCHOOL

GOLDEN TICKETS INCLUDE

- EXTRA PLAYTIME FOR YOUR CLASS
- CHOOSE THE MUSIC AT LUNCH TIME
- SIT NEXT TO YOUR BESTIE
- SWEETIES FOR YOUR CLASS
- SMALL TOY PRIZE

PLEASE LET YOUR CLASS PTA REP KNOW IF YOU
ARE A WINNER

Quiz Night

Unfortunately the quiz night that was scheduled for Friday 6th March has been cancelled.

FRIENDS OF CROSSDALE PTA

? **FRIDAY 6TH MARCH**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

A graphic for 'Quiz Night' featuring the words 'QUIZ' and 'NIGHT' in large, bold, yellow letters with black outlines. The text is set against a purple, jagged-edged background that resembles a comic book explosion. Several yellow question marks and small yellow stars are scattered around the text.

CANCELLED

**BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!
TEAMS OF UP TO 8
£5 PER PERSON.**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM FOR A
7PM START!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING NEW &
RETURNING TEAMS**

BAR WILL BE OPEN - NIBBLES ON THE TABLE

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



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

R - Sparrows: Hattie, Rosie, Amelia, Andreas, Hugo J, Rory, Albert, Mollie, Myles, Jacob, Cassian, Sofia, Joey, Kasper, Heidi, Faye, Edie, Connie, Ivy, Hugo C, Oliver A, Bryden, Gus, Henry

Y1 - Robins: Mickey, Alex, Olivia

Y2 - Puffins: Vickram, Sarah, Jacob, Joey, Evvie, Toby, Annabelle, Joshua, Elliott, Beau

Y3 - Starlings: Ivy, Maisie, Henry, Iris, Izzy, Connie, Joshua, Edward, Ezra, Betsy, Anna, Rueben, Chelsey, Jay, Rex, Ellie, Olivia, Archer, Ethan, Madeleine, Anna,

Y4 - Penguins: Ffion, James, Eliza, Ivy, Sophie, Cash, Isabella, Shyla, Alice, Grace, Tilly, Agatha, Alex, Jack, Alfie, Freddie, Noah, Elijah

Y5 - Owls: Rosa, Melody, Dec, Nancy, Alan, Daniel, Jack, Seth, Molly, Georgia, Skye, Simi, Albie

Y6 - Lime: Leo, Freddie

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.)

Going the distance - in swimming!

Amber (Y4) achieved her 400 meters badge at swimming in February half term and we are very proud of her.

A big well done, Amber. This is a fantastic achievement and we're very proud of you.



Gymnastic Medalist

Eric (Y5) competed in his latest gymnastics competition and came away with some great results. He won 2nd on the rings, 3rd on the parallel bars and 2nd over all in his year group. Well done Eric, we are super proud of you!

What super results, Eric! A huge well done to you, we hope you're feeling proud of yourself, because we do!



Swimming stage success!

At the end of half term Ellie (Puffin class) completed stage 5 swimming and has now moved up to stage 6. We are super proud of Ellie for always trying so hard in her swimming and listening to her instructor.

Wow, what an excellent achievement, Ellie! You're working super hard and we're very proud of you - keep it up!



Upcoming Events



Week beginning 2nd March - Book Week

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Week beginning 9th March - Science Week

Week beginning 16th March - Sign Language Week

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

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

Tuesday 24th March - Parents' Evenings

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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