



Crossdale News - 16th October 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.

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it has been wonderful to see so much happening across school. Our Year 4 and Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed their recent trips, we have come together for our Harvest Celebration Assembly, and it has been lovely to welcome so many families into school for Parents' Evening. We would like to thank you for your continued support, wish you all a restful half-term break, and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November.

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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The Book Bus visits - Monday 2nd November



As previously mentioned, **The Book Bus** will be visiting Crossdale on the afternoon of **Monday 2nd November**. Each class will have the opportunity to come aboard, browse the shelves and enjoy choosing from the wide range of books available.

The Book Bus will remain at Crossdale until **4:00pm**, so parents and carers are very welcome to come and take a look too.

If you would like your child to purchase a book during the school day, please follow the guidance below.

Sending Cash with Your Child

We understand that some parents may feel hesitant about sending cash into school. To make the process as safe and straightforward as possible, we ask that any money is sent in using the following system:

- Place the money in a **sealed envelope** with your child's **name** and the **amount enclosed** clearly written on the front.
- Class teachers will collect the envelopes and keep them securely until it is time for their class to visit The Book Bus.
- Children will then browse and choose their books as normal.
- When a child is ready to make a purchase, the teacher will hand the envelope to the Book Bus staff and can support children in choosing books that are suitable for their age and reading level.
- Any change will be placed back into the envelope.
- The envelope and new book will then be returned to your child to be placed safely in their school bag.

This system means that children do not need to carry cash around school or keep track of their money while waiting for their visit.

Using a Book Bus Voucher

If you would prefer to pre-pay for your child's book, you can purchase a voucher online through **The Book Bus Gift Voucher** scheme. [The Book Bus - Come back ⚡](#)

Your child can bring a printed copy of the voucher to school and present it when they have chosen a book of the same value.

If you do not have access to a printer, simply write the voucher code on a piece of paper, in your child's school diary, or on the back of their envelope. Book Bus staff will be able to activate the voucher when your child comes to the till.

We hope this helps to make the process simple and reassuring for everyone. Our aim is for children to enjoy the experience, discover new books and, most importantly, develop a love of reading by choosing a book for themselves. We are very much looking forward to welcoming The Book Bus to Crossdale and know it will be an exciting opportunity for the children.

Harvest Festival Assembly



Last week, we held our Harvest Festival assembly, giving children the opportunity to think about where our food comes from, how it is grown and harvested, and why harvest has traditionally been an important time of year.

We talked about how Harvest Festival is celebrated in Britain and in many other parts of the world. Children learnt that, for Christians, it is traditionally a time to give thanks to God for the food that has been grown and safely harvested. We also explored how harvesting has changed over time, including the different ways crops are gathered by hand or using machinery.

An important part of our assembly was thinking about the wider meaning of harvest: being thankful for what we have and considering how we can share with and support others. We talked about how Harvest Festival is often a time when food is collected and donated to people who may need some extra help.

A very big thank you to all of our families who have sent in food donations. Your generosity is much appreciated, and all of the items collected will be donated to **Rushcliffe Foodbank**, helping to support local families in need.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Bringing Learning to Life at Crossdale: Exploring Our History and Heritage

At Crossdale, we believe that learning is about much more than what happens in the classroom. Trips, residential, arts and enrichment opportunities are an important part of the education we provide, helping children develop new interests, broaden their horizons and make lasting memories.

Two recent school visits are lovely examples of how we bring learning to life.

Year 5 Visit to the National Coal Mining Museum

Our Year 5 children travelled to the National Coal Mining Museum, where they discovered what life was like for miners in the past. From meeting pit ponies to venturing underground, the visit gave children a fascinating insight into our industrial heritage and helped bring their history learning to life. [Read the Year 5 Coal Mining Museum blog here](#)

Exploring Nottingham

Another group of Crossdale children enjoyed discovering more about Nottingham, including a visit to the City of Caves. They explored the city's history, geology and buildings, making connections with their geography learning and comparing aspects of Nottingham with New York. [Read the Exploring Nottingham blog here](#)

Why these experiences matter

Of course, school visits are about much more than the subjects children are studying. They offer opportunities to explore unfamiliar places, ask questions, develop confidence and

independence, and experience things that might otherwise remain pictures or words in a book.

Whether through trips, residentials, music, art, sport or other enrichment opportunities, we want every child at Crossdale to enjoy a rich and varied education that helps them discover new interests, develop their talents and better understand the world around them.

Please do take a few minutes to read both class blogs and enjoy the photographs. They offer a wonderful insight into the experiences our children enjoy and the enthusiasm they bring to their learning.

Thank you to our staff and everyone who helps make these opportunities possible.

Parking Around School – A Further Reminder to Parents



We have received further communication from local residents, including photographs showing that some Crossdale parents continue to park without consideration or courtesy for those living near our school.

The photographs show a black Mercedes and a small white hatchback clearly blocking a resident's driveway, preventing them from getting their own car out. This is unacceptable and shows a complete lack of consideration for those affected.

We recognise that parking around school can be difficult, particularly at busy drop-off and collection times. However, this does not excuse parking across driveways, obstructing access to properties or causing unnecessary inconvenience to our neighbours.

Residents should not have to repeatedly contact the school because parents are blocking access to their homes.

We ask all parents and carers to:

- Never park across or obstruct a resident's driveway, even briefly.
- Park legally, safely and considerately.

- Avoid parking in ways that restrict visibility or create risks for pedestrians and other road users.
- Be prepared to park a little further away and walk the remaining distance to school.

The overwhelming majority of our families are considerate, and we appreciate their cooperation. However, the fact that we continue to receive complaints and photographic evidence makes it clear that this message is still not being taken seriously by everyone.

Please show our neighbours the same respect and courtesy that we expect children and adults to demonstrate within school.

Thank you for helping us maintain positive relationships with our local community.

[News from South Wolds Academy](#)



Click here: <https://www.southwolds.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=98>

Sport



Great Athletes Event

We are delighted to share that we raised **over £2,500** through our Great Athletes Event! We already have some exciting ideas about how we can use this funding to further enhance opportunities and provision for our children, so watch this space.

We would also like to say a huge **thank you** for your support and generosity. Events like this are only possible with the backing of our families, and we couldn't have achieved such a fantastic result without you. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

Boys Final Match - Crossdale vs Flintham

Crossdale boys had a very clear win in the match on Thursday night against Flintham with Crossdale scoring a massive 12 goals. Every player contributed to an outstanding performance, helping Crossdale secure an impressive and well-deserved victory.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers



Helping Children Stay Safe When Out and About

Following a reported incident near South Wolds Academy this week, we wanted to share a few reminders about helping children stay safe when they are out and about. The circumstances of the report have not been established, but it provides a useful opportunity to reinforce some important safety messages. We will be revisiting these messages with children in school and would encourage families to talk about them at home too. Please remind your child:

- **Adults should ask other adults for help.** If someone they don't know asks them to help find a lost child or pet, they should not go with them or approach a vehicle.
- **It's OK to say no to an adult.** Children should never feel they have to do something that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Move away and find a safe adult.** If something doesn't feel right, they should go somewhere safe and seek help.
- **Always tell someone.** If anything happens that worries them, they should tell a parent, teacher or another safe adult, even if they are unsure whether it was important.

These conversations don't need to be frightening. Most people are kind and helpful, and the aim is simply to give children the confidence to recognise when something doesn't feel right and know what to do. For further advice:

[NSPCC – Helping children stay safe away from home](#)

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



Free Family Activities This October Half-Term! The **Rushcliffe Family Hub** has organised some free activities for families during the October half-term holidays (19–30 October), including an outdoor play and craft event **right here in Keyworth!**

These are opportunities for children to enjoy activities, spend time with other families and have fun without the cost of a day out. Although the activities are aimed at younger children, **older brothers and sisters are welcome too.**

Free Outdoor Autumn Play and Crafts – Keyworth

Wednesday 28 October, 10.00–11.30am

Keyworth Recreation Ground, NG12 5FD

Join the Family Hub for a free outdoor session with autumn-themed play and craft activities.

- Suitable for children under five, with older siblings welcome.
- No booking required.
- Please dress for the weather.

Free Spooky Party – Bingham

Tuesday 20 October, 1.30–3.00pm

Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, NG13 8BE

A free Halloween-themed party with play and craft activities for children under five. Older siblings are welcome, and fancy dress is optional.

No booking required, although numbers are limited by the room's capacity.

Free SEND Stay & Play – Bingham **Tuesday 27 October, 10.00–11.30am**

Bingham Methodist Church, NG13 8AE

A free Stay & Play session for children under eight with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Older siblings are welcome.

Booking is required. Please call 0115 977 3749 to reserve a place.

More than just holiday activities!

The Family Hub also offers free advice and practical support throughout the year. This includes breastfeeding and baby support, sleep clinics, children's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, parenting courses, one-to-one family support and help with financial or wider family difficulties.

You don't need to wait until a problem becomes serious or be referred by school. Parents and carers can contact the Family Hub directly.

Find out more

For the full October half-term timetable, including baby self-weigh sessions, visit:

[Rushcliffe October Half-Term Activities – Your Notts Directory](#)

Scroll to “**Half term timetables**” and select “**Rushcliffe October activities**” to open the PDF.

For information about the wider support available:

[Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory](#)[Nottinghamshire Family Hub Networks](#)

Contact: 0115 977 3749

Email:

You can also follow **Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe** on Facebook for updates.*Please check before travelling, as activities may occasionally change.*

Light Party – Saturday 31st October! 🎉



*Dress Light
and Bright!*

LIGHT PARTY

FREE

for Primary School aged
children and their families

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 5-7PM
KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

GAMES

ACTIVITIES

PIZZA

DISCO

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT**

www.keyworthcyp.org.uk
rebecca@keyworthcyp.org.uk

Churches Together in Keyworth are inviting primary school children and their families to a **FREE Light Party** this Halloween!

With the theme '**Dress Light and Bright**', the evening promises plenty of fun for children and their families, including games, activities, music, a disco, pizza and worship.

Event details:

- **Date:** Saturday 31st October 2026
- **Time:** 5.00–7.00pm
- **Venue:** Keyworth Methodist Church
- **Cost:** FREE!
- **Dress code:** Light and bright!

All primary school-aged children and their families are welcome.

Please note: All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout the event.

For more information, visit www.keyworthcyp.org.uk or email rebecca@keyworthcyp.org.uk.

A lovely opportunity for local families to enjoy an evening of activities together!

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](#)

 **A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to the disco!** 

We hope you all had a fantastic time, especially those who joined us for the first time! It was so lovely to see the children having fun and the parents getting involved too. ❤️

A massive THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers, including our brilliant Year 6 children, who helped make the evening run so smoothly. We honestly couldn't put these events on without you! 🙌

We're absolutely thrilled to say we raised an incredible £1337.26 profit!  This is a fantastic amount and puts a real dent in the annual fundraising target we've committed to raising for the school and the key things the PTA helps to fund.

We'd love to hear your feedback — good, bad or ideas for next time! We're always trying to improve and make each event bigger, better and more enjoyable, so please send us your thoughts. 💬

The PTA are now looking through the diary and getting our Christmas plans organised 🎄🎅. We'll keep you all updated as dates and ideas are confirmed!

Thank you again for your continued support. Every ticket, drink, raffle entry, volunteer and helping hand makes a difference to our school. ❤️

The Crossdale PTA Team x

Fancy winning a brand-new iPhone 18 Pro Max?

With half term here, why not treat yourself to a little flutter? The **Your School Lottery** Autumn Super Draw takes place on Saturday 31st October, with the chance to win a brand-new iPhone 18 Pro Max, or a cash alternative!

If you haven't signed up to the Crossdale School Lottery yet, it's easy to get involved. For **just £1 a week**, you can enter the weekly lottery, with the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot, as well as being eligible for special super draws like this one.

Best of all, every ticket bought through Crossdale helps our PTA raise funds for extra resources, opportunities and experiences for the children at school.

It's not just for parents either — grandparents, family members and friends can play too.

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

Good luck!



A little update about Santa's Grotto

After discussions between the school and PTA, we've decided not to run Santa's Grotto this year. Over the past few years, we've seen that the experience can cause upset and dysregulation for some children, and we want to make sure Christmas celebrations are as positive and inclusive as possible for everyone.

Instead, we're hoping to arrange for Santa to visit the children in a way that allows every child to enjoy a little Christmas magic in a comfortable and inclusive environment. ❤️🎄

CROSSDALE PTA

WHAT'S COMING UP

from the PTA

IN THE NEXT HALF TERM

in the run up to Christmas!

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

CHOICES DAY

More information will be sent soon!

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Donate old Xmas Jumpers

Donate your pre-loved Christmas jumpers for our great Xmas jumper swap shop!

16TH & 17TH NOVEMBER

Xmas Jumper Swap Shop

£3 for a jumper at the resale and gift room donations open

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Non Uniform Day

In exchange for chocolate and Xmas goody bags

1ST - 15TH DECEMBER

Post a Letter to Santa

£2.50 to post a letter to Santa and receive a personalised reply!
More information and examples will be sent soon!

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Crossdale Christmas Cracker

A special event to get us into the festive spirit!
More information will be sent soon!

More detailed information about each event will be sent soon.

SAVE THE DATES ♥ WE CAN'T WAIT!

1 - Look at what's planned for the festive season at Crossdale! More information will follow about each of the events.

CROSSDALE PTA

YOUR CHOICE DAY

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

BRING A TEDDY FOR PLAYTIME Ensure it is not too big and not precious or electronic – please make sure it is named	WEAR NON SCHOOL SHOES Please ensure they are suitable (no heels or shoes without backs please)	BRING A CUSHION Make your seat super comfy by having a cushion to use for the day!	UNHEALTHY SNACKS Please ensure they are nut free	WEAR NAIL VARNISH Any colour goes – please don't bring this into school but come in with it already on!	CRAZY HAIR Children can also bring in hair accessories to wear!	SIT NEXT TO A CHOICE OF FRIEND FOR THE DAY	WEAR NON UNIFORM Come to school in your own clothes – be comfortable and be you!
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£1 for 2 choices, £2 for 4 or £5 for all!
All money raised for Crossdale PTA ♥

BE KIND • BE CURIOUS • BE BRAVE • BE YOU

2 - After a very successful choices day in the summer term, it's back for the autumn term!

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: Bryleigh, Wyatt, Noah, Riley, Frank, Esme, Harper, Rohaan, Penelope, Ada, Skye, Frankie, Declan, Esther, Leo, Rohaan, Margot, Arthur, Albert, Myles, Zoe, Arlo, Willow, Grace, Devin, Reece, Jack S, Albert, Jack B, Lyla, Toby, Zayn.

Sparrow class: Henry, Heidi

Robin class: Elowen

Puffin class: Annabelle, Cora, Beau

Starling class: Chelsey, Rex, Olivia

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.)

Park Run accomplished!

Oliver completed his very first junior parkrun this morning and absolutely loved it!

He ran the 2 km course in 11 minutes and 36 seconds, finishing 48th out of 142 participants and 20th out of 67 in his age category. He was absolutely beaming as he crossed the finish line and is already planning how he can improve his time next week!

What a super achievement Oliver! Well done, we hope you enjoy your next park run just as much!

Upcoming Events



KEY DATES



Date	Event	Any changes from original information shared?
Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October	Half Term	
Monday 2nd November	Book bus visits school	
Friday 6th November	PTA Choice Day - see information in the newsletter	
Friday 13th November	Children in Need. Non-uniform - wear something yellow, spotty or Pudsey or Blush themed!	
Monday 16th November	Partkae Theatre Visit for Y1 & Y2	
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Friday 20th November	Individual and Family photographs	
Friday 27th November	PTA non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the tombola	
Tuesday 1st December	PTA Christmas post box opens	
Friday 4th December	Y3/4 Jingle Jog	
Saturday 5th December	Keyworth Festivities Day - Choir sing at 1:30pm	
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas performance at 2pm and 5pm	
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 10th December	Christmas performance at 5pm	
Friday 11th December	PTA Crossdale Christmas Cracker event	
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 18th December	Last day of 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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