

CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL NEWS



24th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS SAWFORD



Half term is finally here! We have had a brilliant start to the academic year. I am so proud of all the children, and how well they have settled into their new classes. The Nursery and Reception children have quickly picked up on routines and whenever I go in to see them they are all busy with their new friends, playing games and having lots of fun. Year 1 and Year 2 have settled into their new classes and year group routines too.

We have had some exciting things happen in school this half term. Nursery enjoyed a colourful Elmer day, where they created their own Elmer. A lovely way to finish the week learning all about colours. Reception made bread rolls which looked delicious! We had a lovely Harvest assembly where our Year 2 choir performed for the first time and each year group sang a Harvest song. We are very thankful to you for all the donations which will be passed on to the St Neots Foodbank.

'Afternoon Tea with Mrs Sawford' will start up again after half term. This is a lovely little celebration, bringing children together from across the school to share work and share the lovely reasons why their teacher has chosen them. It is a really nice opportunity to celebrate children's successes across the school, promoting speaking and listening skills.



Last week Year 1 and Year 2 spent the afternoon in the Junior School whilst staff paid their respects to Mrs Ormston, a much loved colleague who sadly passed away following a battle with Cancer. I would like to say a big thank you for all your kind words and support for staff on this day, it was appreciated by everyone. Also a big thank you to all the staff at Crosshall Junior School who were all just amazing in supporting us and ensuring we could go to the funeral.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this half term. I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Mrs Sawford

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award this week.

Reception	Year 2	
James W	Emma	Monty
Indie	Teddy	Raphy
Mervin	Lucas	
	Esther	



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and sibling photographs were taken in school on Tuesday and your child should have come home with their ticket. This ticket will give you access to Kittle Photographic, where you can order any photographs that you may want.



HARVEST FESTIVAL—FOODBANK CAMPAIGN



Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival collection for the St Neots Foodbank.

An assembly was held this morning and the items collected will add to the valuable stock held by the Foodbank. We will let you know the exact amount collected as soon as we hear from the Foodbank team. Thank you again for your generous donations.



CROSSHALL BOOKSHOP

Thank you to all the families who purchased books from the Crosshall Bookshop. This fundraising event raised the amazing sum of £230.

The children had great fun visiting the shop to select their books and we hope you enjoyed sharing their selected stories with them.

The next Bookshop will be out our Christmas Extravaganza event on Friday 5th December. More information will follow after half term.



FLU VACCINES

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

Wednesday 26th November

More information and the link to consent to the flu vaccine for your child will follow after half term.

NHS
flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

CROSSHALL AMAZON WISHLIST

Thank you to the many families who have made a purchase from our **Amazon Wishlist**, we are so grateful.

As part of our transfer across to Meridian Trust and adopting their curriculum we are needing to purchase a number of different books that are used throughout the curriculum. We have purchased 1 copy of each book but we would like 1 per class. These have been added to the wishlist. If you could purchase 1 of the books then that would support the delivery of the lessons without needing to share books across classes.

Our Wishlist can be located here or by scanning the QR code : [Amazon wish-list](#) . This covers basic everyday school resources which we hope you can assist us with.



There is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but it has been created in the hope that you can. If you are unable to purchase a specific item but can purchase a similar alternative then please do so and we are grateful. All of these resources will make a difference!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS

Crosshall Infant School will be taking part in a competition to win a share of £10,000 in art supplies!

Please help by collecting tokens NOW!

You can find tokens in The Hunts Post, Ely Standard and East Anglian Daily Times. Last tokens will be printed on 6th December.

With your help we could win:

FIRST PRIZE - £750 in art supplies.

SECOND PRIZE - £350 in art supplies.

BONUS - If we collect more than 1000 tokens, we will receive £100 in art supplies.

Newspapers will also be featuring participating schools online. This gives Crosshall Infant School a lovely opportunity to showcase our children's creativity and community spirit.

Please send any tokens in with your child or to the school office.

Thank you



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Poppies

We will once again be selling poppies in school. These will be available after half term and suggested donations are below. If your child would like to purchase a poppy please send the money in a named envelope. Thank you for your support.



Reflector

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Snap Band

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50



Ribbon Wristband

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.00

Crosshall Nursery

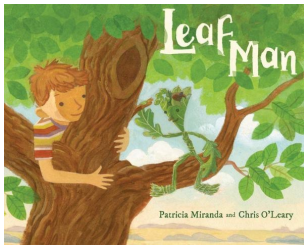
This Week...

The children have really enjoyed learning about Harvest and Diwali. The children have been making Diwali lanterns to hang in our nursery. They have also been busy in the magic garden finding and collecting pumpkins. We have cut them open and the children have had fun exploring what is inside.

Today, the children went over to the school hall for the whole school Harvest assembly. They sang Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and listened carefully to songs and readings from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. They sat beautifully and sang so well!

After half-term...

We will continue to learn about Autumn and celebrations. We will read the book 'Leaf Man'. We will also be looking talking about Bonfire night and create some spectacular firework pictures and make rockets.



Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Parents evening it was so lovely to get to meet you all and discuss how your child is progressing in Nursery. We look forward to working alongside you in helping your child to reach their next steps next half term.

Reminders



The weather has really turned a corner now and is getting much colder. Please can you make sure your child brings a named coat and hat into nursery and if they bring gloves please can these be named too.

Thank you

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting first half term we are so, so proud of all the children and how far they have come. Thank you for your continued support, we wish you all a relaxing half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back for a half term full of fun and a sprinkle of Christmas magic!

We look forward to sharing lots of WOW moments from the half term break.

If you would like to share your child's WOW moments from home, please email us;

nursery@crosshallinfant.co.uk

RECEPTION



We have all enjoyed our first half term teaching your children in Reception. They are settling well and showing some great early reading, writing and maths skills.

Please remember to keep reading with your child.

When we return from the holiday we will be revising the following sounds:

l/b/d/n

We will also do lots of blending games. We will revise the tricky words :

I/is/the

Please follow the link below to the Little Wandle parents page. On here you will find short videos to show how we articulate the sounds:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Thank you for all your generous Harvest gifts. The children have enjoyed learning about sharing and Harvest.



Please remember to send your child with a small snack of fruit, vegetable or cheese.

Please send your child with a see through, plastic, non spill water bottle filled with plain water.

Please ensure that your child has a named, cosy, waterproof coat with them every day. The weather is very changeable and we play out in all weather.





Important
Information

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

This half term's big question has a history focus.

How has your street changed over the last century?

We will be developing our knowledge of the local area exploring it as if we are historians considering how it has changed.



The Key Stage 1 team
hope you all have a
restful half term.

We look forward to
welcoming you back on

Tuesday 4th
November



Homework

Over the half term break, please continue to read regularly with your child. After half term, weekly maths homework will commence for the children in Year 2. Additionally, spellings will be sent home for Year 1 and Year 2 children to practise.

Year 2 PE Days

The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.

Otters - Wednesday

Hedgehogs - Tuesday

Foxes - Tuesday

All Year 2 children - Friday

Year 1 PE Days

The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days.

Barn Owls- Monday

Red Kites- Tuesday

Robins- Thursday

All Year 1 children -
Wednesday.

End of Key Stage 1 Expectations

It was lovely to see so many parents at consultations this week, thank you for taking the time to meet with us. Following on from our meetings, please find attached to this week's correspondence a copy of the End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Expectations for reading, writing, and maths. This document outlines the key learning goals we aim for children to achieve by the end of the academic year in order for us to assess them as either working towards, at or exceeding the national expected standard.

After half term...

English

In English the children will be writing firework shape poems.

Year 1: The children will be using adjectives to describe fireworks and considering the sounds they may hear (onomatopoeias). The children will write their adjectives and onomatopoeia in a firework shape.

Year 2: The children will be using expanded noun phrases to describe fireworks as well as alliteration and onomatopoeia.



Phonics

Year 1 and Year 2 will both be revising and consolidating the sounds that they learnt last half term.

Year 1 will be focusing on: ai ee igh oa ear air er sh ch qu

Year 2 will focus on: j g ge dge s ss c ce se st sc ou ea y a o o-e u oul

Maths

In Year 1 the children will be learning to recognise the = symbol and solving subtraction equality problems. The children will learn to add and subtract 1 and 2 and to find addition and subtraction fact families.

In Year 2 the children will be learning to subtract 2 digit numbers, initially not bridging a 10 before moving onto bridging 10. The children will learn to add and subtract and compare addition and subtraction sentences.

Art

This half term the children will be exploring how artists explore the environment around them and use what they see and collect to help them make art.

In the first week back after half term the children will consider how artists are inspired by their environment, they will use the school environment to create their own pieces of art work.



History

We will be spending time this half term, exploring how the town has changed and developed over the last century. We will look at photographs and find out about James Toller (the Eynesbury Giant) and the St. Neots Quads.

PSHE

The focus in PSHE next half term is Antibullying. In the first week the children will begin to understand that teasing, unkindness and falling out may happen in friendships. They will recognise why friends may fall out and how to resolve this.



PE

Year 1

Gymnastics — The children will continue to develop their stability and control when performing balances in Indoor PE.

Outside PE — The children will be practising the skills of jumping, hopping and skipping.

Year 2

Gymnastics— We will be exploring different body shapes that we can make and ways that we can link them together.

Outside PE — The children will play a variety of games to reinforce the turning, balancing, hopping skipping and jumping skills that they refined last half term.

Worldviews

This half term, the children will be learning about the gifts Jesus received at Christmas. In our first week, we'll be thinking about what the best gift you could give someone might be, and why giving can be so special.



Music

Year 1: This week the children will be listening to music and making comparisons. This piece of work will be inspired by "The Magic Flute".

Year 2: The children will be exploring music that fit with our theme of toys this half term. We will be finding the pulse of a piece of music this week. We will also begin to practise songs for our Christmas concert.



Computing

We will be learning what devices can be used to take a photograph. The children will learn the benefits of landscape and portrait orientations.

Science

We will be exploring the season of autumn, observe changes that occur and compare it to the other seasons through the year.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS 1-3

Next Week we are on Menu Week 1.

During the lunch period staff are available to promote table manners, support with cutting up food and they are there to encourage children to try new foods or to eat a little more.

Crosshall Infant School- Autumn Term Menus

<u>Monday - Week 1</u> Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden Peas Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookie Fresh fruit	<u>Tuesday</u> Sausage rolls Macaroni cheese ~ Diced potatoes Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit	<u>Wednesday</u> Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potatoes-cheese or ham topping ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit	<u>Thursday</u> Tomato pasta bake Pasta with cheese/ham ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Shortbread Fresh fruit	<u>Friday</u> Roast chicken Filled wraps-cheese, tuna, ham ~ Roast potatoes Fresh salad ~ Steamed broccoli Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Ice Cream Jelly
<u>Monday -Week 2</u> Fish Fingers Chicken curry Vegetarian fingers ~Pasta Boiled rice Homemade bread ~ Garden peas Steamed cauliflower Fresh salad ~ Chocolate chip cookies Fresh fruit	<u>Tuesday</u> Homemade cheese and tomato pizza Cheese whirls ~ Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Steamed carrots Fresh salad ~ Chocolate brownie cake Fresh fruit	<u>Wednesday</u> Fishcakes Meatballs Vegetarian balls ~ Pasta Homemade bread ~ Steamed broccoli Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Crispy cake Fresh fruit	<u>Thursday</u> Pork Sausages Egg and cheese ~ Chips Homemade bread ~ Baked beans Sweetcorn Fresh salad ~ Shortbread Fresh fruit	<u>Friday</u> Roast chicken Filled wraps-cheese, tuna, ham ~ Roast potatoes Fresh salad ~ Steamed broccoli Fresh sliced carrots Fresh salad ~ Ice Cream Jelly

Daily fresh salad station

Spinach
Mixed peppers
Cucumber
Tomato
Grated carrot/sweetcorn (on some days)

Jacket potatoes will be available every day.

T.&S. THOMAS
TRADITIONAL
Family Butchers



All our food is made in our kitchen daily including our bread and all our desserts.

We are proud to be a nut free school.
All individual diets/intolerances are catered for.

Monday - Week 3

Fish Fingers
 Lasagne
 ~
 Vegetarian fingers
 ~
 Pasta
 Homemade bread
 ~
 Garden peas
 Sliced carrots
 Fresh salad
 ~
 Chocolate chip cookie
 Fresh fruit

Tuesday

Sausage roll
 Macaroni cheese
 ~
 Potato wedges
 Homemade bread
 ~
 Steamed broccoli
 Baked beans
 Fresh salad
 ~
 Chocolate brownie cake
 Fresh fruit

Wednesday

Homemade cheese and
 tomato pizza
 Jacket potatoes-cheese
 or ham toppings
 ~
 Homemade bread
 ~
 Baked beans
 Sweetcorn
 Fresh salad
 ~
 Crispy cake
 Fresh fruit

Thursday

Fish Cakes
 Spaghetti Bolognese
 Vegetarian Spaghetti
 Bolognese
 ~
 Homemade bread
 Chips
 ~
 Garden peas
 Steamed cauliflower
 Fresh salad
 ~
 Shortbread
 Fresh fruit

Friday

Roast chicken
 Filled wraps-cheese, tuna,
 ham
 ~
 Roast potatoes
 Fresh salad
 ~
 Steamed broccoli
 Fresh sliced carrots
 Fresh salad
 ~
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THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope that you all have an enjoyable half term and the staff look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 4th November.

There are lots of events and activities planned for the next half term as we approach the festive season. We will send out full details as soon as possible.

In the meantime, enjoy your week and fingers crossed that the weather remains kind to us.



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