



CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 17.01.25

## MESSAGE FROM ACTING CO-HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

At the end of our second week back, we can reflect on a successful start to 2025 as the children get back into lessons, learning and having fun.

Reading is a vital skill and research suggests that the more children read, the more likely they are to do well in school. As importantly, being able to access different worlds contained in books helps improve imagination, creativity and empathy.

At Crosshall, we use Accelerated Reader (AR) to help us make sure that children are reading books that they can understand properly. However, we also want children to read widely and experiment with different types of stories. Therefore, we ask all children to have two books out from the library: one from their AR level and one free choice book that they have chosen because they want to read it.

In addition, we fully support children bringing books in from home; reading from the town library; and accessing stories through comics, graphic novels and audiobooks.

If you have a chance, ask your child(ren) what books they have from the library and chat about why they chose them. If possible, it would be great to share with them what you are reading and why, so that they understand that love of reading extends into adulthood.

Enjoy the weekend and see everyone back at school on Monday,

**Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Acting Co-Head Teachers**

## JOIN US FOR SCHOOL LUNCH

Did you know you and/or other family members can come and enjoy a hot school dinner and dessert with your child(ren) at lunchtimes?

Book in advance by calling the school office. Adults £5 each (cash on the day) with younger siblings welcome to join too.

It could be for your child's birthday, a family member's birthday, special treat or just because you fancy trying the famous Crosshall fudge tart!

We'll be running a special Family Week during PCLR week wc 10th February too!



## UPCOMING DATES

wc 27th January 2025  
**CJS Spring Term Clubs Begin**

31st January 2025  
**Celebration Assembly - Invite Only**

wc 3rd February 2025  
**National Children's Mental Health Week**

4th February 2025  
**9:00am MHST Coffee Morning [POSTER](#)**

wc 10th February 2025  
**PCLR Week**  
**Come Join School Lunch: Family Week**

12th February 2025  
**Individual (in Library) Photo Day [SUBSCRIPTION](#)**

14th February 2025  
**Last Day of Term - half term 17th-21st February**

17th - 21st February Half Term  
**Next Thing Education Half Term Camp [LETTER](#)**

24th February 2025  
**Back to School**

**CJS CLUBS** Summary of all CJS Clubs available in our clubs booklet [HERE](#)

Confirmation of places in clubs are now live in the Arbor App; check the app to see if your child has a place in a club and give parental consent. We must have parental consent (& payment where applicable) for children to join a club.

**CJS Clubs start wc 27th January 2025.**

## PTA: Christmas Jumper Appeal

Our PTA would welcome donations of good condition Christmas jumpers, all sizes welcome. These will then be sold at our annual Christmas Jumper sale next Autumn. Donations to the school office, thank you!



Our **CJS Amazon Wish list** is full of items to enhance activities for children across the school. We really appreciate the extra helping hand, link [HERE](#)



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### WORD OF THE WEEK: MAESTRO

**noun** a distinguished figure in any sphere especially a conductor or performer of classical musical

**synonym** master, expert, genius

**antonym** novice, beginner



### AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: Michael Morpurgo

**Books include:** *The War Horse*, *Shadow*



### RHYTHM OF THE WEEK

**What are?:** a semibreve, minim, crotchet, and quaver.

## GET INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL LIFE



There are lots of ways you, family members or people you know in our community can help support our school and volunteer their time. We really appreciate all the support we receive. Here are some of the ways to help out in 2025:

**Join our PTA:** get in touch via the new [@CrosshallJuniorPTA](https://www.facebook.com/CrosshallJuniorPTA) Facebook page or email [crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk)

**Future Me Talks:** come and talk to pupils about your profession and give them an insight into your career. Contact the school office to discuss and arrange a suitable time/date.

**Year Five Famous Five Panel:** as part of their project on the Famous Five, we would like to gather a group of adults who experienced childhood before the digital world so pupils can ask questions and gain an understanding of life before mobile phones and social media. Again, contact the school office if you would like to participate!

**School Readers:** if you can spare some time to listen to children read, we have opportunities across all year groups.

## IS YOUR CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

### Advice on common winter illnesses

As expected in the winter months, seasonal illnesses are circulating and to support parents, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published [advice](#) on how to reduce their spread.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

Check out this [useful NHS advice page](#) for guidance on common illnesses.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### KS2 Class Teacher Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Key Stage Two Class Teacher Head to our website for full details [HERE](#)  
Application deadline is **Friday 24th January**. If you know someone who might be interested, please share!



### CIS: Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Full details available [HERE](#).  
Application deadline: **Monday 20th January**

## GRANDPARENTS LIBRARY EVENT

### Grandparents Who Read - Wednesday 15th January

Thank you to everyone who joined our most recent library event. We aim to host at least one Library event every term. The next event will be Mums Who Read in March.



## Online Safety

Second-hand devices guide. Tips to make used devices safe for children. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/guide-to-hand-me-down-device>



PiXL Useful Information: Debate Ideas for Home. See tips and ideas [HERE](#)



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## Question of the Week

The questions below are related to some teaching that took place in each year group this week.

Year Three

Can you name and describe 4 different rocks?

Year Four

Explain to your adult how to multiply a two digit number by a 1 digit number?

Year Five

Name three ways you could spot someone's emotion by their body language

Year Six

How many provinces and territories does Canada have?