



# Crossdale News - 2nd 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 move further into the autumn term, we continue to be impressed by the hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes shown by our children every day. We have also been fortunate to enjoy some wonderful autumn sunshine over the past few weeks, making playtimes, outdoor learning and school events even more enjoyable!**

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:

- **Afternoon Tea - supporting Macmillan - Thank you!**
- **Harvest - Supporting Rushcliffe Foodbank**
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## Afternoon Tea- Supporting Macmillan - Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Afternoon Tea. It was wonderful to see so many Crossdale families coming together to support such an important cause and help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, donated, baked cakes, cookies and biscuits, or helped in any way to make the event such a success. Your generosity and community spirit made for a lovely afternoon, and it was fantastic to see families, staff and children enjoying time together whilst supporting a worthy cause.

Events like these are only possible because of the kindness and support of our school community, and we are so proud of the way Crossdale families continue to come together to help others.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. 🤍🍵🍰



**On Friday 25th September 2026**  
IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

**We raised £384.09**

**Thank you to those who kindly provided  
delicious cakes and for any donations and  
support!**

Harvest - Supporting Rushcliffe Food Bank

Harvest  
**TIME**

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Harvest Collection in support of Rushcliffe Foodbank. As a reminder, we will be collecting donations in school on Monday 5th October. Suggested items include dried foods such as pasta, rice and cereal, tinned goods such as vegetables, soup and fruit, and toiletries including toothpaste, shampoo and soap.

Any contribution, no matter how small, will help support local families who may be facing difficult times. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity, and for helping our school community make a difference.



Monday 5th October

# harvest

🌿 Harvest Collection for Rushcliffe Foodbank 🌿

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.

This year, our school is proud to support Rushcliffe Foodbank, helping local families in need.

What to bring:

Dried foods (pasta, rice, cereal)  
Tinned or canned goods (vegetables, soup, fruit)  
Toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, soap)

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

Thank you for your kindness  
and generosity!



## Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day



On World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October, we will be taking part in Hello Yellow, a campaign that helps raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. It is a chance for us to come together as a school community, start positive conversations about mental health, and show our support for children and young people who may be struggling.

To mark the occasion, we would like everyone to add a splash of yellow to their usual school uniform. Full school uniform should still be worn, but children are invited to accessorise with something yellow such as yellow socks, a hair band, a badge, a wristband, or another small yellow accessory.

We hope that by adding a splash of yellow to our day, we can show our support for positive mental health and remind everyone that it is always okay to talk about how they are feeling.

## Y6 Secondary School Applications



A reminder for all Year 6 families that applications for secondary school places for September 2027 close on Saturday 31 October 2026.

We have been advised that demand for secondary school places is particularly high this year, so it is important that applications are submitted online and before the deadline. Late

applications are considered after those received on time and may reduce the chances of securing a preferred school place.

When applying, families should do so through the local authority where their child lives, regardless of which primary school they currently attend or which secondary schools they are applying for.

For Nottinghamshire residents, up to four school preferences can be named. Families are encouraged to make full use of all available preferences and to list schools in their genuine order of preference. Doing so does not affect the likelihood of being offered a first-choice school and can help reduce the risk of being allocated a school further from home.

Before submitting your application, please ensure that you:

- Check the catchment area, admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria for each school.
- Consider using all available preferences.
- Submit any supplementary forms or supporting information required by individual schools.

Families considering The South Wolds Academy should note that Crossdale Primary is a linked primary school for September 2027 entry. However, this does not guarantee a place, and families should carefully review the academy's admissions criteria.

 **Application deadline:** Saturday 31 October 2026

 **National Offer Day:** Monday 1 March 2027

If you have not yet submitted your application, please make sure you do so before the deadline.

## Helping to Keep Everyone Healthy This Winter



As we move into the colder months, we are likely to see more coughs, colds, flu and other seasonal illnesses.

The Department for Education recently updated advice about some of the simple things schools and families can do to reduce the spread of illness. These small habits can make a real difference to keeping children and staff healthy and helping pupils attend school regularly.

### Is my child well enough for school?

The NHS advises that children with **mild illnesses such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough can usually still come to school**, provided they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Some illnesses do require children to stay at home, of course. The NHS has a very useful guide covering common childhood illnesses and when children should return to school:

### [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

If your child is well enough to attend, coming to school normally is important. Where possible, please also arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours. If this is not possible, children can usually attend school before and after their appointment.

### Simple habits that help

There are several things we can all reinforce with children at home and at school:

- **Wash hands regularly with soap and water**, particularly after using the toilet, before eating and after coughing or sneezing.

- **Catch it, bin it, kill it** – use a tissue for coughs and sneezes, put it straight in the bin and wash hands afterwards.
- If there is no tissue available, encourage children to **cough or sneeze into their elbow rather than their hands**.
- Remind children to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Encourage children not to share things such as drinks bottles.
- Keep up to date with the **vaccinations offered through the NHS**, including the seasonal flu vaccination offered to primary-aged children.

### What we are doing in school

We will continue to reinforce good handwashing and respiratory hygiene with the children, provide tissues and soap, maintain our cleaning routines and make sure classrooms are appropriately ventilated.

### Working together

We cannot prevent every winter illness, and there will always be occasions when children genuinely need to stay at home. However, reinforcing these simple habits at home and at school can help reduce the spread of infections across our school community.

Most importantly, if you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please use the [NHS guidance](#) rather than assuming that every cough, cold or sore throat means they need to stay at home.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone as healthy as possible this winter.

## Sporting Events



### Olympic Athlete visits Crossdale!

On Wednesday, we were visited by **Joel Fearon**, an Olympic sprinter and bobsledder! As you know, children throughout school took part in a sponsored fitness circuit, and Joel led a very exciting assembly for the whole school. We will remember his mantra 'Just be brave'!

Thank you for all the amazing donations! We already have lots of online donations and more money to count. We will update you in the next Crossdale News on our total!

### **Girls' Football Tournament - 24th September**

Last Thursday, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls represented Crossdale brilliantly at a football tournament held at Platt Lane. The team showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout a series of small-sided matches.

Eliza (Year 5) said, *"We had ups and we had downs, but we played together as a team and we had fun."*

The girls worked hard in every game and achieved some fantastic results (and some super goals!):

Well done to all the girls for their excellent attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship. We are very proud of how they represented the school.

### **Boys' Football Tournament - 1st October**

Yesterday, it was the boys' turn to take to the pitch as they competed in their football tournament. The boys put in an excellent display, earning a solid 7 points from their five matches. The team finished with one win, two draws (2 points for a score draw) and two losses, but their performances deserved even more reward, with several closely contested games that could easily have gone our way. Every player worked hard for one another, supporting teammates on and off the pitch and demonstrating the values that make Crossdale such a strong team. Eric was outstanding in goal throughout the competition, making a number of impressive saves to keep us in games. At the back, Jack and Declan formed a superb defensive partnership, working brilliantly together to keep opposition attacks at bay. In midfield, Seth and Albie built a strong partnership of their own, controlling the game well and both getting their names on the scoresheet. Up front, Daniel worked tirelessly all tournament, constantly pressing defenders and creating chances, and was rewarded with a well-deserved goal. The team saved their best performance until last, producing a dominant display to defeat Robert Miles 2-0 in the final game of the tournament. It was a fitting way to end the day and showed exactly what the team was capable of when everything clicked into place. A massive shoutout also goes to Freddie, Noah, Joseph and Alex, who all represented Crossdale despite being in Year 5 and playing a year group up. Each player started a match and made valuable contributions from the bench throughout the day. It was fantastic experience for them ahead of their own Year 6 tournament next year, and they should be very proud of how they performed. Well done to everyone involved. The teamwork, effort and attitude on display were outstanding from start to finish!







## Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers



### ***Keeping Children Safe Around Dogs***

Dogs are an important part of many families, and positive relationships with pets can be hugely rewarding for children.

This month, the Government has published **new guidance about keeping children safe around dogs (16 September)**, followed by a wider **Responsible Dog Ownership report (24 September)**. Together, they provide a timely reminder about helping children understand how to interact safely and positively with dogs.

A few simple habits are worth reinforcing:

- **Give dogs space** when they are eating, sleeping or having some quiet time.
- **Be gentle and calm around dogs** and avoid chasing, grabbing or climbing on them.
- **Ask before approaching or stroking a dog you don't know.**
- **Learn to notice when a dog wants some space** and allow it to move away.

For families with dogs, talking about these expectations together helps children understand that **respecting a dog's space and learning to recognise its behaviour are important parts of caring for it.**

For further advice:

**Dogs Trust – Dogs and children living happily and safely together:**

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety>

## Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families



### Could the Family Hub help your family?

We regularly share information from the **Rushcliffe Family Hub**, but you may be surprised by just how much support is available.

Family Hubs aren't just for baby groups. They offer **free advice, activities and practical support for families**, including:

- **babies and new parents** – breastfeeding support, baby self-weigh, feeding, weaning and support with child development
- **sleep, behaviour and routines**
- **children's emotional wellbeing**
- **communication and development**
- **parenting advice and one-to-one family support**
- **money, benefits and wider family-life issues**
- **domestic abuse support**
- **help to find other services and specialist support**

There are also regular **Under 1s groups, Stay & Play sessions, breastfeeding groups and Family Hub drop-ins** in Rushcliffe. The current timetable includes sessions in **Keyworth, Bingham, East Leake, Cotgrave and West Bridgford**. Universal Timetable SEPT-DEC 20...

#### **Support in Keyworth**

The next **Family Hub Drop-In and Baby Self-Weigh at Keyworth Health Centre** is on **Monday 12 October, 1.30–2.30pm**, with further sessions on 9 November and 14 December.

Universal Timetable SEPT-DEC 20...

#### **Find out what's available**

Rather than trying to list everything here, we'd encourage families to have a look at the Family Hub information for themselves. You may find support or activities that you didn't know were available.

**For details of services, groups, dates and times:**

#### **Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory**

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

You can also find the wider Nottinghamshire Family Hub offer here:

#### <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks> **Christmas Toy Appeal**

Rushcliffe Family Hub is also running its **Christmas Marketplace Toy Appeal 2026**, supporting nominated Rushcliffe families with children under five **and their older siblings**.

Families can be nominated to receive support, while anyone wishing to help can donate a **new toy**, make a monetary or gift-card donation, or offer to become a collection point.

Toy donations close Friday 13 November and family nominations close Monday 23 November.

For more information about the appeal, or any Family Hub support:

 0115 977 3749

 [FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk)

If you're not sure whether the Family Hub can help, have a look at the link or get in touch with the team. There may be support available that you weren't aware of.



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Network**

Play  
Connect  
Belong

**SEND**

**Autumn  
Stay & Play**

All  
abilities  
welcome

A relaxed and friendly session for children  
with SEND and their families

 Tuesday 27th October 2026

 10am – 11:30am

 Bingham Methodist Church

 Under 8's  
and siblings welcome

 Please ring to book  
**0115 9773749**

Play  
Explore  
Make Friends  
Have Fun

Small  
steps  
Big  
smiles

Children play.  
Families connect.  
Communities  
are stronger.

Everyone belongs here

 Nottinghamshire  
County Council

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search 'Family Hub Network –  
Rushcliffe'





## Opening Doors with Confidence (Being the Best You) Starting February 2027.

Course delivered by:  Inspire  
Culture Learning Libraries

A targeted course (for parents and carers living in Rushcliffe) in a supportive non-judgemental environment. A relaxed, friendly, and supportive course (delivered by Inspire Learning) to help unlock or give you the skills and knowledge to improve your confidence within the family.



**The course uses a range of tools and activities to help:**

- Identify your own reasons for your lack of confidence
- Increase your self-awareness and provide you with the strategies necessary to make a positive change in behaviour.
- The course will have a positive impact on the whole family.

Contact your local Family Hub team to find out when the next course is running and to see if this is the right course for you and your family.

Limited creche places are available if required.

You can access the Family Hub Network by phone, email, complete a request for service form or just walk in to one of our buildings:

T: 0115 9773 749

E: [FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk)

W: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks)

FB: See below or scan the QR Code

**Helping families get the right support at the right time**



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**Family Hub  
Network**



**Rushcliffe Family Hub October Half Term Holiday Timetable  
19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                                                                                                           | <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Under 5's Spooky Party</b><br>(older siblings welcome).<br>Bingham Family Hub<br>1:30-3pm.<br>No booking required but there is a maximum room limit.<br>See overleaf for more details.<br><br><b>Self-Weigh</b><br>Cotgrave Health Centre,<br>NG12 3JG.<br>2:30-3:30pm finish<br><br><div style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b></div> | <b>Self-Weigh</b><br>East Leake Health<br>Centre, LE12 6JG.<br>10-11am finish<br><br><div style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b></div> | <b>Under 8's SEND Stay &amp; Play</b><br>(older siblings welcome).<br>Bingham Methodist Church,<br>NG13 8AE<br>10-11:30am.<br>Booking required, please call<br>0115 977 3749.<br><br><div style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b></div> | <b>Under 5's Outdoor Autumn<br/>Play and Craft Event</b><br>(older siblings welcome).<br>Keyworth Recreation Ground,<br>NG12 5FD<br>10-11:30am.<br>Please dress for the weather.<br>See overleaf for more details.<br><br><div style="text-align: center;"><b>Free</b></div> |
| <b>Self-Weigh Drop In. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Bingham Family Hub. 9:30am - 3:30pm.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Please be aware that all groups are subject to cancellation at any time.  
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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County Council**

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E: [frushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:frushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk)

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

**Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe or scan:**



## Crossdale PTA Events - [Crossdale Drive School - PTA Events and Updates \(crossdaleschool.com\)](https://crossdaledriveschool.co.uk/pta-events-and-updates)



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

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

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

[Friends of Crossdale](#)

**PTA Disco**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the PTA School Disco on Friday evening. It was a fantastic event and wonderful to see so many children and families enjoying the evening together.

We were especially lucky with the beautiful autumn sunshine, which helped make the event even more special. The disco was full of fun, laughter and dancing, and it was lovely to see our school community coming together once again.

Thank you to our PTA volunteers and staff who helped organise and run the event, and to all the families who supported it. Your continued support helps the PTA raise valuable funds for the benefit of all our children. We will update you on the funds raised in the next newsletter!



*1 - Getting rid of outgrown wellies? Bring them to our welly swap and get some new ones for your child without heading to the shops!*

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:

Robin class: Nora, Imogen, Louis.

Puffin class: Annabelle, Jacob, Sarah, Zara, Iyla, Sophia, Archie D, Jan, Archie P

Puffin Class: Elliott, Arlo, Joshua, Toby, Casper, Eleanor, Esther, Evangeline, Anna, Holly, Sammy, Joey, Mylah

Starling class: Madeleine, Joshua, Reuben, Iris, Isobel, Violet, Henry, Ellie, Ivy, Anna, Ethan

Penguin class: Siena, Cash, Rio, James C, Christopher, Joseph, Freddie, Sophie, Elijah, Ishbel, Arabella, Shyla, Isabella, FFion, Sophie, Tilly, Rio, Agatha, Mabel, Lucy, Elsie, Alfie, Ivy, Lacey, Noah, Grace, Alex, James C, Jack, Eliza, Edward, Cash, James H, Christopher, Amber

Owl class: Martha, Freddie, Simi, Rosa, Declan, Nancy, Georgia, Ben, Skye. Alice

## Roll of Honour!



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.)*

### **Dance Success!**

Esther and Penelope in Reception just passed their first steps exam this summer and recently received their medals and certificates. We are super proud of Esther and Penelope for passing their first dance exam in ballet!

*Well done to you both! Keep dancing and keep feeling proud, you've done amazingly well!*



### **Athletics medal winner!**

I wanted to share the news that Agatha competed in the Rushcliffe athletics club competition on Saturday 19th. She competed in the howler javelin (14.40 meters), long jump

(2.94 meters, first place 🥇), and 75 meter sprint (first place 🥇) and overall won silver 🥈 for all points combined. She really enjoyed competing! And we are very proud of her.

*Well done Agatha, what a super achievement! Keep up the hard work, we're all really proud of you.*



### **It's a wrap!**

A huge congratulations to Ivy (Y5), who has just wrapped filming her role as Maisie for *Ghost Stories on Stage*, which heads out on a UK tour this October! This is another fantastic achievement for Ivy and an incredibly exciting project to be part of.

*We'll look forward to seeing you in your new role soon, Ivy! Keep up your hard work.*



## Upcoming Events





| Date                                      | Event                                                                     | Any changes from original information shared? |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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                                              | Date changed to Friday 20th November          |
| 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](mailto:contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk)

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