



CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 07.03.25

## MESSAGE FROM ACTING CO-HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It finally feels like spring is in the air with brighter mornings and evenings!

Today, we are introducing the third of our vision statements, which is about the staff who work at the school:

***We place children at the centre of our work;***

***Support each other with positivity, respect, honesty and constructive feedback;***

***We celebrate each other's successes;***

***Develop ourselves and others as professionals;***

***and find ways to ensure we have a healthy work/life balance.***

We are proud of the team who work at Crosshall Junior School - it would not be the successful place it is without them! Our staff often go above and beyond to ensure children have opportunity to take part in a breadth of activities. From working past 11pm so our Choir can take part in Young Voices, to standing on muddy fields in rain at sporting events.

This week, we had the excitement of **World Book Day** where a range of events were planned to offer a breadth of experiences; next week will be **Year Six Mock Testing Week**, and following that, week commencing 17th March, we are looking forward to our **STEM Week** providing some additional science, technology, engineering and maths opportunities.

Another way that the school is able to offer a range of activities (such as school discos, Year Five Viking Day, Year Six Leavers' Disco, to name just a few!) and help subsidise a number of school trips and events is through our **PTA volunteer team** and events they run. Our message last week is the same this week, please consider offering your time and joining our PTA team. Email [crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk) to find out ways you can get involved. **We are on the cusp of losing this important network of support for the school which will heavily impact the events/ trips/ activities we can offer.** Please reach out to the PTA and offer your help if you are at all able to.

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



## POLLINATOR PATCH

Thank you to the Rotary Club of St Neots St Mary's for donating seeds for our pollinator patch. Two of their members, Tony and Nigel, came to school on Tuesday and worked with **Alex** and **James** on weeding, raking, seeding, firming and watering the area. We'll keep you posted with updates on the pollinator patch as we progress through spring and summer!

## UPCOMING DATES

- wc 10th March 2025  
**Year Six: MOCK Test Week** [LETTER](#)
- 10th & 11th March 2025  
**Longsands Introduction Evenings** [POSTER](#)
- 11th March 2025  
**New To You Sale 3:20pm-3:40pm** [POSTER](#)
- 12th March  
**Veg Fest Session 3CD** [LETTER](#)
- 17th-21st March 2025  
**STEM Week** [POSTER](#)
- 18th March 2025  
**Year Three: Fitzwilliam Day Trip 3CD** [LETTER](#)  
**Library Event: Mums Who Read Event** [LETTER](#)
- 19th March  
**Veg Fest Session 3LR** [LETTER](#)
- 21st March  
**Comic Relief. Wear red for a donation.**
- 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](#)
- 26th March  
**Veg Fest Session 3KP** [LETTER](#)  
**Year Three D.T. Healthy Snack Project** [LETTER](#)
- 1st April 2025  
**9am Rocksteady Concert: Parents Invite Only.**
- 2nd April  
**Veg Fest Session 4ChE** [LETTER](#)
- 3rd April  
**Year Five Viking Day** [LETTER](#)
- 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**  
**Veg Fest Session 4NT** [LETTER](#)



### Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wear non-uniform and wear something red for a small donation (i.e. £1)



Please review **NEW 2025/2026**

**Term Dates on website** [HERE](#)

## 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** [LETTER](#)



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to **Chloe-Jolie** who took part in the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, on Monday and came second place.



Well done to **Zachary** who won first place for Key Stage Two (Years Three and Four) at the Huntingdonshire Art Society Young Artists Competition last weekend. He also won the popular vote on the day for Best Artwork in the primary school grouping.



Well done to **Elijah** who also took part in the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, on Monday. He performed "What shall we do with the drunken sailor" and came third place.



Well done to **Myla** who attended Three Counties Dance competition and was placed in seven dances; including first place for Jazz Solo, Jazz Duo, and Contemporary Team. Second place for Lyrical Solo, Across Duo, Jazz Team. Third place for Lyrical Duo.



Well done to **Dylan** who won the Judge's Knockout Hotshot Choreography Award at a recent dance competition.



Well done to **Lottie** who has been awarded an official OFQUAL - regulated music qualification from Trinity College London for her drum performance in bands



## GRAFHAM WATER EASTER EGG

This Easter, Grafham Water will have a fun Easter trail event for families to enjoy and take part in.

The trail will include wooden Easter eggs decorated by children from local schools, and this week a group of children decorated our CJS Easter Egg.

More details about the Easter Egg Trail can be found [HERE](#).



## How can you help the PTA this term?

We have the following events coming up before Easter:

- **Mothers Day Shop** - can you help wrap gifts?
- **Easter Discos (Lower & Upper)** - parent volunteers needed!
- **Easter Raffle** - organising prizes, folding raffle tickets etc.
- We're also organising for summer term: **Fathers Day Gift Shop, CJS Summer Fayre, Leavers Disco, End of Year Discos**

Contact the PTA on [crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk) to find



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING CJS PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Crosshall PTA is a friendly team of volunteers who support the school by **organising events, raising funds, and providing resources** for the school.

It's also a fab way to get to know people in our community!

And we need new members to help continue the invaluable work of the PTA

**JOIN NOW:**

**CROSSHALLPТА@CROSSHALLJUNIOR.CO.UK**

Last year alone our PTA raised over **£10k** for the school!

These funds were raised through:

- social events
- school discos
- Summer Fayre

PTA funds contributed to:

- trips
- activities & events
- resources
- equipment



## TOPICS IN SCHOOL



**WORD OF THE WEEK:** *recycle (verb) to convert waste into a useful material.*  
**Synonym:** convert, salvage, reclaim. **Antonym:** waste, lose, throw away.



**AUTHOR OF THE MONTH:** Jamie Hammond  
**Book:** *Grumpfort*



**RHYTHM OF THE WEEK**



## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday, the whole school celebrated books on World Book Day with dress-up, a wooden spoon decorating competition, fun reading for pleasure activities, and certificates were given for best costumes in each year group.



**World Book Day: Design book token competition**  
 Opportunity to design the 2026 book token and enter national competition. Find out more [HERE](#)



**Crosshall Junior School Reads!**

In February 2025, students have read...  
**1,408 Books**  
**17,972,205 Words**  
 for **33 minutes/day!**  
 (individual student average)

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<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	
<b>MOST POINTS EARNED</b>	<i>Gabriels (60.9)</i>
<b>MOST QUIZZES PASSED</b>	<i>Isabella (21)</i>

## USEFUL LINKS - ADVICE & SUPPORT



### Learning & Wellbeing Support

We work with the [St Neots Foodbank](#) to support families in need. If you are struggling to put food on the table, contact our **Learning & Wellbeing Mentors** who can work with you and issue foodbank vouchers.

### Online Safety

What is 'doomscrolling'? Online safety guidance for parents on Internet Matters [HERE](#)



## LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



<b>COINS</b>	<i>Dabira F</i>	<b>IMPROVED</b>	<i>Louie P-E</i>
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<b>TTRS ROCK HERO</b>	<i>James S</i>
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<b>COINS</b>	<i>Dabira F</i>	<b>SPEED</b>	<i>Sukhman T</i>	<b>IMPROVED</b>	<i>Elizabeth A</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE</b>	<i>Edinburgh v London</i>
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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
- Year Four
- Year Five
- Year Six

What is soil made of?

Can you tell an adult at home how to say where you are from in French?

Name and describe three ways to separate materials.

What bear did you choose to research in science and how is it adapted to its environment?