

Crossdale News - 22nd May 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.

It has been a busy and rewarding couple of weeks in school, with our Year 6 pupils approaching their KS2 SATs with great determination and resilience. They have applied themselves brilliantly and should be very proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout.

In our final week before the half term break, classes have enjoyed reading buddy sessions, and our music evening yesterday was a real highlight, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

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:

- **Music Evening**
- **Summer production**
- **PE Kit reminder**
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Music Evening



Our music evening yesterday was a truly wonderful event and a fantastic celebration of the musical talent across our school. It was lovely to see children from Year 1 through to Year 6 confidently showcasing their skills, with performances featuring a wide range of instruments including drums, violin, flute, saxophone, piano, ukulele and guitar, as well as some beautiful singing. Opportunities like this are so important, allowing children to share their talents and experience the joy and magic that music brings.

A huge thank you to our dedicated peripatetic music teachers who come into school each week to support and inspire our pupils, and to Mr Brierley and Mrs Szymkiw for their organisation of such a successful and enjoyable event.

Summer Production



We are excited to announce that this year's summer production will be *The Wizard of Oz*, with children in Year 5 and Year 6 taking the lead roles. Auditions will take place after the half term break, with rehearsals beginning shortly afterwards as we start bringing this much-loved story from the Land of Oz to life.

All children across the school will be learning the songs, and after half term we will be sending a form home for parents of children in Years 1–4 to express interest in joining the performances as the chorus cast.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic production!

Reminder: PE Kits



As announced earlier this term, from Monday 1st June children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE days. Please refer to the poster below for details of when each class has PE.

All children should have taken their PE kits home this week ready for the new arrangement. Thank you for your support in helping us make this a smooth transition.

PE DAYS

When will my child need to come to school in their PE kit?

Sparrow Class (Reception)	Tuesday	Friday
Robin Class (Year 1)	Monday	Thursday
Puffin Class (Year 2)	Monday	Thursday
Starling Class (Year 3)	Tuesday	Thursday
Penguin Class (Year 4)	Tuesday	Thursday
Owl Class (Year 5)	Tuesday	Friday
Lime Class (Year 6)	Monday	Friday

Lego Sets



We are currently looking to replenish some of our Lego resources, which are an important part of our nurture provision in school. If you have any unwanted, complete Lego sets at home that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful for your support.

Any donations can be brought to the main school office - thank you in advance for your generosity.

Change for Change – Let's Make a Difference Together



Week commencing **8 June 2026**, all schools across Equals Trust will take part in **Change for Change** – a simple fundraising project supporting **Framework**, a Nottingham charity working to tackle homelessness.

This year's campaign has a special connection across our Equals Trust family and reflects the way our schools work together to support one another. We are proud to be supporting Lewis, a former pupil of Netherfield School who is now 14 and serves as a youth patron for Framework. Lewis has already led a range of fundraising activities and is inviting children across our Trust community to join him in making a difference.

The idea is simple: children can choose to complete one or more helpful jobs or chores at home for family members or family friends and, if they wish, collect a small donation in return. Lewis's challenge suggests just **£1 per task and perhaps aiming for around £3 overall** – but families can take part in whatever way feels right for them. Even small amounts can make a real difference when lots of children join together.

Taking part is entirely optional and will happen at home, so families can simply decide whether they would like to get involved.

Closer to the launch, we will share more about the campaign in a school assembly, including a message from Lewis explaining why this cause matters and how children can take part.

If your child chooses to get involved and would like to make a donation, contributions can be made:

- in cash via the school office, or
- online through **Arbor** (further details will follow).

We hope many of our children will enjoy taking part in a small act of kindness at home while helping to support people in our local community.

Every bit of change can help change lives.

Latest News from SWA



Please follow the link below to the latest edition of SWA newsletter:

[SWA Newsletter, May 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 Tips for Parents and Carers



Enjoying the Sunshine Safely

With warmer weather forecast, many children will be spending more time outdoors, visiting friends and enjoying extra independence. A few simple steps can help keep children safe and well.

- **Keep water nearby.** Encourage regular drinks, especially during active play. Children often do not notice they are getting hot.
- **Think sun safety.** Use sunscreen, hats and light clothing, and encourage breaks in the shade during the warmest parts of the day.
- **Know the plan.** If children are playing out or visiting others, agree where they are going, who they are with and when they will be home.
- **Balance screens and sunshine.** Holidays often mean more device time and less routine — keep checking that apps, games and TV remain age-appropriate.
- **Keep conversations open.** Remind children they can always contact you or another trusted adult if plans change or something doesn't feel right.

For further advice, visit:

- UK Government: *Beat the Heat – Staying Safe in Hot Weather*
- NSPCC Online Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Small routines and regular conversations help children enjoy a safe, happy half term.

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



May Half Term and June–July 2026

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers free, confidential support for parents and carers. Families do not need a referral and can ask for help early — whether they have a quick question, need reassurance, or would benefit from more regular support.

Local support in Keyworth

Family Hub Drop-In and Baby Self-Weigh – Keyworth Health Centre

- Monday 8 June
- Monday 13 July
- 1.30–2.30pm

This is a local opportunity to speak with Family Hub staff about everyday concerns such as feeding, sleep, behaviour, routines, child development or family wellbeing.

May half-term support and activities

Self-Weigh Drop-In – Bingham Family Hub

- Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May
- 9.30am–3.30pm

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support – West Bridgford

- Wednesday 27 May
- 1.30–2.30pm

- West Bridgford Young People's Centre

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support – Bingham

- Thursday 28 May
- 10.00–11.00am
- Bingham Family Hub

Under 5s Outdoor Play Event – West Bridgford Park

- Thursday 28 May
- 1.30–3.00pm
- Meet behind the Young People's Centre, next to the tennis courts
- Older siblings are welcome
- Please dress for the weather **Support available nearby from June**

Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake

- Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June
- 9.45–11.00am
- Lantern Lane School, East Leake, LE12 6QN

Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

- Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, Bingham

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

- Thursdays, term time, from 4 June
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support

- East Leake – Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June, 9.45–11.00am
- West Bridgford – Wednesdays from 3 June, 1.30–2.30pm
- Bingham – Thursdays from 4 June, 10.00–11.30am **What the Family Hub can help with**

Family Hubs support families with children aged 0–19, and up to 25 for young people with SEND. Support includes:

- Preparing for your baby
 - Child development and communication
 - Behaviour, routines and sleep
 - Feeding, weaning and breastfeeding
 - Emotional wellbeing
 - Parenting confidence
 - Domestic abuse support, in partnership with Women’s Aid
 - Volunteering opportunities
 - Help finding wider local services
- Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub**

☎ 0115 977 3749

✉ FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

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

🌐 Virtual Family Hub: <https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/directory/services/rushcliffe-family-hub-bingham-rushcliffe-family-hub-network>

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

Sporting Events



Summer 1 sports round up

Take a look at the [sports blog](#) to see all of the activities the children have been involved in this half term!

[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

We recently asked for volunteers to help head up our PTA committee, and we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the parent who has already stepped forward to take on a lead role. This support is genuinely appreciated and makes a real difference to our school community.

To help share the workload and ensure the committee can continue its successful work, we would still love to welcome additional volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Miss Seedhouse or contact the school by email at contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk for more information.

The ongoing success of our PTA relies on the generosity, time and commitment of our parent community. Together, our small actions can lead to big benefits. By getting involved, you can help shape memorable experiences and lasting opportunities for every child at Crossdale.

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



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R - Sparrows: Oliver A, Sofia, Jacob, Heidi, Arthur, Joey, Henry, Mollie, Faye

Y1 - Robins: Finn, Henry, Jan, Zara, Elowen, Jack, Emie, Finn, Eliza

Y2 - Puffins: All of Puffin class completed their class stamp chart! Annabelle

Y3 - Starlings: Maddy, Josh, Maisie, Betsy, Connie, Anna, Izzy, Olivia, Chelsey, Iris

Y4 - Penguins: Joseph, Amber, Cash, Elsie, Sophie, Alex, Elijah, Freddie, Grace

Y5 - Owls: Jack, Martha, Simi, Rupert, Alan, Nancy, Edith, Georgia, Declan, Melody, Sebrina, Rosa

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

A huge well done to Annabelle and Anna for completing Stage 4 in swimming. What a brilliant achievement girls!

A big well done, you should be super proud!



Awards all round!

Matilda in Penguin class took part in the Aikido Shoshinkan Junior Competition 2026 at the weekend. This is the first Aikido competition that Matilda has taken part in since joining the Aikido after school club at Crossdale. Matilda won the Ipponme Competition. This involved 8 rounds of competition against another student, taking it in turns to demonstrate multiple techniques, throws and rolls. We are very proud of Matilda and the effort she has put into practicing for this competition.

Matilda also completed her Bronze Stage 3 award in Rookie Lifeguards last week. To achieve this the class has to demonstrate good listening, communication and team working skills. Matilda will now move on to working towards her Silver award. We are very proud of how hard Matilda works every time she gets in the pool...she loves being in the water and never likes to miss a session!

What fabulous achievements! Your hard work and dedication are paying off!





Gold Medal Celebrations!

After working up to orange belt Maxwell did his first tournament on Sunday and won all fights and getting 2 gold medals. Super proud of our gentle giant.

What super success you had Maxwell! You should be very proud of what you have achieved.



Upcoming Events



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

Tuesday 9th June - Base 3 Residential Parent Meeting (5:15pm)

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 (information shared via email today)

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

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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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