



'Achieve Your Dreams'



*"Don't worry about joining our school.
You're in safe hands and will make lots of friends"*

Millie, Year Six student





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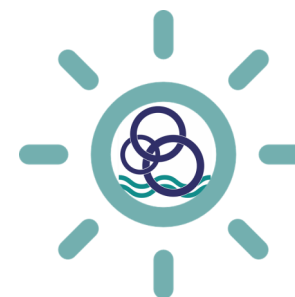
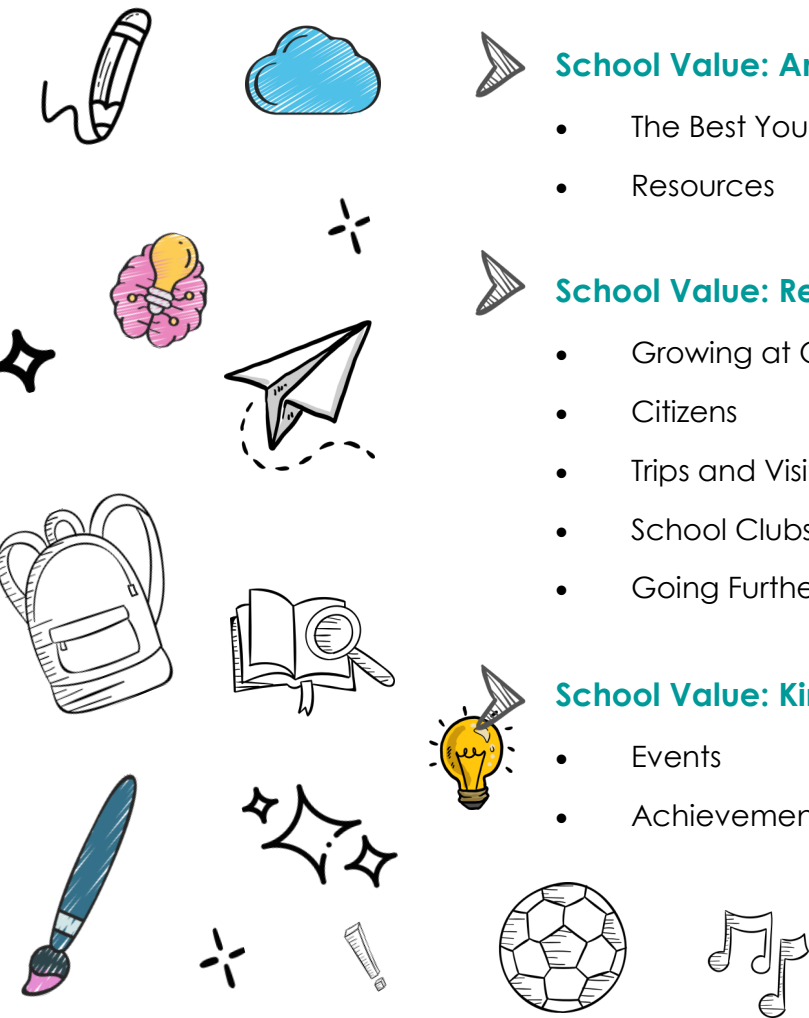
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Welcome



Welcome to Crosshall Junior School!

We are very proud of our school and are so pleased you will be joining us.

Our school values mean that the children and adults seek to treat everyone with respect, do our very best, and are kind to ourselves, and others when things go wrong; we are all learning, all of the time. We also want you to have fun, make friends and feel safe.

If you make the most of all the opportunities on offer at Crosshall Junior School, such as our Future Me programme, going on a residential trip, joining a new club, being part of a sports team, or taking on a leadership role; you will grow as a person.

After all, learning is fun!

I look forward to meeting you.

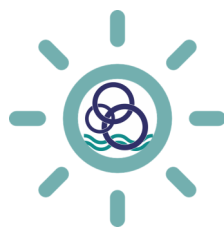
Ms Anne Eardley | Head Teacher



Our School Values



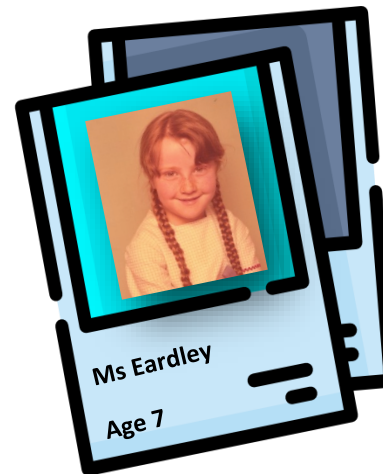
Ambition



Resilience



Kindness



Charlotte, Year Six student





*"We have lots of resources like our big library.
There are plenty of opportunities to have
responsibilities and jobs around the school too"*

Rhys, Year Six student



The Best You



Our school really encourages us to be our best selves.

We are given lots of opportunities to learn in creative and fun ways. Our progress is recognised and even if we find a lesson challenging, we know that there is help available.

We think our school is different to others because we feel cared about and what we achieve both in and out of school is important and celebrated. At Crosshall Junior School (CJS), it's not just about how clever we are and how well we do in tests; it's also about our character and our values.

We think you will enjoy all the things our school has to offer.

We have fantastic teachers, encouraging teaching assistants, and amazing resources.

We hope you will find this booklet interesting and it helps you get an idea of what life as a CJS student is like.

*“All the teachers are really nice and supportive,
and if you need help, they are always there for you”*

Morgan, Year Six student

Resources

➤ Our school has lots of resources to make learning fun and interesting!
We are given lots of opportunities to **aim high, better ourselves, and our community.**

Including the following:

- **Library** with over 10,000 books
- **Learning & Wellbeing Mentors**
- **Future Me** talks from local professionals
- **Accelerated Reader**
- **Times Table Rock Stars**
- **NumBots**
- **CENTURY** - a new artificial intelligence system and learning platform
- **Crosshall Digital Village** - a learning platform and resources hub on our school website
- **the Reading Nook;**
- interactive white boards
- lots of computers
- lots of clubs
- art area in each year group
- cooking facilities
- a kiln
- a music room
- a retreat
- a large playground
- a large playing field
- a friendship bench
- an outdoor stage
- outdoor gym
- summer house and log cabin
- bike/scooter shed
- adventure playground
- Escape rooms
- our Farm for growing crops



Resilience

*"Resilience means always trying
and never giving up"*





*"Teachers really help you,
and if you have any worries or troubles there are
Learning and Wellbeing Mentors who you can talk to"*

Morgan, Year Six student





Growing at Our School



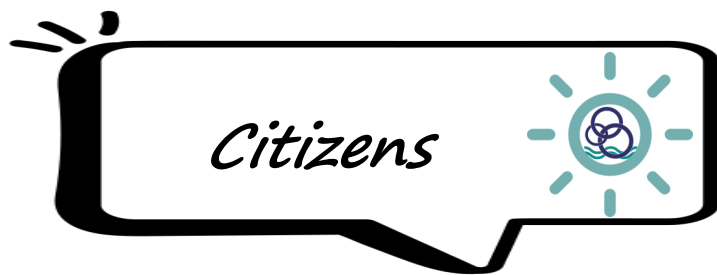
We have an amazing curriculum that covers lots of interesting topics.

We even have our Future Me programme that encourages us to fulfil pledges and work towards getting bronze, silver, and gold badges!

When we get to Year Six, if we earn our gold badge, we become CJS Ambassadors and wear the prestigious purple polo shirts.

"We have Future Me which is really good because it encourages you to think about who you will be in the future and what all your hard work can achieve"

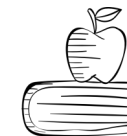
Esme, Year Six student



At our school we are given lots of opportunities to take responsibility and can even have jobs.

You can get involved and feel a part of the school community and a citizen of CJS

- **#CJSFamilies** - we are assigned to a group as a family;
- when you are in Year Three you help welcome Year Two students;
- in Year Six you can be **a Playleader, House Captain and/or Librarian**;
- you can take part in sports competitions and compete against other schools;
- we often organise charity events and raise money to donate;
- you can represent the school at international maths competitions, and at local English and maths events;
- you can perform to the rest of the school and parents in the Nativity, Performing Arts Assembly, Choir productions, and in the Instrumental Concerts;
- you belong to a **House (Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh or London)** and you can earn points for your House;
- you can be a PE assistant or a Chrome Book Checker or a Register Monitor;
- try joining the Eco Council or the Arts Council
- become a subject ambassador
- **all children have Class Leader responsibilities that change each term.**



Trips and Visitors

At CJS we do lots of extra fun stuff!

We go on **exciting day trips** that link to our learning.

We also go on **residential visits** (which means staying overnight away from home).

We also have **regular visitors** in school.

Day trips include Cambridge Fitzwilliam and Zoology Museums, Verulamium Roman Museum, LEGOLAND Windsor, West Stow Anglo Saxon Village, Imperial War Museum Duxford and the Chiltern Air Museum.

Residential visits are made to Burwell House, Grafham, ROCK UK, and York.

School visitors include Falconry UK who show us amazing birds of prey; West End productions who put on shows for us; Wood Green Animal Shelter who teach us about caring for pets; Gripping History who bring our Vikings topic to life; Mexicolore who tell us all about the Mayans; The Tally Ho Project who let us know about the events of World War Two in interesting ways; The Life Education Bus, and a number of Future Me speakers who offer career advice and education.

In addition to all this, we also have Electric Games Making Day, Greek Day, and Science Day!

"I think residential visits give children the chance to learn how to be away from home, time to be with friends and learn to try new things that may help them later in life."

Charlie, Year Six student

School Clubs

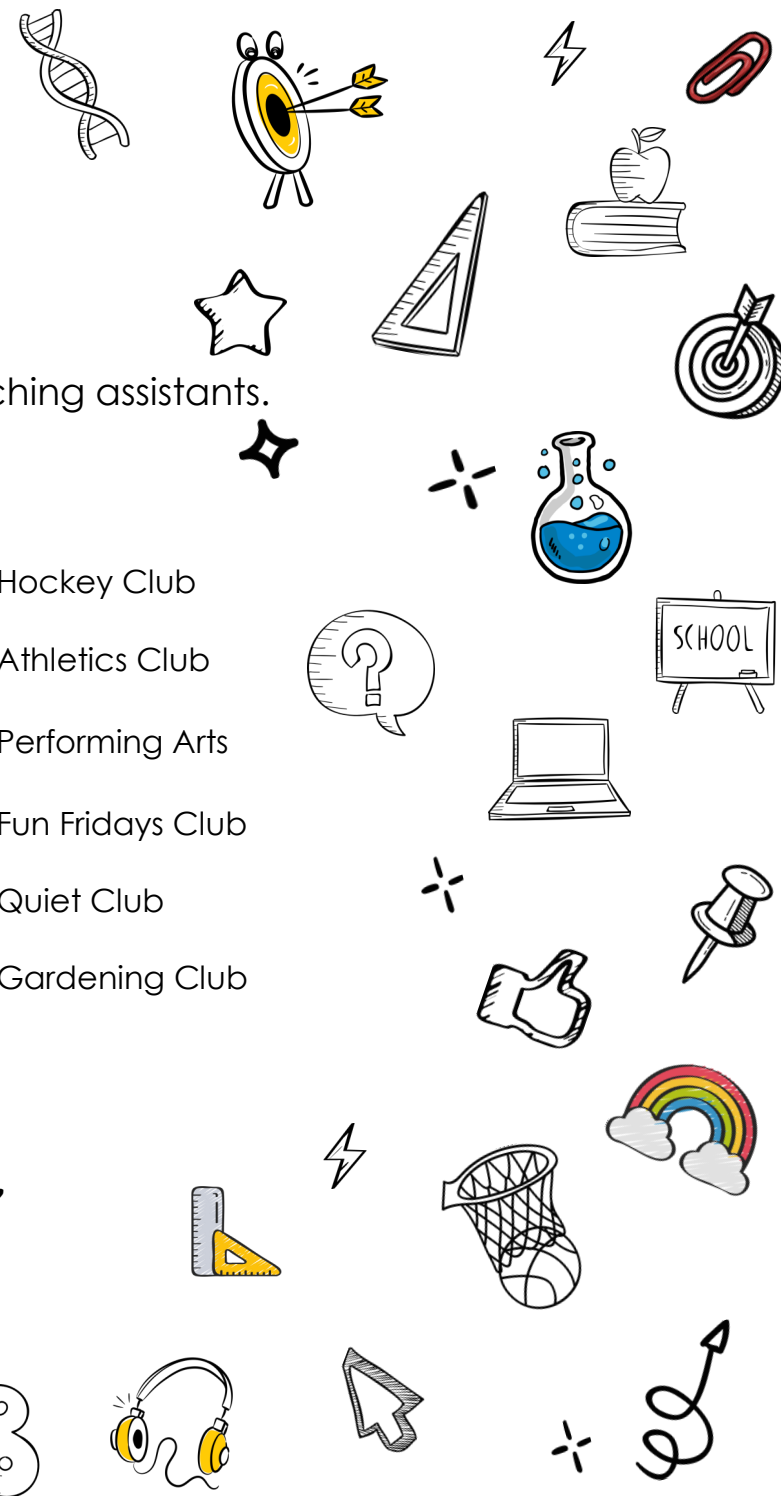
➤ We have the best school clubs, all run by the teachers and teaching assistants.

Clubs include:

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| • Art Club | • Code Club | • Football Club | • Hockey Club |
| • Choir Club | • Dance Club | • Mindfulness Club | • Athletics Club |
| • Paper craft Club | • Eco Warriors | • Key Skills Club | • Performing Arts |
| • Zumba | • Word Warriors | • STEM Club | • Fun Fridays Club |
| • Crosshall Chasers | • Netball Club | • Story-time Club | • Quiet Club |
| • Rounders Club | • Film Club | • Musical Theatre | • Gardening Club |

“We don’t just have sports clubs; there is art or code club, Zumba or mindfulness – there’s something for everyone”

Alice, Year Six student



Going Further



Have you ever studied a topic and wanted to explore the “what if” questions?

If you have, you may be able to join the Able, Gifted and Talented groups.

In these groups, we like to stretch the brain even further and challenge ourselves.

Being in a small group and working away from the classroom enables us to take the lead in discussions, and really explore topics with more of a practical, hands-on approach.

*“The Able, Gifted, and Talented groups are phenomenal!
I enjoyed the maths group I was in because we got to do fun
and hard challenges that we wouldn’t usually do in class”*

Lily, Year Four student

Kindness



*"Kindness means
always caring about others"*

Morgan, Year Six student



"The teachers want you to have the best possible education and to be ready for secondary school"

Charlotte, Year Six student

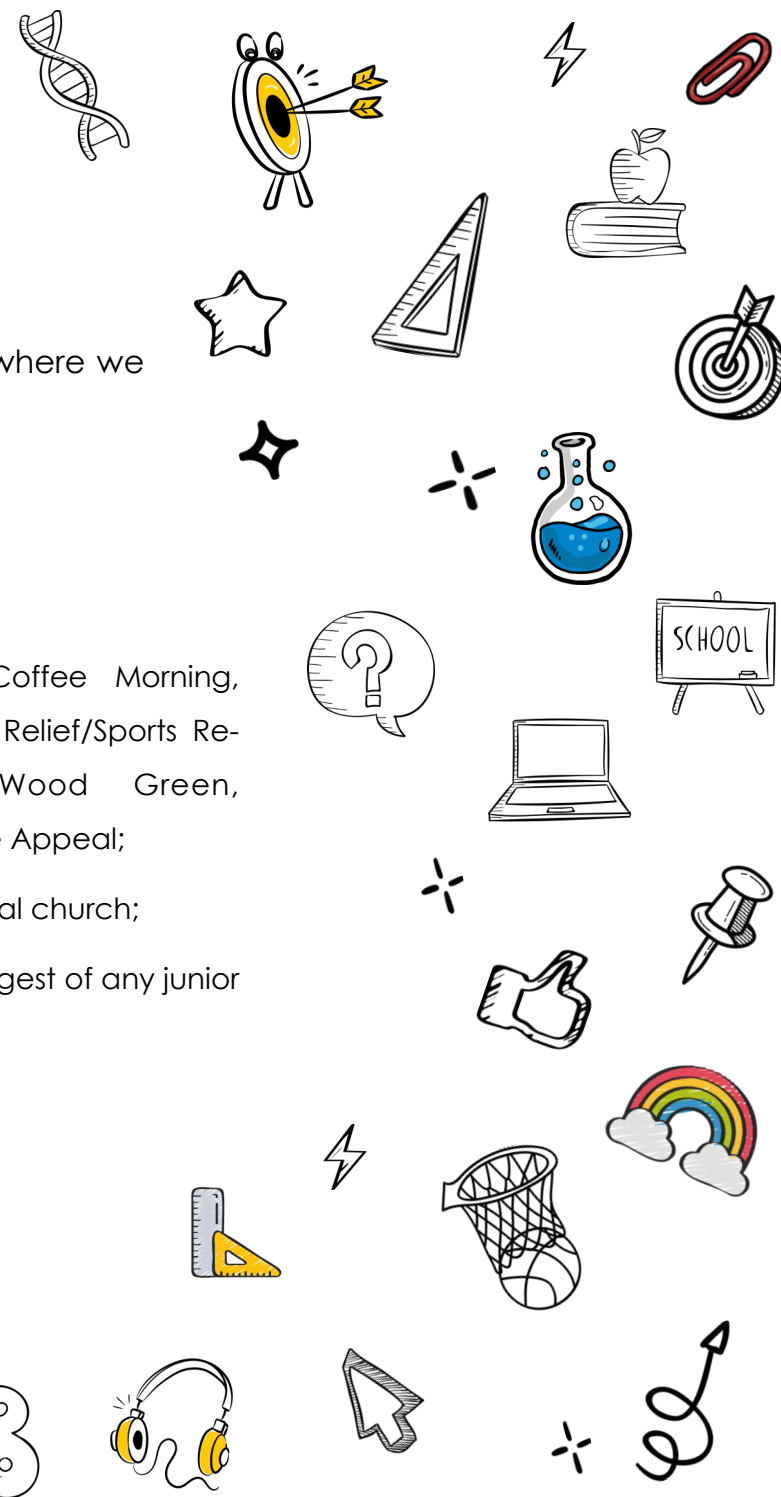


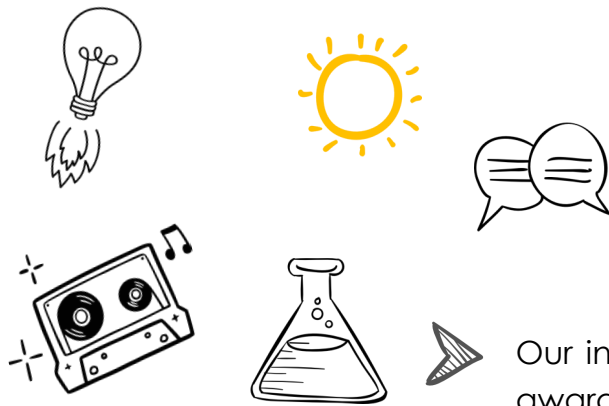
Events

➤ We hold regular events where we can invite our families into school, or where we get together to celebrate special events or raise money for charities.

Previous events have included:

- **Open Day** and **Open Week**, parents are invited to tour the school;
- **Library events** such as 'Dads Who Read', 'Mums Who Read', 'Grandparents Who Read', where we invite family to come and read in the library with children;
- Parent/Carer **Lunch**; Mother's Day Lunch, Father's Day Lunch, Grandparent's Day Lunch;
- **PTA events** such as Christmas Shop, Mother's Day Shop, Father's Day Shop, Discos, and Brain Freeze Fridays;
- **Fundraising:** Macmillan Coffee Morning, Children in Need, Comic Relief/Sports Relief, British Legion, Wood Green, Jeans4Genes, Help Ukraine Appeal;
- **Christmas Carols** at our local church;
- **Sports Day** events - the biggest of any junior school in Cambridgeshire

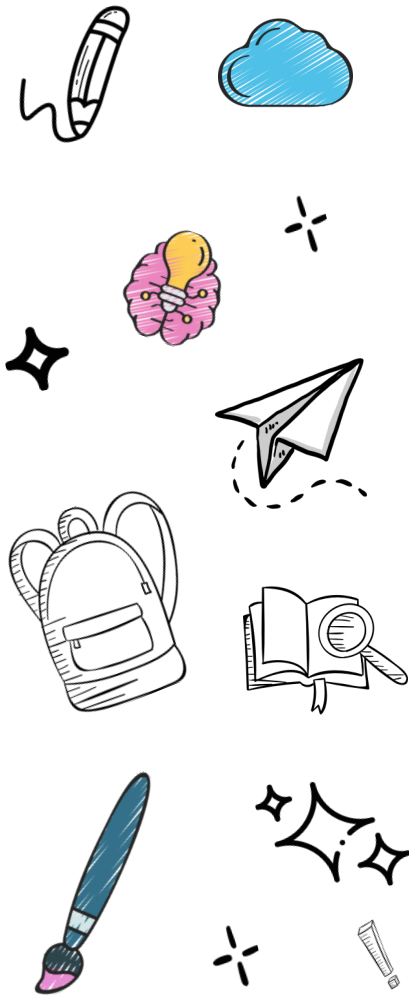




Achievements

Our in school, and out of school achievements are regularly celebrated. We have the following awards and most are published in our weekly/ monthly newsletters, and on the school website. Some awards are presented in assembly and your parents/ carers are invited to attend:

- **Future Me** (bronze, silver and gold badges);
- **Celebration Awards** held every term (for achievements in different areas of the curriculum);
- **Head Teacher's Awards** (the Head Teacher texts your parent/carers to let them know you have won an award and the reason);
- **Praise Postcards** (posted to your home from your teacher);
- **Timetable Rock Stars and NumBots awards;**
- certificates for large improvements in reading, writing or maths;
- Out of School Achievements (your parent/ carer can email the school details of something you've achieved out of school and it will be published in the weekly/ monthly newsletter;
- **End of Year Awards for Year Six Leavers.**



Our school has won the IQM Inclusion Award 2021/22. The assessors commented that,

"Pupils are challenged with an exciting curriculum that includes an inclusive reward system that is not based on academic excellence alone"

IQM Flagship School Review, 2021

Crosshall Junior School students are:

Caring

Respectful

Kind

Courageous

Thoughtful

Positive

Successful

Equal

Ambitious

Inclusive

Happy

Resilient

Eloquent

Crea-

Generous

We can't wait to meet you!