



Crossdale News - 27th 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.

After a busy five-week term, it's been wonderful to round things off by celebrating the children's hard work and positive attitudes during our Treat Day! We hope all of our families enjoy a restful two-week break. When we return for the summer term, there are lots of exciting events to look forward to; please take a look at the *Upcoming Events* section towards the end of this newsletter to note any dates relevant to your child.

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:

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- **Robin class and Puffin Class time travel to learn about Easter!**
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Thank you!



As we reach the end of another incredibly busy half term, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support.

Book Fair Success

We are delighted to share that our recent Book Fair was a fantastic success, with £871 worth of sales. This placed us in the 50% rewards bracket, meaning the school now has £420.33 worth of rewards to spend on new books for our classrooms and library. Thank you to everyone who visited, browsed and bought! Your support helps us keep our reading spaces vibrant and well stocked.

An Especially Busy Half Term!

We've celebrated so many wonderful events over the past few weeks, including Book Week, Science Week, Sign Language Week, and Red Nose Day. Thank you for getting involved, dressing up, supporting activities, and encouraging the children to participate with such enthusiasm.

Your generosity for Red Nose Day helped us raise £159, a brilliant achievement that will go towards causes making a real difference.

Parents' Evening & Parent Survey

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for Parents' Evening. We hope the meetings offered a useful insight into your child's achievements, progress and next steps.

Thank you also to everyone who completed our parent survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps us shape the best possible experiences for our children.

Wishing You a Wonderful Break

We hope all our families enjoy a well-earned break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.

Puffin Class Visit Beaumanor



The children in our Year 2 Puffin class had a truly fabulous time at Beaumanor last week. They enjoyed a range of exciting outdoor activities, including archery, den building and a scavenger hunt that really put their orienteering skills to the test.

It was wonderful to hear that the children embraced each challenge with such enthusiasm and positivity. Their teamwork, resilience and sense of adventure shone throughout the day, and they made the most of every moment while supporting one another beautifully.

A super day was had by all, helped a little with the wonderful spring sunshine, making the experience even more enjoyable.

The photos below capture a few of the special moments from their fantastic trip.

























Robin class and Puffin class time travel to learn about Easter!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a lovely visit to the local church this week, where they took part in a range of activities all themed around Easter. The children behaved brilliantly throughout the afternoon and engaged thoughtfully with each task, learning more about the Easter story and its significance.

Well done to all of the children for representing Crossdale so beautifully.

Equals Trust Singing Concert



Our Crossdale pupils did us proud on Wednesday of this week as they performed with the Equals Trust Choir at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. They rose to the occasion with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing not only their musical talents but also the teamwork and maturity we value so much.

It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

Have a look on the [website](#) to watch a short video from the concert!

Treat Day Fun!



As a celebration of all the children’s hard work during the spring term, we enjoyed a wonderful Treat Day on Friday 27th March. The day was filled with egg-rolling fun and a range of spring-themed activities, and also a movie to round off the day. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly deserved the treat after such a busy and successful term.



Staffing for September



We are currently advertising for two new teachers to join our team at the start of the next academic year. This is due to two staffing changes. Firstly, Mrs Morgan will be relocating with her family as her husband takes up a new posting within the British Army. Mrs Morgan has been a wonderful teacher within our Crossdale team, not only teaching in Year 1 but also serving as our SENCO. She has worked incredibly hard to ensure that children’s provision is the very best it can be and has been a key team player throughout her time with us. We will miss her greatly and are hugely grateful for the dedication, care and expertise she has brought to our school.

In addition, we currently have some temporary staffing contracts in place, and we are now seeking to appoint a permanent teacher to further strengthen our team moving forward.

Class teachers are likely to move year groups in September, so there will be some changes as we organise staffing for the new academic year.

Once our recruitment process is complete and plans for September are finalised, we will update families with our full staffing structure. As always, we will be holding our usual transition sessions during the summer term to ensure children have the chance to meet and get to know their new teacher before the summer break.

Thank you and Farewell to Mrs Grebby



Mrs Diane Grebby, our peripatetic music teacher, has recently taken the decision to retire.

Many families will know Diane through her music teaching at Crossdale. Over many years, she has inspired and motivated generations of children, helping them to develop confidence and a

lasting love of music and performance. Her commitment has extended well beyond her teaching sessions, giving her time generously to support shows, performances, and wider opportunities for pupils.

Mrs Grebby is currently recovering at home following an operation and is hoping to pop into school in the summer term to say goodbye to the children.

I'm sure you will join us in expressing our gratitude and wishing her a happy, well-deserved retirement.

Good Friday Workshop with Keyworth Churches



Keyworth Churches are offering an event to families this Easter time. It is a long-standing event which runs on Good Friday. There are lots of crafts and activities on offer, followed by a short, informal, interactive service and then a snack lunch. It is completely free and families are welcome to come and go when they like.



News from South Wolds Academy



Click here for their latest Newsletter: [Newsletter Edition 26](#)

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



Easter Holiday Safety: Staying Safe at Home, Out and Online

The Easter holiday is a lovely chance for children to relax, play and spend time with family. At the same time, changes to routine can mean **more time online, greater independence, and increased access to devices and TV without adult supervision.**

A few simple checks can help:

- **Stay involved.** Know what your child is watching, playing and who they are talking to — especially when using devices or streaming services independently.
- **Keep content age-appropriate.** Check ratings on apps, games and TV programmes, and use parental controls where possible.
- **Notice changes.** Becoming secretive with devices, unusually worried, upset or withdrawn can be signs something is not right.

- **Check safety settings.** Review privacy settings, location sharing and app permissions.
- **Plan outings carefully.** Agree meeting points, who children are with, and what to do if plans change.
- **Encourage speaking up.** Remind your child they can always tell you or another trusted adult if something feels wrong.

For further support, visit:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Small, calm conversations help children stay safe, confident and supported over the holiday.

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



The Rushcliffe Family Hub continues to offer free, confidential support for parents and carers. Families can access help early, without a referral, whether they need advice, reassurance or more structured support.

Easter Holiday Activities (30 March – 10 April)

There are a number of **free activities for families with younger children** over the Easter break:

Under 5s Forest School – Cotgrave

Tuesday 31 March

10.00–11.30am

Cotgrave Community Garden (NG12 3JG)

Outdoor learning through play, including den building and nature-based activities. Older siblings are welcome.

Under 5s Outdoor Play Event – West Bridgford

Thursday 9 April

1.30–3.00pm

Abbey & Lady Bay Family Hub (NG2 5ND)

A relaxed outdoor play session for families. Older siblings are welcome.

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support (Easter period)

- West Bridgford – 1 & 8 April (1.30–2.30pm)
- Bingham – 2 April (10.00–11.00am)
- East Leake – 10 April (10.00–11.00am)

Self-Weigh Sessions – Bingham Family Hub

Available most weekdays during the holidays (9.30am–3.30pm, with some bank holiday closures). **From 13 April – Ongoing Term-Time Support**

After the holidays, a full programme of regular support resumes across Rushcliffe.

For Keyworth families, the most accessible options include:

Monthly Self-Weigh & Family Hub Drop-In – Keyworth Health Centre

Starting **13 April**, then monthly

1.30–2.30pm

A local opportunity to speak to Family Hub staff and access advice alongside weighing sessions.

Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake

Weekly from 14 April (term time)

9.45–11.00am

Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

Weekly from 14 April

10.00–11.30am

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

Weekly from 16 April

10.00–11.30am

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support


Weekly sessions available in **East Leake, Bingham and West Bridgford** **Wider Support Available**

Family Hubs support families with children aged **0–19**, including:

- Child development and communication
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour and routines
- Feeding, weaning and sleep
- Parenting programmes and confidence building

There are also targeted courses available (such as parenting programmes, speech and language support, and wellbeing groups).

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

 0115 977 3749

 FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk

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

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

The Family Hub team are there to help families early and without judgement. Even a short conversation can help you find the right support for your family.

Sporting Events



Queen / King Ball

Nine children from Year 4 took part in a Queen/King Ball competition this week. This exciting game is a variation of Benchball, where players aim to throw the ball to a teammate positioned on the opposite side of the court. Each time the ball is successfully thrown and caught, another member of the team joins the catcher - eventually aiming for the whole team to become catchers!

Our Year 4 pupils demonstrated fantastic throwing and catching skills throughout the event and won many of their games. They represented Crossdale brilliantly with their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Well done, Year 4!



Y5 Dance Event

Four Year 5 girls took part in a Dance Festival on Tuesday 17th March, where they learned and performed two different dance styles. The first was a lively routine to *Cotton Eye Joe*, and the second was an energetic cheer-dance sequence.

The girls showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout the entire event and had big smiles on their faces from start to finish. They represented Crossdale brilliantly with their positivity, effort and enjoyment.

Well done, girls!



Year 4 Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday 10th March, seven Year 4 pupils took part in an Indoor Athletics Festival, where they had the chance to practise a range of events they may go on to represent the school in when they reach Year 5 - just like our current Year 5 and 6 team, who recently won gold at this competition.

The children learned all of the events and will continue to practise alongside the current Year 5 pupils to prepare for next year's competitions. They showed great effort, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the festival.

Well done, Year 4!



KS2 Multi-Skills Festival

On Thursday 12th March, seven KS2 pupils took part in a Multi-Skills Festival at Nottingham Trent University. The children rotated around a series of activity stations, each with a different sporting theme, all led by Nottingham College students.

They represented Crossdale brilliantly - showing enthusiasm, determination and lots of smiling faces throughout the afternoon. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to try new skills and enjoy active learning in a fun environment.

Well done, everyone!



Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament

Ten children took part in an Equals Trust Year 3/4 Football Tournament on Friday 13th March. The team played four matches in total and showed great determination and teamwork throughout, winning two of their games!

The children represented Crossdale brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.

Well done, team!



Basketball

The children who attend Basketball club played a fantastic basketball match last week - the team looked good in their new COOP sponsored shirts!

James C in Y4 was chosen MVP (Most Valuable Player) - well done James!

Basketball club runs on Wednesday afterschool. Take a look:

[Wow - what a game! \(Instagram\)](#)

[Wow - what a game! \(Facebook\)](#)

[Wow - what a game! \(TikTok\)](#)

[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

We need



**From September, we need
a new chair and vice chair
for our wonderful PTA!**

To express your interest, or to
find out more, email

contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

PTA Update – New Chair and Vice Chair Needed

A few months ago, we shared the exciting news that, from September, the PTA would have a new Chair and Vice Chair taking over from our current committee. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen personal circumstances, these parents are no longer able to commit to the roles.

This means we are once again looking for new faces to help lead the PTA forward.

What Are We Looking For?

We are seeking:

- A new PTA Chair

- A new PTA Vice Chair

The current PTA team will provide a full and supportive handover during the summer term, so anyone stepping into the roles will be well-prepared and guided throughout the transition.

Why the PTA Matters

The PTA plays a vital role in the life of our school. It:

- Raises funds that directly enrich our children's learning
- Provides resources, activities, and experiences beyond what the school budget can cover
- Builds a strong sense of community through school events and family-friendly initiatives
- Strengthens the partnership between home and school
- Helps ensure all pupils benefit from an enhanced, well-rounded school experience

The PTA's contributions genuinely make a difference, and strong volunteer leadership is essential to keeping this momentum going.

Interested? We'd Love to Hear From You

If you're interested, curious, or would simply like to find out more, please email contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk.

Together, we can ensure the PTA continues to thrive and support the amazing work happening in our school.

Quad Renovation Project

We're delighted to share that our new Forest School shed is now in place (see photo below) and all resources have been safely rehomed. The old shed in the quad has been deconstructed, and the area is now fully prepared for the works scheduled to take place during the Easter break.

We can't wait to see the transformation after the Easter holidays and for the children to enjoy access to this fantastic new space!



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: Cassian, Edie, Hattie, Amelia, Finley, Oliver C, Hugo C, Albert, Kasper, Andrea, Rosie, Oliver A, Henry, Myles, Jacob, Mollie, Rory,

Y1 - Robins: Finn, Jan, Lily, Iyla, George, Nora, Imogen H, Artie, Eliza, Zara

Y2 - Puffins: Mylah, Ella, Iris, Izzy, Olivia, Chelsey, Archer

Y3 - Starlings: Connie, Joshua, Edward, Maddy, Henry, Maisie, Betsy, Reuben, Ellie, Ezra

Y4 - Penguins: Shyla, Grace, Mabel, James, Tilly, Sophie, Eliza, Jack, Elijah

Y5 - Owls: Molly, Ben, Sophia, Freddie Mor., Iona, Melody, Nancy, Martha, Ben, Jack, Rosa, Daisy, Seth, Nancy, Eric, Dec, Simi

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.)

Green Recognition!

Big congratulations to Henry for getting his (green) blue Peter badge for children who have done something to care for the environment. Well done Henry!

This is wonderful to hear about Henry, well done! I think you're big beaming smile tells us how happy you are to have received this! Well done, we're really proud of you!



Team Tornado whip through a Swimathon

Well done to Team Tornado (Ezra, Joshua and Reuben from Starlings and Martha from Penguins) for swimming 1.5k in the swimathon last weekend. They worked really well as a team and cheered each other on throughout. We're very proud of you all.

So far, they have raised a whopping £764 for Cancer Research and Marie Currie. We would all like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the community who helped make swimathon happen and to all those who have supported and donated.

If you would still like to donate you can do so on their Just Giving page until the end of March.

https://jg.swimathon.org/fundraising/louisaelston-green-1773694657827?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC

What an achievement! A huge well done to you all. It was lovely to see your medals in assembly last week and celebrate your efforts for such wonderful charities.



Kickboxing Superstar!

Vikram (Puffin class) recently achieved his yellow belt in kickboxing!

A big well done from us, Vikram! We know that your grown-ups are very proud of you, and so are we! Keep up the hard work.



Piano merit!

Alan passed his ABRSM Grade 5 Piano Exam with a Merit on 14th March 2026. He was pleased with the result after putting in a lot of practice.

Congratulations, Alan! We hope that you're feeling very proud of yourself - this is a wonderful achievement!



Tennis Triumph!

Olivia (Year 3) was selected this year to represent Nottinghamshire in tennis in the 9U age group. The Notts team (6 players from across the county) won the regional finals and then qualified for the National Finals which was played on 14th March. Each match was made up of 4 singles and 2 doubles. Teams travelled from as far as Scotland, Yorkshire and Cheshire. Notts put in a great performance and loved the experience. Yorkshire were the ultimate winners this year.

You are a tennis star, Olivia! What an achievement to be selected for the team and to be able to participate at such a high level. A huge well done from us all!



Tumbling Success!

Zoey (Lime class) took part in her first competition in Tumbling after switching from Artistic Gymnastics only 6 weeks ago. Not only did she come first, she qualified for the English Championships in May and will represent the East Midlands.

Wow! It sounds like you're a natural, Zoey, and you stole the show! We hope you're feeling super proud of your achievements. A huge well done and a big good luck from us all, ahead of May.



Upcoming Events



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

Monday 13th April - Children return to school

Tuesday 21st April - Y5 Tudor themed day

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 6th May - Y3 to Top Link sports Festival in the morning

Thursday 7th May - 5pm:Y4 Residential parent meeting

Week Beginning Monday 11th May - Y6 KS2 SATs week

Monday 18th May - Reception 'Sparrow' class trip to Rushcliffe Country Park

Week Beginning 18th May - Walk to School Week

Thursday 21st May - 5pm: Music Evening

Week Beginning 25th May - Half Term Break

Monday 1st June - Children return to school

Week beginning 1st June - Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC)

Thursday 4th - Friday 5th June - Y4 Residential to Walesby Forest

Week beginning 8th June - Y4 MTC

Week beginning 8th June - Y1 Phonics Screening

Monday 8th June - Class and Team photographs

Friday 12th June - Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the rainbow raffle (more details to be shared)

Friday 12th June - PTA School Disco (more information to be shared)

Week beginning 15th June - Healthy Living Week (more information to follow)

Tuesday 16th June - 5:30pm: New Reception Class (Kingfisher) parent welcome meeting

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day (parents welcome to attend races in the morning)

Monday 22nd June - INSET - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th June - Y6 SWA Transition Days

Wednesday 24th June - Kingfisher class (R Sept. 2026 starters) visit for the afternoon

Wednesday 24th June - Class transition visits in the afternoon

Thursday 25th June - Kingfisher class (R Sept. 2026 starters) visit for the morning

Friday 3rd July - Family Football and Fun PTA event from 5pm

Wednesday 8th July - Friday 10th July - Base 3 Residential

Friday 10th July - 2:30pm: Kingfisher class (R Sept. 2026 starters) get-together

Friday 10th July - Reserve date for Family Football and Fun PTA event

Friday 17th July - End of year reports home to parents

Tuesday 21st July - Afternoon and Evening (5pm) Summer Show Performances (more details to be shared in due course)

Wednesday 22nd July - Evening (5pm) Summer Show Performances (more details to be shared in due course)

Thursday 23rd July - Y6 Leavers' Lunch and Rounders match vs Staff

Thursday 23rd July - 2:30pm: Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 24th July - Last day of term

Monday 27th July - INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 28th July - Monday 31st August - Summer Holidays

Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd September - New school year starts - children in school today

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.

We are pleased to share our new *Spring/Summer 2026 School Dinner Menu*, will begin from **Monday 13th April 2026 (Week 1)**.

The updated seasonal menu continues to offer a wide range of healthy, balanced meals, including:

- Freshly prepared hot meals across a three-week rotating menu
- Both meat and vegetarian/vegan options each day
- A daily selection of sandwiches, jacket potatoes, salad, fresh fruit and yoghurt
- Desserts designed to meet School Food Standards

We encourage parents to look through the menu with their child to help them choose the options they will enjoy. If your child has any dietary requirements or allergies, we will send their menu as soon as we receive it.

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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