



Crossdale News - 4th 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.

Welcome back! The school has quickly come back to life with smiling faces, excited chatter and a real sense of purpose. It has also been lovely to welcome our newest children and families to Crossdale, and we look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

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

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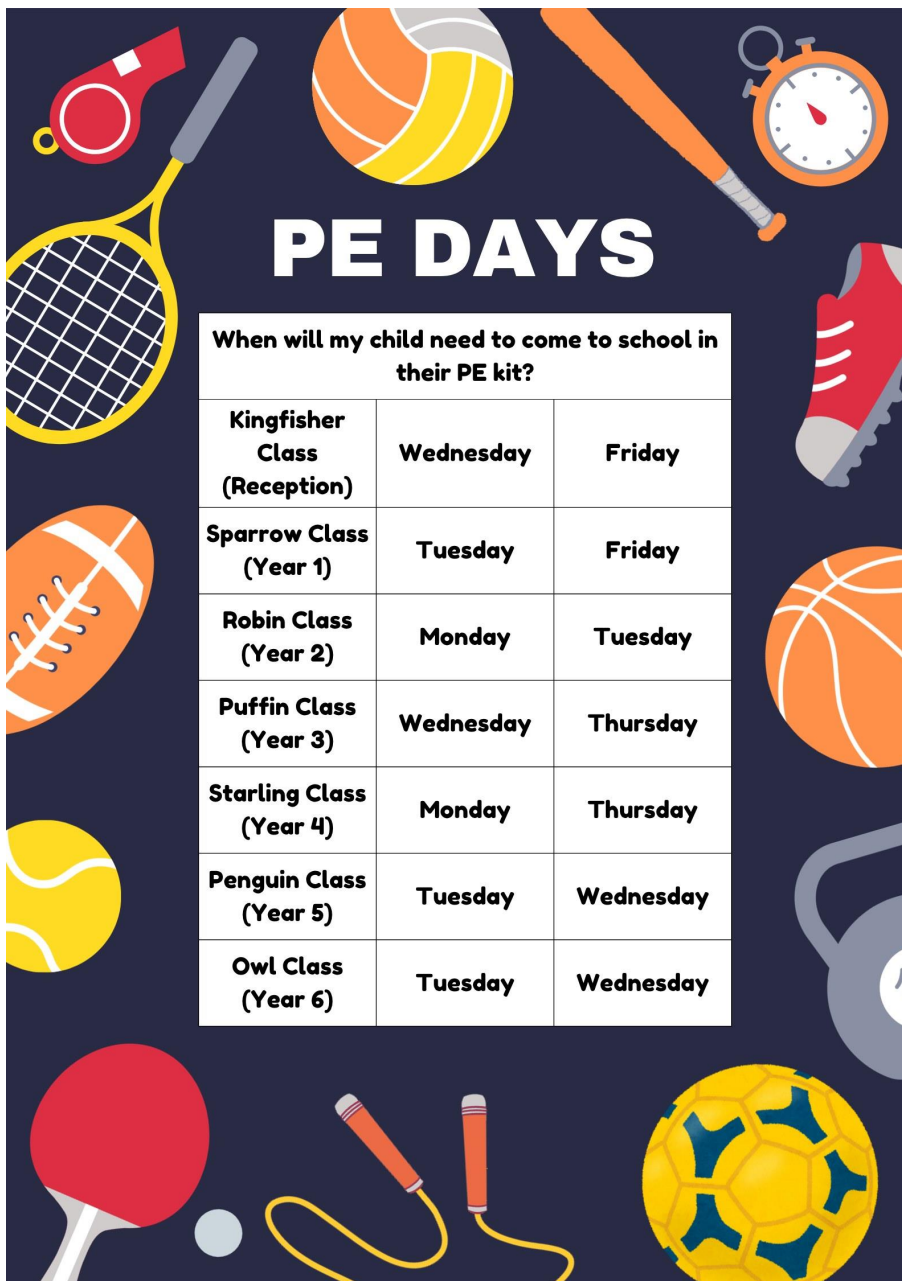
- Upcoming Events

Class Blogs and PE Days

Blogs

As we settle into the new term, teachers are updating their class blogs with information about this half term's learning, routines and upcoming events. We encourage all families to visit the [Blogs page](#) regularly to keep up to date with the latest news from your child's class.

Please see the poster below for which days your child will need to come to school in their PE uniform. All information relating to uniform can be found on the [website](#).



PE DAYS

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

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

Communication



At Crossdale, we always endeavour to communicate clearly and in a timely manner so that families feel informed and involved in school life. The poster below outlines the different ways we communicate with parents and carers, along with the types of information you can expect to receive through each channel.

We know that many classes have parent WhatsApp groups, and we recognise that these can be a helpful way for families to share reminders and support one another. However, these groups are not organised or managed by the school. We kindly ask that all communication within these groups remains courteous and respectful. The PTA often works with class representatives who use these groups to share PTA news and information, helping to keep parents informed about upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

CROSSDALE

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE AT CROSSDALE?

Keeping Home and School Connected



App Messages are sent for...

- ✓ Absence or illness
- ✓ Cancellation or changes to planned activities
- ✓ Requests for payments
- ✓ Notification of head bumps
- ✓ 'Well done' messages celebrating a pupil's achievements from Mr Cresswell or Miss Seedhouse



Emails are our Main Form of Communication

We use emails to share:

- Links to the school website and class blogs
- The fortnightly *Crossdale News*
- Information about trips and visits
- Day-to-day school communication and updates

Contact Us

 contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk



Crossdale News

Crossdale News is the most important document for keeping up to date with what is happening in school.

Please read it carefully and refer back to it regularly for:

-  Diary dates
-  Upcoming events
-  Important school information



Phone Calls

Phone calls are generally used for:

- More urgent matters
- Following up school business



Open Door Policy

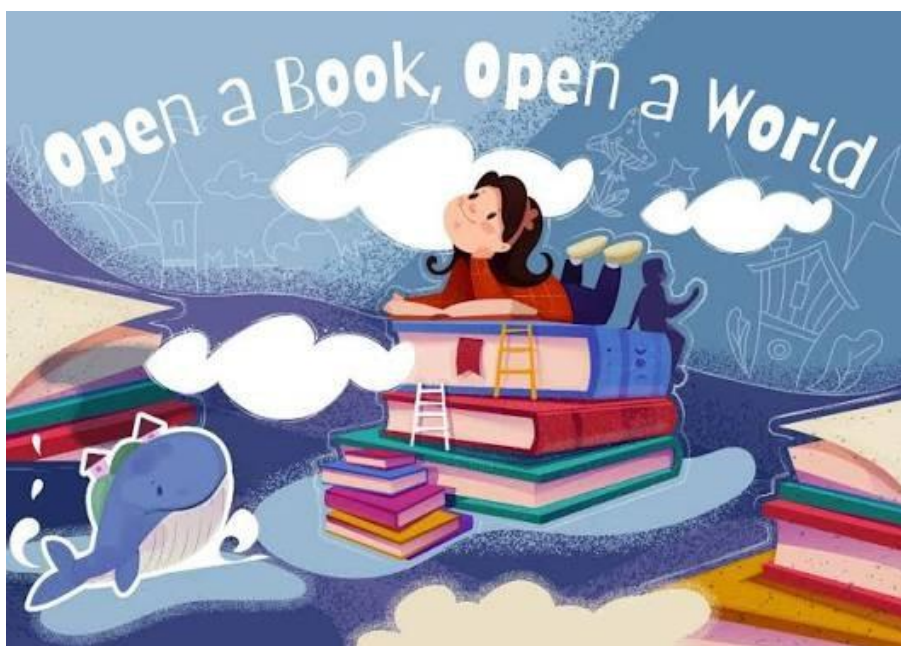
We operate an Open Door Policy and greatly value **speaking to parents** – please let us know if you need to speak to us about something.

Working together helps us provide the very best support for every child.



 Good communication • Strong partnerships • Bright futures 

Reading Books



This academic year we have introduced a new system for signing books in and out of our challenge tree library (Y2-Y6) and will soon be introducing the system to our phonics books (R-Y2) to help us keep track of our resources more effectively. Last year, a significant number of books had not been returned, with some even being found in a local charity shop. As a result, if books are not returned, we will ask families to either cover the cost of a replacement or provide a new copy. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support in helping us ensure that all children can continue to enjoy our reading resources.

Parent Volunteers



We are always incredibly grateful for the support of our parent and family community. Could you offer a little time to help in school? Whether it's listening to children read, supporting

the development of basic maths skills, helping with listening to children read, or even joining us for a Forest School session, your time can make a real difference to our children.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk to let us know your availability and whether there is a particular area you would like to support. We would love to hear from you!

Afternoon Tea- Supporting Macmillan



Last year's Macmillan Afternoon Tea fundraiser was a truly special event for our school community. It was wonderful to see pupils, families and staff come together to support such an important cause, raising both awareness and funds for people living with cancer and their loved ones. The enthusiasm, generosity and kindness shown by everyone made a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of what we achieved together.

We would love to do it again this year to show our continued support for Crossdale Families and Macmillan Cancer Support and the vital work they do every day. To help make the event a success, we would be grateful for donations of shop-bought or homemade cakes, cookies or biscuits. Please ensure that all homemade items are clearly labelled with their ingredients.

We hope that, once again, our school community will come together to celebrate, support and make a positive impact. Every donation, no matter how small, helps Macmillan continue to provide expert care, practical help and emotional support to those who need it most. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

We look forward to another fantastic event together! In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Friday 25 September

 **Times:** 3:00pm - 3:30pm or 3:30pm - 4:00pm

 **Drinks and cakes will be self-service, with donations welcomed for each item.**

 **All donations are welcome, and every penny raised will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.**

Tables will seat up to eight people and will be shared between families, providing a lovely opportunity to connect and support one another. This year, children will wait in the hall with staff until their parent or guardian arrives. Therefore, please ensure that you are able to attend if you reserve a place.

Let's come together as a community to show our support and make a meaningful difference.

Please respond by Friday 11 September if you would like to join us: [Macmillan Afternoon Tea at Crossdale, Friday 25th September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

New Grow Wild Forest School Club – Years 3–6



EXPLORE * PLAY * LEARN

FOREST SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Y3-Y6

WEDNESDAY 3.30 – 4.30PM



STARTING 9th
SEPTEMBER

6 WEEKS

Last session - 14th October

£40

FOR THE FULL 6 WEEK BLOCK
BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ON ARBOR



COLLECTION

Children will be collected from the school office at the end of the session.



WHAT TO BRING

Please bring wellies and a coat if we're expecting rainy weather.



WHAT WE'LL DO:



CAMPFIRE SNACKS



DEN BUILDING



TOOL USE



NATURE CRAFTS

Sessions build on skills and confidence each week through hands-on outdoor learning.

SESSIONS LED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND FOREST SCHOOL PRACTITIONERS. GROUPS WILL BE KEPT SMALL SO THERE WILL BE LIMITED SPACES.



@growwild.fs

growwildfs@gmail.com

We're pleased to be working with Grow Wild Forest School to offer a new after-school club for children in Years 3–6.

The attached flyer gives details of the activities, dates, timings and cost.

There are 18 places available, with bookings and payment through Arbor.

A couple of important points before booking:

- By booking through Arbor, you are agreeing that Crossdale can share the contact details Grow Wild need to administer the club.
- Grow Wild will then contact you directly to collect essential information, including emergency contacts, allergies and relevant medical information. This must be completed before your child can attend.
- Grow Wild will also confirm collection arrangements directly with parents and will contact you if a session ever needs to be cancelled or postponed.

It should be a great opportunity for children to enjoy our Forest School area, learn new practical skills and spend plenty of time outdoors. If your child would like to take part, please book their place through Arbor.

Do you know a former Crossdale pupil we should celebrate?

The **93% Club's 'Made in State School' initiative** gives state schools the opportunity to nominate former pupils whose achievements could inspire the next generation.

Selected schools may receive a red commemorative plaque recognising a former pupil and celebrating what they have gone on to achieve.

We would love to hear from parents, carers and members of our wider school community who may know of former pupils we should consider.

The nominee does not need to be a household name. We are interested in former pupils who have gone on to achieve something significant or inspiring in areas such as sport, the arts, science, business, public service, education or community work.

If someone comes to mind, please contact the school with their name, roughly when they attended and a little information about what they have gone on to do.

At this stage, we are simply gathering suggestions before deciding whether to make a nomination.

You can read more about the initiative here: [Made in State School – The 93% Club](#)

Sporting Events



Great Athletes Event Coming to Crossdale!

We are excited to announce that Crossdale will be taking part in a **Great Athletes** event on **Wednesday 30th September 2026**.

This inspiring event aims to encourage children to be active, develop positive attitudes towards health and wellbeing, and learn from the experiences of a professional athlete. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a fun fitness circuit and hear first-hand about the dedication, resilience and determination needed to succeed in sport.

More information about the programme can be found here: [School Fundraising Ideas | School Sports Equipment](#)

A Special Reveal!

To build excitement, we will be keeping the identity of our visiting athlete a secret for now! The athlete will be revealed to the children during a special assembly in school, and we will share the news with parents once the reveal has taken place.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

Before the event, children will bring home information about sponsorship opportunities. Of the funds raised on top of the participation fee, the school will retain 60% to spend on activities, services or equipment that promote physical activity and 40% will go to Great Athletes to continue to support its mission. To date, Great Athletes has helped schools raise over £8,000,000 to promote physical activity and inspired over 3.5 million children. We will be sending home the sponsorship forms as well as extra information about the event next week.

Please note that on Wednesday 30th September, all children should wear PE Kit.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable day at Crossdale!

Thank you for your continued support.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers



A quick word about parent WhatsApp groups

Parent WhatsApp groups can be really useful. They help families share reminders, ask practical questions and support one another, and we know many parents value them. Although we are referring mainly to WhatsApp groups here, the same principles apply to other social media and messaging platforms.

Every few weeks, however, a parent tells us that a WhatsApp group has become very heated about something that has happened at school, or that they have felt uncomfortable about comments they have read. Sometimes these are about school or members of staff, sometimes another family and, more concerningly, sometimes an individual child.

We know that messages are often written out of frustration and without any intention to cause harm. But group conversations can gather momentum very quickly, particularly when people only have part of the story. Comments can also be shared much more widely than originally intended.

If something at school concerns you, please contact Mr Cresswell or Miss Seedhouse through the school office. We will listen, establish the facts and, if something needs putting right, work with you to do that.

It is entirely reasonable to question a school decision or raise a concern. What we ask is that individual members of staff do not become the subject of criticism, speculation or personal comments in parent group chats or on social media. Concerns about staff should be brought directly to us so that they can be dealt with properly and fairly.

There is a wider reason this matters too. We spend a great deal of time helping children learn how to communicate well online. Group chats between children can quickly become unkind or excluding and, in some cases, can become a vehicle for bullying. It is important that the way we communicate as adults reflects the same respectful online behaviour we expect from our children.

With that in mind, there is one point we would particularly like to emphasise:

Please do not use parent group chats or social media to discuss, criticise or speculate about individual children.

Children have a right to dignity and privacy. Sharing allegations, personal information or critical comments about a child with a group of other adults can cause real harm. If comments become targeted, humiliating or threatening, or place a child at risk of harm, ***this may also become a safeguarding concern for school.***

We all want Crossdale to be a happy, safe and respectful community for our children. Thank you for helping us maintain that.

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. Families can get in touch directly if they have a question, would value some reassurance, or need help finding the right support.

Local support in Keyworth

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

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

These monthly sessions provide an easy local opportunity to speak with Family Hub staff as well as access baby self-weigh facilities.

What can the Family Hub help with?

Family Hubs support families throughout childhood and can help with:

- children's behaviour, routines and family life
- development, listening and communication
- emotional wellbeing
- feeding, weaning and fussy eating
- preparing for a new baby
- parenting confidence
- finding other services and specialist support
- domestic abuse support, in partnership with Women's Aid
- volunteering opportunities

If you are unsure whether the Family Hub can help, it is still worth getting in touch. The team can listen and help point you towards the right service.

Regular groups available nearby

For families with younger children, several free term-time groups are available within travelling distance of Keyworth:

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

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

Bingham – Under 1s Group

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

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

- Thursdays
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub

Breastfeeding support (B.A.B.E.S) is also available weekly in East Leake, Bingham and West Bridgford.

There is also a **new Wednesday afternoon Under 5s Stay & Play and Family Hub Drop-In in West Bridgford**, alongside the return of weekly self-weigh sessions there.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

 Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory

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

 0115 977 3749

 FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

 Family Hub Networks – Nottinghamshire County Council

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

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

Families can contact the team directly, visit a Family Hub building, or use the online enquiry/service request route. If something at home is becoming difficult, or you simply want advice about what support is available, an early conversation with the Family Hub can be a useful place to start.

Please check details before travelling, as sessions can occasionally change.

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



Our amazing group of parents and teachers work together to support school life and fund exciting projects. Each year, we cover annual commitments of £6,000, and everything we raise beyond that goes towards special projects within the school.

Since last year, we've been raising and saving for our quad regeneration - and there's some exciting news about this project! Read on below to find out more.

We're always happy to welcome new parents and carers. Whether you can help at an event, support planning, or assist behind the scenes, any contribution makes a real difference to our school community.

[Friends of Crossdale](#)

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



Children have started collecting their stamps on their stamp charts and we look forward to celebrating the children's achievements in the coming weeks, with recognition in assembly and in our newsletter.

Roll of Honour!



Disney magic!

We are incredibly proud of Ivy on her role in the Disney+ film *Once a Princess, Always a Princess*. Ivy had the amazing opportunity to work alongside a full Hollywood production team and absolutely loved every second of the experience. We are thrilled to see her hard

work and talent shining on such a fantastic Disney project that has made it to the number 1 spot around the world. Now streaming on Disney+!

What an amazing experience Ivy! We know you had an wonderful time filming this and we can't wait to watch it!



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.

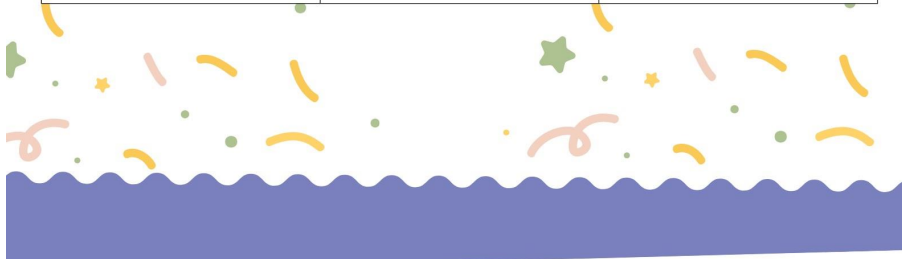
(Please can we kindly ask that when sending in photographs, you consider blanking out surnames on any certificates and that when there are team photos, we assume that you have permission from the parents of all other children in the photo, to publish the photograph on our newsletter.)

Upcoming Events





Date	Event	Any changes from original information shared?
Monday 7th September	R Parent Meeting at 5pm	
Tuesday 8th September	Base 1 (Y1 & Y2) Meeting – 5pm	
Wednesday 9th September	Base 2 (Y3 & Y4) Meeting – 5pm	
Thursday 10th September	Base 3 (Y5 & Y6) Meeting – 5pm	
Monday 14th September	8 x Y6 children to SWA for Primary Maths Challenge	New
Monday 21st September	Y6 Trip to Beaumanor for WW2 Experience Day	New
Friday 25th September	Afternoon Tea - Macmillan Fundraiser	New
Friday 2nd October	PTA Autumn Disco - info to follow	New
Monday 5th October	Harvest Assembly	New
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day - accessorise with something yellow!	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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Visit us on the web at our [school website](#)

