



## Crossdale News - 12th June 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 another busy and exciting time at school, with plenty of opportunities for children to learn, be active and challenge themselves. From welcoming families back for class assemblies, to a week of sport ahead and our Year 4 residential success, there is much to celebrate. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and positive attitudes our pupils continue to show across all aspects of school life.**

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](#)' section.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell and Miss Seedhouse

Included in this week's edition:

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## Year 4 Residential - Walesby Forest



Last Thursday and Friday, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to Walesby Forest. During their stay, the children took part in a range of exciting outdoor activities, including Canadian canoeing, paddleboarding, orienteering and indoor rock climbing.

In the evening, everyone enjoyed coming together for stories around the campfire, which provided lots of laughs!

The children were excellent ambassadors for Crossdale throughout their visit. They showed great enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, pushing themselves to try new experiences and achieve personal goals.

We are very proud of how well all of the children represented the school and the positive attitudes they demonstrated during the trip.









































































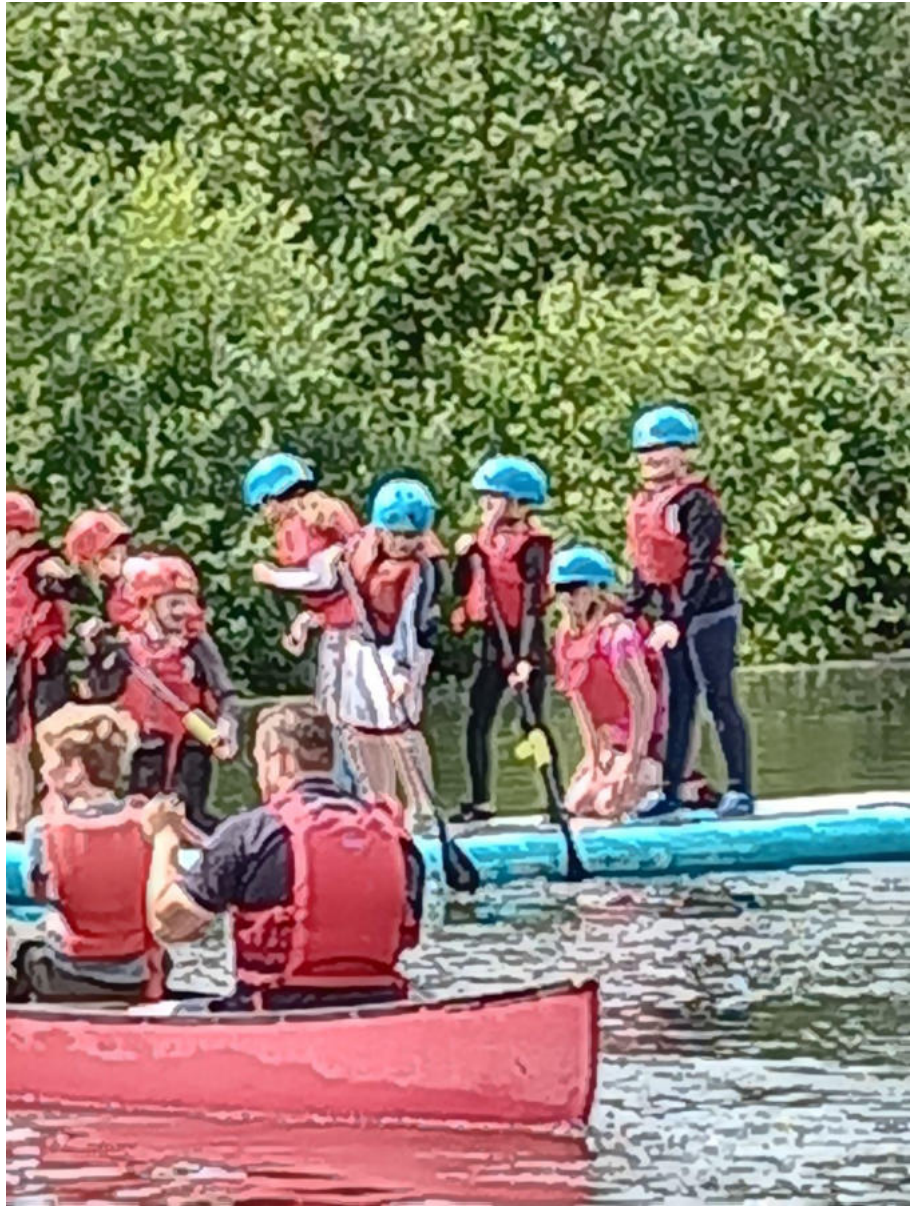






































**Change for Change – Let's Make a Difference Together**



Thank you to all families who chose to take part in **Change for Change** this week.

If your child completed helpful jobs at home and you would like to make a donation to **Framework** (a Nottingham charity that helps people affected by homelessness), please do so either:

- online through the shop in **Arbor** where you can donate multiples of £1, or
- by sending **cash** into the school office.

As shared previously, taking part was entirely optional, so this reminder is only for families who chose to get involved.

You can still watch Lewis's short video about the project here. It is under two minutes long:

<https://vimeo.com/1198002334/8054cb1d40>

## Class Assemblies



We are pleased to confirm that class assemblies are returning this half term. These special occasions provide a wonderful opportunity for children to share their learning and experiences with families, while also building confidence in speaking and performing in front of an audience.

We warmly welcome parents and carers of the children in the host class to join us for each assembly on the following dates:

- **Year 1** – Friday 26th June
- **Year 2** – Friday 10th July
- **Reception** – Friday 17th July

Assemblies will begin at 3pm. We look forward to sharing these memorable moments with you and celebrating the achievements of our pupils together.

## Healthy Living Week including Sports Day



Next week, we are excited to host our annual *Healthy Living Week*, where children will take part in a range of sporting activities throughout the week. Separate information has already been sent home with details specific to each class.

As a reminder, children should come to school in sports clothing every day and ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. If the sun is out, please remember sun cream and sun hats.

We are also keeping our fingers crossed that the weather holds for our Sports Day on Wednesday. We will inform parents on Tuesday afternoon if we need to postpone due to the weather.

We are really looking forward to a fun and active week, with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to try new activities!

## Staffing Update



As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to share a number of important staffing updates with you.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Morgan on Friday 3rd July, as she relocates with her family overseas. Mrs Morgan has been a valued member of our team for the past 2.5 years, working both as a class teacher and as our SENCo. We would like to extend our sincere thanks for her dedication and contribution to the school, and we wish her every success in this exciting new chapter. Mrs Jones will be covering in Y1 for the remainder of the summer term, with Miss Seedhouse taking back the SENCO role. From September we will move to a new job share arrangement in Y1, which we will confirm in due course.

From September, Mrs Jones will be reducing her teaching commitment to two days per week. This will enable her to take on an increased Senior Leadership role, enabling Miss Seedhouse dedicated time for the role of SENCO.

We will also be saying farewell to two much-valued members of our team. Mrs Neale will be retiring at the end of term after many years of dedicated service. During her time at Crossdale, she has worked as a teaching assistant, as our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and as our Speech and Language link teacher for the trust. Mrs Neale has supported so many children and families within our Crossdale community, creating impact daily in lots of different ways, and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs Mellor has also made the decision to step away from teaching for the time being. She has been part of Crossdale for 17 years, initially as a teaching assistant and more recently as our EYFS lead teacher. Mrs Mellor has played a key role in shaping the early experiences of so many children at the start of their school journey, and her contribution has been invaluable. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

We would like to wish both Mrs Neale and Mrs Mellor all the very best for the future. We look forward to celebrating their time at Crossdale together at the end of term, and we are sure you will want to join us in thanking them for their service.

Before half term, we completed a rigorous recruitment process to appoint two new teachers. Following two days of meeting, observing and interviewing nine candidates, we are delighted to announce that Miss Lloyd will be joining Crossdale in a permanent post, and Miss Annie Hellon will also be joining our team from September. Both candidates impressed throughout the process and come to us with excellent references.

Our class teaching structure for September will be as follows:

- Reception – Mrs Rodriguez (Monday–Wednesday) and Miss Marshall (Thursday–Friday)
- Year 1 – Mrs Jones (Monday–Tuesday) and *to be confirmed* (Wednesday–Friday)
- Year 2 – Miss Lloyd
- Year 3 – Miss Spencer
- Year 4 – Miss Hellon
- Year 5 – Mr Dring
- Year 6 – Mr Brierley

We look forward to welcoming our new staff and continuing to work together to provide the very best for all of our pupils.

Class transition sessions for our new Reception children will take place on 24th and 25th June. A transition afternoon for children in our current Y1 - Y5 classes will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th January. For children in our current R class, once we have appointed our new teacher to work alongside Mrs Jones, we will organise a transition session so that the children can meet both of their new teachers.

On Wednesday 24th June, class teachers will be available after school until 3:50pm, for any parents to come and say hello, should you wish.

## 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



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#### *Online Safety: Discord and Similar Apps*

Following a serious safeguarding incident in an Equals Trust school, we would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of regularly monitoring children's online activity on personal devices.

One platform we are asking parents to be aware of is **Discord**. Discord is often linked to gaming and social chat. While it can appear child-friendly, it includes private messaging, group "servers", and contact with people children may not know offline. Discord is intended for users aged **13+**, and parental guidance recommends careful supervision.

Please take time to:

- **Check your child's device regularly**, including apps, messages, usernames and contacts.
- **Be aware of apps such as Discord**, as well as similar gaming, chat and messaging platforms.

- **Talk openly with your child about who they are communicating with online,** especially anyone they do not know in real life.
- **Remind your child never to share personal information or images,** including their school, address, passwords or photos.
- **Reassure them that they can always speak to you or a trusted adult** if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or confused.

Please inform the school immediately if you have any concerns.

For further advice, visit:

- [Internet Matters: Discord advice](#)
- [NSPCC online safety guidance](#)

Calm, regular checks and open conversations are some of the most effective ways to help keep children safe online.

## Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



### Family Hub Support for Keyworth Families

**From 12 June 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 you 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 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.

### **General support for families**

Family Hubs support families from pregnancy through childhood and into young adulthood. They can help with:

- preparing for a baby
- child development and communication
- behaviour, routines and sleep
- feeding, weaning and breastfeeding
- emotional wellbeing
- parenting confidence
- SEND support and signposting
- domestic abuse support
- financial advice, employment support and wider family wellbeing
- volunteering opportunities

Families can also use the Virtual Family Hub to find local services and advice online:

[https://www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/Support available nearby](https://www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/Support%20available%20nearby)

### **Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake**

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

### **Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub**

- Tuesdays, term time
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, Bingham, NG13 8BE

### **Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub**

- Thursdays, term time
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, Bingham, NG13 8BE

## **B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support**

- East Leake – Tuesdays, term time, 9.45–11.00am
- West Bridgford – Wednesdays, 1.30–2.30pm
- Bingham – Thursdays, 10.00–11.30am

## **Self-Weigh and Family Hub Drop-In Sessions**

- Bingham Family Hub – Monday to Friday, 9.30am–3.30pm
  - Cotgrave Health Centre – Tuesday 16 June and Tuesday 21 July, 2.30–3.30pm
  - East Leake Health Centre – Friday 26 June and Friday 24 July, 10.00–11.00am
  - Abbey & Lady Bay Family Hub, West Bridgford – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1.00–3.00pm
- Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub**

☎ 0115 977 3749

✉ [FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk)

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

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

Please check details before travelling, as sessions can sometimes change. Even a short conversation can help families find the right support at the right time.

## Sporting Events



### **Aikido**

An update from *Tad Narita* Chief Instructor Aikido Shoshikan:

I wanted to share some wonderful news and a photo from a recent competition held at our dojo.

Four children from Crossdale School — Elias, Freddie, Matilda, and Sky — took part in the Junior Aikido Competition, which attracted over 50 participants from across Nottingham and Derby. All four children performed exceptionally well and represented both themselves and the school brilliantly.

We are especially pleased to report that Matilda achieved first place in the Ipponme Kumite category, an outstanding accomplishment.

We took the opportunity to take a group photo of the Crossdale participants and wanted to share both the photo and their success with you. This is a fantastic achievement for a group of children who have been practising Aikido for just over a year, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.



### **Quad Kids Athletics**

Eight Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Quad Kids athletics festival, where they competed in a range of events including a 50m sprint, 400m run, standing long jump and howler javelin. The festival provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience what athletics will look like in Years 5 and 6, giving them a preview of the events they will take part in competitively in the future.



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

We recently invited volunteers to help lead our PTA, and we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the parents who have stepped forward to take on these important roles. We are delighted that Chelsi Cooper (mum to Maxwell in Year 6, and Iyla and Zach in Year 1) has taken on the role of Chair, and that Nicola Parkinson (mum to Amelia in Reception) has kindly agreed to support with marketing, online communications and the website. Emma Machin and Liz Bailey will continue in their roles for now, but will be looking to hand these over in the coming months.

Gemma Louch and Aimee Sharpe have done an incredible job during their time supporting the PTA, and we are very grateful for their commitment and the time they have given.

Our PTA plays a vital role in enriching the experiences we are able to offer our children. Their fundraising efforts make a real difference, allowing us to enhance the school environment and provide opportunities that would otherwise be difficult to fund. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support.

This year, the PTA has generously funded a wide range of improvements and opportunities across the school, including:

- Quad refurbishment
- New books to support reading across the school
- Maths resources for classrooms
- Weekly Year 4 music lessons, where every child has learned to play the ukulele
- A new Forest School shed
- Funding towards sports providers for Healthy Living Week
- Additional sports equipment and kit
- Book bags for Reception children
- A Year 6 post-SATs treat
- Replacement cloakroom storage where needed
- Summer treat day games and activities

As we look ahead to the new academic year, it would be wonderful to welcome some new faces to the team. There are many ways to get involved, whether by attending meetings to share fundraising ideas, supporting at events, or helping with behind-the-scenes organisation. As always, many hands make light work, and every contribution is greatly valued.

We will be holding a meeting in the autumn term to share key dates and plans for the coming year. We warmly invite anyone interested in supporting the PTA to come along for a tea or coffee - it would be lovely to see you there.

## 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: Ivy, Jacob, Oliver A, Finley, Albert, Edie, Molly, Henry, Arthur, Sofia, Heidi, Andreas, Faye, Layla, Bryden, Connie, Harry, Joey, Freddie, Oliver C, Bryden, Finley, Kasper, Hattie,

Y1 - Robins: Artie, Lily, Orla, Immy

Y2 - Puffins: Ella, Rosie

Y3 - Starlings: Isobel, Ellie, Violet, Reuben, Ezra, Iris, Maddy, Connie, Archer, Chelsey, Anna, Edward, Ellie, Etha, Betsy, Maisie

Y4 - Penguins: Shyla, Amber, Rio, James C, Isabella, Eliza, Ishbel, Jack, Ivy, Mabel

Y5 - Owls: Penelope, Alan, Daniel, Martha, Edith, Daisy, Ben, Alice, Sophia, Albie, Iona, Rosa, Georgia, Nancy, Seth, Molly, Eric, Sebrina

Y6 - Lime - Arthur, Josh

## Roll of Honour!



Remember you can email [contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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.)*

## Upcoming Events



**Week beginning 15th June** - Healthy Living Week (children wear sports clothing all week)

**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 for children in current Y1-Y5

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

**Friday 26th June** - Y1 Class Assembly

**Friday 3rd July** - Mrs Morgan's last day

**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** - Y2 Class Assembly

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

**Friday 17th July** - R class Assembly

**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](mailto:contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk)

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