

Croft Newsletter – September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe another two weeks has whizzed by and what a busy two weeks! Following a recent review by the Director of Education last week, we are pleased to share some highlights from the feedback:

- Pupils show excellent behaviour in lessons, around school, and during Collective Worship.
- Teachers make the most of learning time with clear routines and high expectations.
- Staff provide strong support for all learners, including effective strategies for pupils with SEND.

You're warmly invited to join us for 🕊️ Harvest Service 🕊️ – morning of Monday 6th October 🕊️ at St Michael's Church. Time will be confirmed shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Clarke and Miss Down

Let Your Light Shine *Matthew 5:12*



"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16



Class updates – Let Your Light Shine *Matthew 5:12*

PRE-SCHOOL



RECEPTION

This week all of Ruby class have been creating their own monsters in different forms. Cygnets have learnt how to describe how the monsters are feeling.

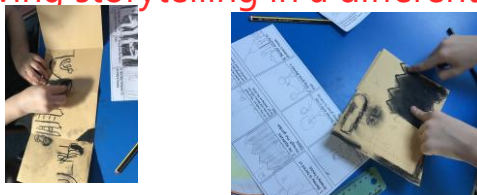


YEAR 1/2

Diamond class have been working hard on diary features this week. We have been learning about what a diary is, and how we could create our own. During Music, we had the glockenspiels out and played Frère Jacques in a round. It was amazing! We have also been doing experiments on our five senses. This was a lot of fun!

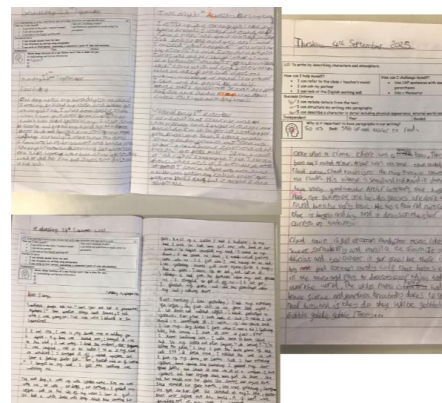
YEAR 3/4

Emerald Class have begun studying Diary Writing this week. We have hot-seated the character of Stig and asked him questions to understand his thoughts and feelings. In Art, we have begun to tell part of Stig of the Dump using charcoal and pencil. Our illustrated stories are really starting to come on now and the children are loving storytelling in a different way!



YEAR 5

Topaz have really enjoyed writing their diaries. They have produced some fantastic individual work, showcasing Year 5 punctuation.



YEAR 6

Amethyst has been working really hard on their diary writing where they have written in the first person as Arthur (Arthur and the Golden Rope). They have made use of fronted adverbials and parathesis in their writing. In maths, they have been looking at common factors as well as cubed and squared numbers. They have continued to learn about light in Science and graphic design in Art. Well done Year 6.

Subject Spotlight

P.E

Mr Bedford is our new sports coach. His role is to deliver tailored and structured sports coaching sessions to develop functional skills, encourage physical activity and inspire children to try new sports.

Some of our pupils proudly represented Croft at the recent local **cross-country race**. Not only did they give their best effort during the event, but their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm **were a true credit to our school**.

We'd love to see even more children from Years 3 to 6 take part in our upcoming races on 1st October and 14th October.

Calling All Sports Professionals!

We're working to inspire and engage more children in a variety of sports. If you know someone with a professional background in any sport, we'd love to welcome them to Croft to deliver a taster session for our pupils.

Their experience could make a real difference and spark a lifelong passion for sport in our children!

Miss Abbott



Embrace Spotlight



Louise is our experienced governance professional who leads all aspects of governance across our schools and is our Clerk to the Trustee Board. She advises and supports our Local Governing Boards as well as reviewing, updating and writing key policies. When Louise isn't at work she enjoys spending time with her children, grandson and dog.



She loves attending concerts and volunteers with a local conservation group. She is also currently learning how to play golf!

Louise loves steak and ale pie, however she makes a mean spaghetti carbonara.

Friends of Croft

We are a welcoming group of parents and staff who work together throughout the year to organise fundraising events that support and enrich the experience of children at Croft Primary School.

Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to contribute to a range of valuable resources, including:

- The Active Wall
- Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies
- Buddy Bench
- Class Headphone Sets
- Contributions towards new iPads
- Easter Gifts
- Supplies for the Peace Garden

If meetings aren't quite your thing, we'd still love your support—any help with upcoming events, no matter how small, is always greatly appreciated.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help their children stay safe online. This guide focuses on one of every issue which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and top tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (provided they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you're both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent reflex to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to cover include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Observe your child while they're using technology and just enter when you see it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, funny or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism, even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent fighting their battles for them. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people being victims to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE
If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to:
Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/
National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 326 8787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.htm
The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written written numerous papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and testing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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Attendance

Class Attendance week beginning 22nd September

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance overall
^S Ruby	98.8%	98.5%
Diamond	99.4%	99.2%
Emerald	97.6%	98.7%
Topaz	99.3%	98.5%
Amethyst	91.6%	98.1%

Diary Dates



October Wednesday 1st	Cross Country Race 2
October Monday 6th	Harvest Visit to Church
October Wed 1 st - Wed 8th	Book Fayre afterschool in main hall
October Tuesday 7 th	Parents Phonic Workshop (3:30pm-4pm)
October Thursday 9 th	Spooky Film Night
October Tuesday 14th	Cross Country Race 3
October Friday 17 th	Wear Red Day
October Friday 17 th	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
October Monday 20 th to Friday 24th	Half Term
October Friday 31 st	Individual Pupil Photographs
November Monday 10 th pm	EYFS Open Afternoon
November Monday 11th	Anti Bullying Week
November Friday 14th	Children in Need Day
November Friday 28th	Trust INSET Day – School Closed
November Saturday 29 th	Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto
December Monday 1st	Christingle
December Wednesday 3rd	Parents Evening
December Thursday 4th	Parents Evening
December Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Service at Church
December Thursday 11th	Christmas Disco
December Friday 12th	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
December Monday 15th	Nativity Ruby
December Tuesday 16th	Diamond Xmas Performance
December Friday 19th	Christmas Holidays
January Wed 7 th pm	Pantomime Performance (in school)

Wraparound and Clubs

Breakfast Club

We are now able to offer Breakfast Club provision from 8am each morning – this is £3 per session and can be booked through the school office.



Afterschool Clubs

We have an exciting array of afterschool clubs:

Monday – Cookery

Tuesday – Pottery

Wednesday- Art & Craft or Multi-sports

Thursday – Football or Lego

Friday – Youth Club

We can also offer short stay wraparound charged at £1 per 15mins

Please contact the school office for further information and to book places.

Lovely Lunchtimes



The Cabin has been opened for lunchtimes to provide other play activities for children.

It has been lovely to see the different age groups mixing during craft activities and reading.



Enderby Brass Band

Let your light shine



We were so excited to have a visit from Enderby Band today! We learned about brass instruments and loved the sounds they made. We listened to some amazing music and were inspired to try it for ourselves! Thank you so much to Sam, Kelsey and Trevor for visiting our school.



JOIN THE FUN - **LEARN TO PLAY** **BRASS!**

ENDUBZ

BEGINNER BRASS BAND
for ages 7+

WHEN: MONDAYS, 6:00 – 6:45 PM
WHERE: ROB JOHN HALL, NARBOROUGH, LE19 2GS
STARTING: 1st SEPTEMBER, 2025

WHY JOIN?

- ★ Instrument provided
- ★ Free for your first term
- ★ Just £8 month after that
- ★ Expert, friendly tutors (all DBS checked)
- ★ Safe, fun, and supportive environment

MAKE NEW FRIENDS ★
DISCOVER MUSIC ★
HAVE FUN!

YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY STARTS HERE!
SCAN QR CODE to get in touch

For more info, contact:
Sam McClumpha 07789 002461
junior.md@enderbybands.co.uk



Wear Red Day



In support of Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity, we are inviting all members of Embrace to wear red!



Friday 17th October 2025

SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD

Friday 17th October will be a **non-uniform day**, where pupils and staff are encouraged to **wear as much red as possible!**



Students, school staff, Embrace Central Team members and even visitors during the school run are encouraged to take part in this Trust wide initiative.

Throughout the day, all schools within Embrace will participate in age-appropriate sessions focused on anti-racism, designed to foster understanding and empathy among pupils.

Show Racism the Red Card exists to educate people away from the harmful effects of misinformation and racism. Friday 17th October is a chance to stand up and be counted as proud anti-racists. It's our chance to change the narrative. To find out more, please visit



Communication



At Croft C of E Primary School, we value clear and consistent communication between home and school.

Parents and carers can contact us via:

-Email admin@croft.embracemat.org

-Phone 01455 282643

-Class Dojo.



We also use these same methods to share updates, reminders, and event dates—posted regularly on Class Dojo and included in our fortnightly newsletter.

We aim to respond to all enquiries within 24 hours, during office hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

St Michaels and All Angels



Saturday Lunches

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 12:00 - 13:30

Join us at St Michael and All Angels Church,
Croft for a two course lunch with tea/coffee

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER

£5 per person
payable in cash on the day

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER*

First come, first served
Bring a friend and enjoy our beautiful church
and sociable atmosphere

*December details to
follow as this will be a
pre-book event



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHURCH, CROFT

Our Services *The When and the Where*

Three Churches, One Parish, One Faith
BACSS - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton



1st Sunday of the month - 10am - This is a United Service where
the three churches come together on a rolling basis, please
check the noticeboard on the church gate or Facebook page

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month - 11:15 at Croft
(09:30 at Stoney Stanton and 09:45 at Broughton Astley)

5th Sunday of the month - 10am - United Service
(check for details for which church is hosting)



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CROFT
PRESENT



THE RETURN OF THE ANGEL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

12:00 - 16:00

SUNDAY 16TH 14:00 - 16:00

We aim to fill the church with hundreds of Angels!!

*So WE NEED YOUR ANGELS PLEASE of any size, colour or
material (labelled with name and number so it can be returned)*

*RAID your Christmas boxes, SEARCH your ornament cupboards or
GET CREATIVE to help us*

*We will need your angel(s) by Thursday 13th November
(Church will be open Thursday evening from 5pm to 7pm)*

*If you have any questions, please drop Claire Jordan a call on
07929 915405*

Tea / Coffee & Cake available both days
Turkey cobs available Saturday