



CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 14.02.25

MESSAGE FROM ACTING CO-HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Last week, we were able to share news of our consultation on joining Meridian Trust. It has been a long journey; meeting with many different experts and representatives from the education world. We have been inspired by the many amazing educational organisations that support children across Cambridgeshire. We hope that many of you will join us on Wednesday 26th February where you will hear from senior leadership team members of the Meridian Trust, as well as ourselves, and have opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

This journey is happening alongside our colleagues at Crosshall Infant School and has already positively enabled both schools to work more closely together. This is an exciting development and one that we anticipate will develop further as we move forward. This shared process has opened many avenues of discussion between our two schools and helped us create even more opportunities to work together to support each other. For example, Year Six Sports Leaders now volunteer to play with infant school children during some lunchtimes – an experience they are loving.

We anticipate that being part of Meridian Trust will provide many more opportunities for collaborative work both with the Infant school and schools more widely in the Trust, which, in turn will improve the provision we offer our children.

We hope you have a wonderful, restful half-term holiday.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLASS VISIT

On **Tuesday 25th February**, parents/ carers are invited to visit their child's classroom.

Enter through the door your child leaves each day and see books and current project work in your child's place in the classroom.

4Cho parents to enter via **4Che** door.
4MM parents to enter via **4NT** door.



World Book Day tokens have gone home with children today and can be used over the half term break.

Crosshall PTA: Key Dates

- 27th & 28th March 2025
PTA Mother's Day Shop
- 2nd April 2025
PTA Easter Disco
- 4th April 2025
PTA Easter Raffle

UPCOMING DATES

- 17th - 21st February Half Term
Next Thing Education Half Term Camp [LETTER](#)
- 24th February 2025
Back to School
- 25th February 2025
After school 3:20pm: Visit Your Child's Class
- 26th February 2025
9:00am Consultation Meeting at CJS
2:30pm Consultation Meeting at CIS
6:00pm Online Consultation Meeting [WEBSITE](#)
Year Three Greece Exhibition [LETTER](#)
- 27th February 2025
Choir: Young Voices Concert
- 28th February 2025
Cardiff Bonus Day - wear yellow item
- 6th March 2025
National: World Book Day
Year Four Verulamium Trip: 4Cho & 4Che [LETTER](#)
- 7th March 2025
Year Four Verulamium Trip: 4MM & 4NT [LETTER](#)
- wc 10th March 2025
Year Six: MOCK Test Week
- 11th March 2025
New To You Sale 3:20pm-3:40pm [POSTER](#)
- 17th-21st March 2025
STEM Week
- 18th March 2025
Year Three: Fitzwilliam Day Trip 3CD [LETTER](#)
- 24th March to 4th April
Join your child for Mother's Day Lunches.
Book in advance via Office
- 25th March 2025
Year Three: Fitzwilliam Day Trip 3LR & 3KP [LETTER](#)
- 1st April 2025
9am Rocksteady Concert: Parents Invite Only.
- 4th April 2025
Last Day of Term - Easter holidays 7th-18th Apr
- 22nd April 2025
Staff Training Day - school closed
- 23rd April 2025
Summer Term starts - back to School

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Children are not allowed to bring any medicine into school. This includes home remedies and non-prescription items. Any medicine needed must be brought to the school office.



CURRICULUM PATHWAYS

Each year groups' curriculum pathway is available to view [HERE](#)



Enjoy the half term break everyone! See you back at school on Monday 24th February



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to **Dylan, 4CHo** who recently took part in Destination Dance competition in Stevenage. He won first place in his tap duet, best costume of the competition, third place for his tap solo and Jazz duet.



Well done to **Stanley, 3CD** who was nominated **Beaver of The Week**, this week, for being helpful and sharing and a good team player .



GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, a group of gymnasts from Years Three and Four had a fantastic afternoon at Huntingdon Gymnastics Club for the Hunts School Sports Partnership gymnastics competition! The team cartwheeled, forward rolled and skipped their way around the gym and performed routines excellently. The team were also jumping for joy when they got the opportunity for a photo with Olympic Bronze medallist Jake Jarman.

Well done to **Ava, Ava, Chloe, Dylan, Max, Ruby, Sasha, Zeo**.

Thank you to all the adults who made this event possible and parents/ carers who organised transport to/ from the event.



OUR SCHOOL MEALS

DID YOU KNOW?

An adult two-course meal is only **£5**

Celebrate family birthdays, special occasions, or your child receiving an award or achieving something... or just to enjoy time together having a **hot lunch meal**

All our school meals are **home-made** by Jean and her catering team every day

Every half term, we make over **12,000 dinners**

Come and join us for a **two-course meal**

Book in advance via School Office on 01480 475972 or email at office@crosshalljunior.co.uk




Come and join us for school lunch next term, and enjoy a hot two-course meal with your child(ren).

We welcome family members to join us for lunch during the week.

With our **Reward Card**, you earn a point every time you have lunch and on your sixth visit your lunch is **FREE!**

Book in advance via the school office.

Free School Meal

WITH OUR CJS MEALS REWARD CARD



MESSAGE FOR YEAR THREE: WORLD BOOK

During the afternoon of World Book Day, on 6th March, Year Three children will be completing a fun range of book related activities.

For one of the activities, children will be turning a toilet roll/kitchen roll into one of their favourite book character/s.

Please can you send your child into school with one/two toilet rolls/kitchen rolls **before Thursday 6th March**.



[Happy Days Creative photography company](#) were in school on Wednesday to take some fun informal individual photos of children.

Your child will have come home with a leaflet with details on how to order photos.

Class photos and Year Six group photo will be in summer term on **Tuesday 20th May 2025**.

TOPICS IN SCHOOL



WORD OF THE WEEK: **democracy** noun

a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.

Synonym: representative government.

Antonym: tyranny, dictatorship.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: **Tom Percival**

Books include: Big Bright Feelings series, Little Legends series, Dream Defenders series



RHYTHM OF THE WEEK



FOOTBALL MATCHES

Thursday 23rd January: Year Five played in the opening round of the Walters Cup against Brampton Primary. After being behind 1:0 at half time, the team rallied together, cheering each other on and managed to come back and win the match 3:1. The team were so impressive with their teamwork and encouragement of each other. Well done to **George, Thomas, Finley, Samuel, Mani, Rupert, Charlie, Harley, Destiny and Goncalo.**



Thursday 30th January: After storming into the second fixture of the Walters Cup, the girls faced a tricky match against Brampton Primary. They battled superbly throughout the match, competing right up to the final whistle but were unfortunately defeated. They should be very proud of how far they have come as a team, and we are looking forward to seeing them compete again next year. Well done to **Scarlett, Jess, Macy, Megan, Emilie, Darcey, Lilly, Ella, Daisy, Carmen and Amelia.**



Tuesday 5th February: Year Four ventured out to play in a Football Festival competition against a variety of other primary schools. The aim of the day was for the children to enjoy playing football, focusing on their teamwork, encouragement, and positivity on the pitch. Thank you to HSSP for organising the event and a huge well done to **Teddy, Kai, Tannen, Cayden, Harrison, Harry T, Harry M, Sam, Max and Mason.**

CJS BREAKFAST CLUB Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey regards joining the government's Breakfast Club Pilot Scheme. After considering the responses from parents and staff, along with clarifying the funding available to provide this, we have decided not to take part at this time.

PIXL INSIGHTS

Mr Righetta, Head of Year Six, has had an article published in PiXL Insights on Raising Aspirations in Boys? Read [HERE](#)

USEFUL LINKS - ADVICE & SUPPORT

Learning & Wellbeing Support

This week's online resource focus is on <https://www.sibs.org.uk/> who provide support for siblings of children with disabilities, special needs or long-term illness.

Online Safety

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day 2025. Here are some tips shared on the day for keeping your child safer on the internet. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day-2025-top-tips>



LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS Lottie Mcl **IMPROVED** Rebecca B

COINS Freddie C **SPEED** Margot C **IMPROVED** Ben S **NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE** London v Belfast

ROCK Evan O



Question of the Week

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

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| Year Three | What do the words numerator and denominator mean? |
| Year Four | Can you give an example of a noun, verb, adjective, determiner, pronoun and adverb? |
| Year Five | List the first ten prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers |
| Year Six | How do you calculate the area of a triangle? |