



Crossdale News - 18th September 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.

The children have had another fantastic couple of weeks at Crossdale, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and working hard across the curriculum. We've been particularly proud to see so many examples of our Crossdale Way in action, with children making positive choices, showing kindness and striving to do their best.

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:

- **Introducing our Wellbeing Officers**
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Introducing our Wellbeing Officers



Introducing our new wellbeing officers for this academic year!

What Our Wellbeing Officers Represent

- Kindness, empathy, and respect for others.
- Positive mental health and wellbeing.
- Inclusion and friendship across the school.
- Pupil voice, ensuring children's ideas and concerns are heard.
- A welcoming and supportive school community.

What our Wellbeing Officers Might Do

- Welcome new pupils and help them settle into school.
- Support younger children during playtimes and school events.
- Promote acts of kindness and friendship initiatives.
- Help organise wellbeing activities, awareness days, and fundraising events.
- Gather pupil opinions and share suggestions with staff.
- Encourage inclusion and help make everyone feel valued.
- Model positive behaviour and attitudes.

Their first task of the year will be helping at the Macmillan afternoon tea event.



Working Together at Crossdale: Communication, Respect and Partnership



At Crossdale Primary School, one of our greatest strengths is the partnership we share with our families.

Every day, we see parents and carers supporting learning at home, cheering on school performances, volunteering at events, reading with children and working alongside staff to help every child succeed. We are very grateful for this support and know that children thrive when home and school work together.

A Shared Commitment

Whilst we all bring different perspectives and experiences, we are united by a common aim: wanting the very best for the children in our care.

There will inevitably be times when parents and school staff have questions, concerns or differing views about aspects of school life. This is both natural and healthy. Open dialogue helps us to understand one another and, where appropriate, improve what we do.

At Crossdale, we welcome feedback, questions and constructive challenge. We want parents to feel able to approach us when something is unclear, when they have a concern or when they believe we can do better.

Parents and carers are entitled to question decisions and to express strong views.

Agreement is not always necessary. Respect is.

How We Work Together

However we communicate with one another, we ask everyone in our school community to do so in a way that reflects the values we seek to instil in our children: kindness, respect, honesty and consideration for others.

Just as parents rightly expect professionalism, care and courtesy from school staff, we ask that the same courtesy and respect are extended to staff, other families and children within our school community.

We will not tolerate behaviour towards members of our school community that staff reasonably consider to be abusive, aggressive, threatening, intimidating, discriminatory or personally offensive, whether this takes place in person, in writing, in messaging groups or on social media. Where communication crosses these boundaries, the school will respond in accordance with the Equals Trust Parent and Carer Code of Conduct and Communication Policy.

Our Expectations

This Trust policy is there to support open and constructive communication. It helps to ensure that concerns can be raised, disagreements can be discussed fairly and conversations remain respectful, productive and focused on resolving concerns in children's best interests.

In summary, we ask that:

- concerns are raised through appropriate channels;
- communication remains courteous and respectful, even where opinions differ;
- staff, parents and carers treat one another with dignity and respect;
- social media, messaging groups and public forums are used responsibly; and
- we all model the behaviour we would wish to see from our children.

The Example We Set

Children learn from the adults around them.

Every interaction between home and school gives us an opportunity to model listening, understanding, compromise and mutual respect. When adults can work together positively, even when discussing difficult issues or holding different views, children benefit.

Thank You

The overwhelming majority of interactions between our families and staff are positive, supportive and focused on helping children flourish. Thank you for the trust you place in us and for the part you play in making Crossdale such a welcoming and caring school community.

By continuing to work in partnership, communicating openly and treating one another with respect, we can keep our shared focus where it belongs: **helping every child to feel supported, valued and able to succeed.**

Afternoon Tea- Supporting Macmillan



♥ Macmillan Afternoon Tea: We're Looking Forward to Seeing You!

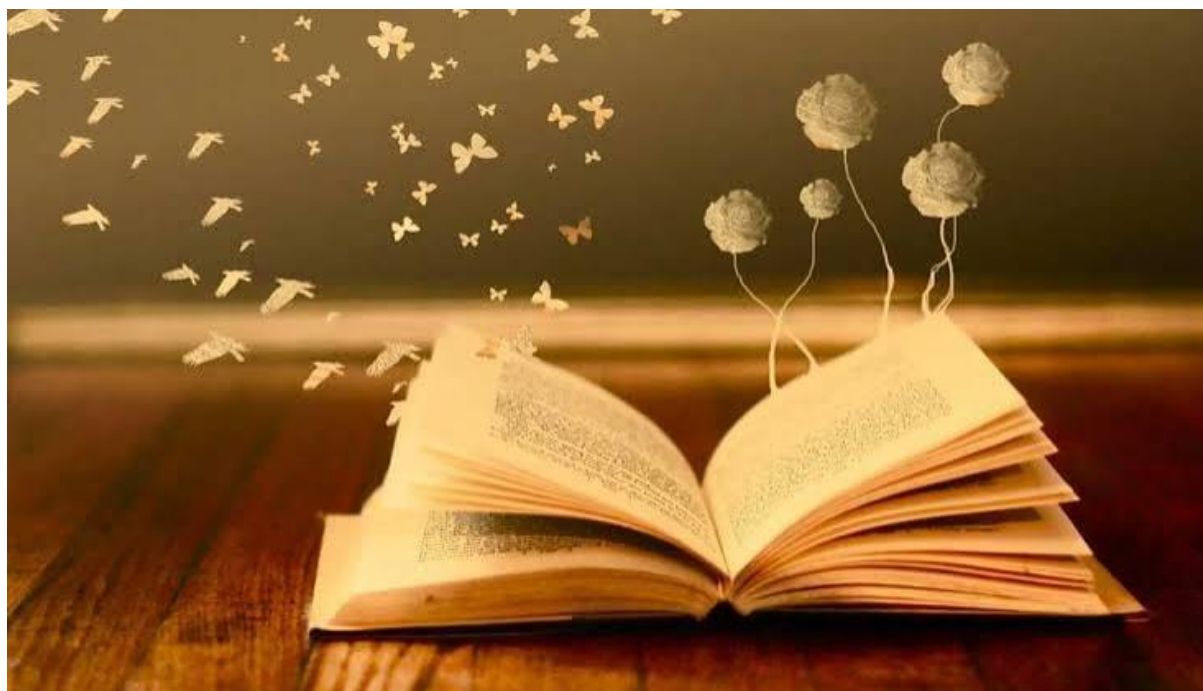
We're really looking forward to our Macmillan Afternoon Tea next Friday and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to join us. It's wonderful to see so many Crossdale families coming together once again to support such an important cause. We're hoping for a lovely afternoon of cakes, drinks and community spirit, while raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you, too, to everyone who is able to donate cakes, cookies or biscuits to help make the event a success. If you are kindly donating cakes, cookies or biscuits, please bring these into school on Friday morning. Donations can be shop-bought or homemade, but please ensure that any homemade items are clearly labelled with a full list of ingredients so that we can keep everyone safe.

We can't wait to welcome you on Friday 25 September and enjoy another special Crossdale community event together. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support!



Reading at Crossdale



The Book Bus is coming to Crossdale!

We are delighted to announce that we have The Book Bus coming to Crossdale on 2nd November. The Book Bus is filled with books offered at discounted prices (up to 70% off RRP) and will be parked up at school. School also benefit from this visit with commission towards new books to top up our libraries. Children will be able to visit during the afternoon but the bus will also be on site until 4pm which allows parents and carers to visit and enjoy the experience.

More information can be found here:

[The Book Bus - Come back ⚡](#)

Literacy Volunteer at Crossdale and special thanks to MM Electrical

MM Electrical, based in Keyworth, is helping to make a difference to children's literacy by sponsoring a Literacy Volunteer at a local school, Crossdale Primary School.

Manjeet, who recently began her volunteering role at the school, is already seeing the positive impact that dedicated reading support can have on children.

"I recently started as a literacy volunteer at Crossdale Primary School, Keyworth, and love it! My place at the school is sponsored by MM Electrical. As a literacy volunteer I see first-hand what a difference dedicated reading support can make to a child's confidence, enjoyment and progress at school and I feel incredibly privileged to be part of it."

“I would love to see more local businesses sponsor places in schools, so that more children can benefit from the same positive experience and support.”

*Crossdale and Literacy Volunteers would like to thank **MM Electrical** for their generous support and would like to encourage other local businesses to consider sponsoring a volunteer in their local school and helping more children benefit from this valuable support.*

If you know of a local business or organisation that would like to sponsor a Literacy Volunteer in a local school and help make a difference to children’s confidence and reading skills, please get in touch with Literacy Volunteers to find out more.

MM Electrical, your trusted electrician to carry out domestic and commercial work in Nottinghamshire. Contact: call - 07976647175, email - info@mmelectrical.online or visit <https://www.mmelectrical.online/> for more information.



1 - MM Electrical have sponsored our reading volunteer, Manjeet. Thanks to Murray and family.

Attendance matters: an important update for families



We have updated our **Attendance Policy** and the attendance information on our website for 2026–27.

National expectations on schools are now clearer and stronger. Schools are expected not simply to record absence, but to **promote good attendance, identify concerns early, understand barriers and intervene where attendance is not improving**. Where support is not successful, schools are also expected to consider more formal action.

At Crossdale, our approach will remain supportive. We know that children can be genuinely ill and that some families face real barriers to attendance. Where this is the case, we want to understand the issue and work with families as early as possible.

However, we will also be more proactive where attendance begins to cause concern. Even **95% attendance means around 10 missed school days across a year**, and recent Department for Education research shows a clear relationship between attendance and attainment.

Holidays during term time

Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances. Parents should not assume that leave will be agreed because a holiday has been booked or because a child otherwise has good attendance.

The following would **not be considered exceptional circumstances**:

- work commitments that make it difficult to take holidays during school holidays;
- days which overlap with the beginning or end of term;
- wanting to travel at quieter times because of a child's needs;
- holidays which have been gifted or arranged by other people;
- a child having good or 100% attendance;
- cheaper holidays or travel;
- having booked before checking with school;

- different holiday dates for siblings or family members at other schools;
- day trips or birthday plans;
- special sporting fixtures, shows or other events.

If unauthorised leave is taken, parents should expect the school to consider referral to Nottinghamshire County Council for penalty action. The national threshold is **10 unauthorised sessions (a session is half a day) within any rolling 10 school weeks**. Good attendance at other times does not prevent a fine being considered for an unauthorised term-time holiday.

A first penalty notice is currently **£160 per parent, per child**, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second notice within three years is £160 with no reduced rate, and further offences may lead to prosecution rather than another penalty notice.

Working together

Our aim is not simply to improve a percentage. Regular attendance helps children learn, make progress, maintain friendships and feel fully part of school life.

If there is a genuine difficulty affecting your child's attendance, please talk to us early. At the same time, parents should expect us to challenge avoidable absence and follow national and Nottinghamshire procedures where necessary.

You can read more about our attendance arrangements, including our **full Attendance Policy**, on the Crossdale website: [Absence Procedures and Attendance Policy](#)

Every day in school matters.

Short videos for parents

The Department for Education has produced a series of short videos to help families understand why attendance matters and how parents and schools can work together:

- **Why attending every day matters in primary school** – a one-minute explanation of the academic and social impact of missing school and why every day of attendance makes a difference. [Watch the video](#)
- **Tips for how parents can support good attendance in primary school** – practical suggestions for establishing good attendance and dealing with difficulties before they become established patterns. This is one of the DfE's current 2026 parent animations. [Watch the video](#)
- **Starting primary school and supporting your child's attendance** – particularly useful for Reception families, helping parents establish good attendance habits and routines right from the beginning of school. This animation forms part of the DfE's current primary-school attendance resources. [Watch the video](#)

Crossdale Primary School

Attendance Matters

Small amounts of absence can add up quickly. Regular attendance gives children the best chance to thrive.



95% attendance may sound high, but it means around **10 days** missed across a school year.

Primary school (Year 6)

1.3x



Pupils with 95–100% attendance were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths than pupils with 90–95% attendance.

25%



Missing around 10 days in Year 6 was associated with around a 25% lower likelihood of reaching the expected standard.

Secondary school (Year 11)

1.9x



Pupils with 95–100% attendance were 1.9 times more likely to achieve grade 5 or above in English and maths than pupils with 90–95% attendance.

50%



Missing around 10 days in Year 11 was associated with around a 50% lower likelihood of achieving grade 5 or above in English and maths.



Source: Department for Education research, Link between attendance and attainment (March 2025), England.

Milk



If your child is in Years 1–6, you may have opted for them to have milk during the school day. We know that some children require a specific type of milk due to an allergy or dietary need, and we want to make sure that these needs can be met safely.

From Monday 21 September, if your child requires a specific type of milk, please send this into school each day in a clearly named drinks bottle. The bottle can be kept in a small cool bag or lunchbox with an ice pack to keep it cool during the morning.

Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient refrigerated storage in school to safely store a range of different milks for individual children. This new arrangement will also help us to manage allergens carefully and ensure the safety of all children.

Please do not send almond milk or any other milk containing nuts into school, due to the potentially serious risk this could pose to children with nut allergies.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep all of our children safe and well.

Information about school milk can be found here: [Free School Meals and Milk - Crossdale Primary School](#)

Harvest



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At Harvest time, we celebrate the food we have access to and how it can be kind to share this with others. It's a moment to reflect and be grateful for what we have. It's also a time where we try to give back to those in our community who may be facing difficult times.

What to bring:

Please bring any donations to school by Monday 5th October.
Every item makes a difference.

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity!

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We have made an exciting start to the term with a number of sporting events already taking place.

Beeston Hockey Club

Children from Crossdale have attended sessions at Beeston Hockey Club to further develop their hockey skills and gain experience from specialist coaching.

Notts Forest football

Crossdale children attended a football workshop led by coaches from Nottingham Forest, where they developed key skills such as dribbling, passing and teamwork in an engaging and professional environment

Gymnastics event at Rushcliffe School

Yesterday, 20 children attended the Notts Gymnastics Academy School Open Day at Rushcliffe School, where they had the opportunity to take part in a variety of gymnastics activities and develop their skills. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, confidence and excellent sportsmanship throughout the morning.

Crossdale Vs Willow Brook girls football

Also yesterday, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls' football team competed in the Rushcliffe Girls Cup. In their first fixture, they secured an impressive 3-1 victory against Willow Brook, earning their place in the next round of the competition. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and resilience, and we look forward to following their progress in the tournament.

Well done to all the children who have represented Crossdale so positively in the last few weeks.



2 - A great start for the football team against Willow Brook.

"Up the 'dale" as Mr Pharoah would say.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers



Is Your Child Livestreaming?

Ofcom, the UK's online safety regulator, updated its research into children and livestreaming on 10 September. Its research shows that livestreaming is now a relatively common part of children's online lives and highlights particular safeguarding risks because everything happens in real time.

Many children enjoy watching live videos of gaming, hobbies, challenges and other activities online. But did you know that some apps, games and platforms also allow users to **broadcast live themselves?**

Unlike recording a video first, livestreaming gives children little opportunity to reconsider what they have shown or said. They could accidentally reveal their school, location or other

personal information, interact with people they don't know, or feel pressured by comments from viewers. A livestream can also be recorded by somebody else and shared afterwards.

A few useful things to check:

- **Ask your child whether they ever “go live”**, not just what videos they watch.
- **Look together at the apps and games they use** and find out whether they include livestreaming.
- **Check privacy and location settings** and who can watch, comment or make contact.
- **Talk about what should never appear on camera**, including personal information or anything that identifies where they live or go to school.
- **Reassure them that they should stop and tell you** if anybody online asks them to do something that makes them uncomfortable.

Livestreaming can be creative and enjoyable. The important thing is knowing when children are using it and helping them understand that **“live” can quickly mean public — and what happens on camera may not disappear when the stream ends.**

For further advice:

CEOP Education – Live streaming: a parents and carers guide

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

NSPCC – Livestreaming and online video apps

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

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



Family Hub Support for Keyworth Families – Autumn 2026

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers **free support, information and advice for parents and carers**. You do not need to wait until a problem becomes serious: families can contact the team directly for advice, reassurance or help finding the right support.

Support in Keyworth

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

- **Monday 12 October**
- **Monday 9 November**
- **Monday 14 December**
- **1.30–2.30pm**
- Keyworth Health Centre, NG12 5JU

These monthly sessions provide a convenient local opportunity to use the baby self-weigh facilities and speak with Family Hub staff.

What can the Family Hub help with?

Family Hubs are **not just for families with babies**. They provide a route into support for families throughout childhood and into young adulthood. Parents can ask for help with:

- behaviour, boundaries, routines and sleep
- children's emotional wellbeing
- child development, listening and communication
- feeding, weaning and fussy eating
- parenting and family life
- preparing for a baby and support with new babies
- finances, benefits and employment
- finding specialist or additional support
- domestic abuse and keeping families safe
- meeting other parents, building confidence and volunteering

Support can be offered individually or through groups and courses, and staff can help families find more specialist services where needed.

Free groups near Keyworth

East Leake – Under 5s Stay & Play & Family Hub Drop-In

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

Bingham – Under 1s Group

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

Bingham – Under 5s Stay & Play & Family Hub Drop-In

- Thursdays during term time
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support is also available weekly in **East Leake, Bingham and West Bridgford**.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

Bingham Family Hub is open Monday–Friday, 8.30am–5.00pm. Parents and carers can contact the team themselves — a professional referral is not required.

 **0115 977 3749**

 **FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk**

Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory

<https://www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/directory/services/rushcliffe-family-hub-bingham-rushcliffe-family-hub-network>

Nottinghamshire Family Hub Networks

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

 Search **Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe** on Facebook for the latest activities and timetable updates.

If you are not sure whether the Family Hub is the right place to ask, it is still worth getting in touch. The team can listen, offer advice and help you find the right support for your family.

Crossdale PTA Events - [Crossdale Drive School - PTA Events and Updates \(crossdaleschool.com\)](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crossdaleschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=121867)



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](#)

🍌 CROSSDALE SCHOOL DISCO 🍌🎉🌟

Disco tickets are on sale! Tickets are £5 per person and at the disco we will have:

🍕 Pizza slices

🍿 Popcorn

🍬 Sweets bar

🎶 Disco & dancing

🌟 Glitter hair, face paint & tattoos

🍷 Free squash throughout the evening

🍷 Adults bar

Tickets are limited, so make sure you follow the link and book your tickets <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crossdaleschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=121867>

♥ Volunteers: Please only select the FREE volunteer ticket option if you have already discussed and agreed your volunteering with the PTA. This helps us keep an accurate record of numbers for health & safety and allows us to create a rota for the evening to run smoothly.

We can't wait to see everyone there and make it a fantastic night for the children! 🤗🧑🏻🧑🏻

Could You Be Our Next PTA Treasurer?

Our PTA plays such an important part in school life, and we're looking to welcome someone new to the team who would be interested in taking on the role of PTA Treasurer.

Throughout this academic year, you would work alongside our current treasurer, giving you plenty of time to learn more about the role and how everything works, with a view to taking over as Treasurer from the summer term. If you think this might be something you'd be interested in, or you'd simply like to find out a little more before deciding, please email contact@crossdale.notts.sch. We'll then get in touch to share some more information and answer any questions you might have.

We'd love to hear from you!

Your chance to win a cash prize - and support Crossdale at the same time!

Did you know that Crossdale has signed up to Your School Lottery?

For just £1 a week, you can play the weekly lottery while helping raise money for the children at Crossdale. Every ticket bought helps generate funds for our PTA, which we can use to support the school and provide additional resources, opportunities and experiences for the children.

There's a chance to win a fantastic cash jackpot, as well as a guaranteed weekly prize for supporters of participating schools.

The more people who play through Crossdale, the more our PTA can raise. And it's not just for parents! Grandparents, family members and friends can play too, so why not share the link with anyone who might like a little flutter while supporting our school at the same time?

Tickets are just £1 per week.

Play and support Crossdale - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/crossdale-drive-primary-school>

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



Well done to all of the children who have completed their stamp charts over the past two weeks:

Kingfisher class: Harper, Grace, Bryleigh, Ada, Esme, Zoe, Rohaan, Frank, Leo, Reece, Esther, Skye

Robin class: Alex, Lily, George, Mickey, Henry, Artie, Orla, Emie

Starling class: Connie, Olivia, Chelsey, Ethan

Penguin class: Alice, Grace, Eliza, Noah, Ivy, Matilda

Roll of Honour!



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.)

Upcoming Events





Date	Event	Any changes from original information shared?
Monday 21st September	Y6 Trip to Beaumanor for WW2 Experience Day	
Friday 25th September	Afternoon Tea - Macmillan Fundraiser	
Wednesday 30th September	Great Athlete Visit - all children come to school in PE Kit.	New - see previous newsletter for information.
Friday 2nd October	PTA Autumn Disco	Disco tickets now available - see PTA section above.
Monday 5th October	Harvest Assembly	See information in the newsletter above.
Monday 5th October	Y4 trip to Nottingham City	New
Wednesday 7th October	Whole school - flu vaccination	New
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day - accessorise with something yellow!	
Friday 9th October	Individual and Family photos	New
Tuesday 13th October	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 15th October	Parents' Evening	
Friday 16th October	INSET Day – School closed to pupils	
Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October	Half Term	



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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