

Croft Newsletter – October 2025

We're thrilled to share that our Macmillan cake sale was a great success — thanks to your generosity, we raised a fabulous £117. It was wonderful to see the school community come together for such a meaningful cause.

Last week also saw our fire drill practice, and we're incredibly proud of how calmly and sensibly all the children responded. Their behaviour was exemplary!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Harvest Service — your support made it extra special! A huge well done to all the children for taking part; their fabulous singing and confident performances were a joy to see and hear.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome parents next half term to join us for celebrations assemblies -more details to follow soon!

Miss Clarke and Miss Down



"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16



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

PRE-SCHOOL

We have had lots of fun learning about socks this week! We have learnt about patterns, pairing, how things are similar and different, and we even made bubble snakes out of socks!! We have had so much fun!



RECEPTION

In Ruby class we have been learning a lot about the Christian Creation story from the Bible. We have learnt about our precious world and how important it is to care for precious things. We found 'precious stones' and created boxes to keep them safe and protected in. We have also been sequencing the Creation story and having a go at writing some key words.



YEAR 1/2

☀️ What a spectacular week in Diamond class! We've been word detectives on an exciting noun hunt 🔍, diving into history with the inspiring story of Walter Tull 🌐, and scientists to explore the fascinating world of animal classification 🐘 🦒 🐯! The cherry on top? Our heartwarming Harvest celebration at church 🌾, filling our hearts with gratitude and joy! These bright minds are shining brighter every day ✨, making learning an absolute adventure! 🎉

YEAR 3/4

Emerald Class have written some amazing *Stig of the Dump* diary entries this week – the standard of writing has been so high and packed full of the features we have been learning about in our English lessons, including Stig's thoughts and feelings and Emotion Sentences. I am incredibly proud of the children's efforts this week and I hope you are too!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have really been *tuning in* to our music unit this term! The children have shown off their rhythm and beat skills, experimenting with a variety of instruments and even composing their own lyrics. Their creativity has been *instrumental* in making our lessons a joy to teach. The smiles, teamwork, and sheer enthusiasm have been music to my ears. We've definitely discovered some hidden talents — all I can say is, *Britain's Got Talent better brace itself for a remix!*

YEAR 6

📖 Poetry magic is in full swing as we dive into William Blake's world! Our little literary explorers have been mesmerized by "Tyger Tyger" 🐅 and are now channeling their inner Blake to craft their own masterpiece about a mysterious black wolf 🐺 (inspired by our adventure with Arthur and the Golden Rope).



Subject Spotlight

Mathematics

I am delighted to talk to you all about our Maths Curriculum. We use the Power Maths scheme all the way through our school. The Power Maths Scheme uses Small Steps to allow all children to move on with the learning at the same pace. However, allowances are made for those children that can't move on as quickly or need further challenge.

We hope that all children can recall facts and procedures to ensure that they can access the mathematical concepts that they will learn.

We use TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) to engage children in learning their times tables from the middle of Year 1. All children from Year 2 to Year 6 are expected to complete 20 minutes on TTRS to practice fluency and rapid recall of times tables facts. This helps them with multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and general problem solving.

Miss Down (*Mathematics Lead*)

"We love Maths so much – its really fun!" E Year 4

Embrace Spotlight



Mike Burton is the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) within Embrace MAT. He is a global chartered management accountant and has worked in academy trust senior leadership for the last 10 years. Mike leads the central finance team and has regular meetings with the Headteachers to discuss strategic ideas which aim to benefit the school. Mike and his team ensure that all the funding requirements and statutory returns which academy schools are responsible for are completed on behalf of all Embrace MAT schools.



Vicki Hancock is the Finance Officer for Croft.



Attendance

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance overall
School	94.9%	97.5%
Ruby	95.4%	97.9%
Diamond	91%	97.7%
Emerald	95.2%	97.8%
Topaz	95%	97.3%
Amethyst	100%	97.1%

Diary Dates



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 24 th	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
December Monday 1st	Christingle
December Wednesday 3rd	Parents Evening
December Thursday 4th	Parents Evening
December Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Service at Church
December Friday 12th	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)

Please note date change to the Christmas Disco

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!**



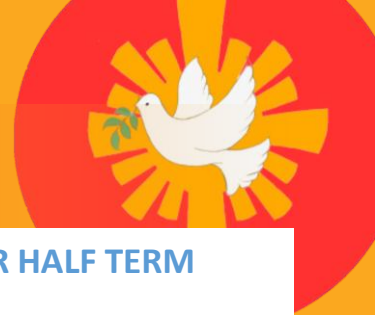
Students, school staff, Embrace Central Team members and even visitors during the school run are encouraged to take part in this Trust wide initiative.

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



After School Clubs



NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE FOR AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY – Cookery Club – All Years – *This 1/2 term we will be cooking dishes to celebrate different cultures along with traditional festive treats.*

TUESDAY – Pottery Club – All Years – *Children will make a clay Diya lamp to celebrate Diwali and then a Christmas themed ornament.*

WEDNESDAY – Christmas Crafts Key Stage 2 – *Children will create a variety of decorations and crafts to celebrate the season.*

Trampolining – Reception and Key Stage 1 – *Bounce and have fun!*

THURSDAY – Football Club – All Years – *Building skills and match-play.*
Christmas Crafts – Reception and Key Stage 1 – *Christmas themed crafts for younger children.*

FRIDAY – Youth Club – All Years – *Relax, play games, hang out with friends, a great way to end the week!*

Clubs start week commencing **Monday 27th October**, with the exception of trampolining which will begin on Wednesday 5th November. All clubs cost £5.00 per session apart from cookery club, which is £6.00 per session to allow for the cost of ingredients. **To secure your child's place, please message the school office via Dojo – places are limited!!** In addition to our school clubs, we also offer short-stay wraparound (3.15pm-3.30pm, priced at £1 per session), long-stay wraparound (3.15pm – 4.30pm, priced at £5.00 per session) and Breakfast club (8.00am – 8.45am, priced at £3.00 per session).

Safeguarding

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

DEALING WITH TRAUMATIC & CHALLENGING EVENTS

Children and young people may face a wide range of traumatic or challenging events – from bereavement and illness to bullying, family breakdowns, or witnessing violence. These experiences can affect their mental health, behaviour, relationships, and academic progress. With the right support from trusted adults, children can begin to feel safe, rebuild resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. This guide offers practical and empathetic ways to provide support and promote positive outcomes.

1 A PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Children who have experienced trauma often feel unsafe or uncertain. Creating routines, setting clear expectations, and maintaining consistency can help restore a sense of security. This structure offers reassurance and helps children feel more in control of their surroundings.

2 USE LANGUAGE THAT MATCHES THEIR AGE

Speak clearly and sensitively, choosing words that are appropriate for the child's age. Avoid overwhelming them with too much information at once. Offer gentle, honest explanations and focus on reassurance, especially when talking about difficult or sensitive subjects.

3 TRAUMA AND THE BODY

Mention briefly that trauma can show up in physical ways, such as changes in sleep, appetite, concentration, or as physical aches and pains. Consider this before labelling behaviour as 'difficult' or 'lazy'. Some children may become withdrawn, while others may be more outwardly challenging. Highlight that there's no 'one way' children respond.

4 AVOID RETELLING OR RELIVING TRAUMA

Children sometimes get asked to explain or repeat their experience multiple times. Striking a balance of when to listen and when to gently redirect can help to avoid unnecessary re-traumatisation. Acknowledge, but don't probe for detail unless safeguarding procedures require it.

5 AVOID DISMISSING OR MINIMISING FEELINGS

Seemingly well-meaning comments like 'it's not that bad' or 'you're okay' may shut down children's emotional expression and are often not helpful. Instead, acknowledge what they're feeling, even if it seems small. Validating a child's emotions helps them feel seen and encourages open communication in future.

6 UNDERSTAND HOW THEY'RE FEELING

Many children don't have the words to express their emotions, especially during distress. Supporting them to name what they're feeling – such as angry, scared or sad – builds emotional literacy. Tools like emotion charts, drawing, or storytelling can help externalise feelings in a safe, manageable way.

7 BE AWARE OF YOUR OWN RESPONSES

Children pick up on adult emotions and reactions, often mirroring them. Staying calm, even in challenging situations, helps children feel more secure. Practising your own self-regulation is an important way to model healthy stress management and encourages children to do the same.

8 SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

While many children benefit from everyday emotional support, some will need more specialised help. If symptoms persist, worsen, or disrupt their daily life, consult with school safeguarding leads, a GP, or a mental health professional. Early intervention can prevent long-term difficulties and support healthy recovery.

9 MAINTAIN CONNECTION

Isolation can worsen the impact of trauma. Encourage involvement in group activities, praise their efforts, and ensure they feel like a valued part of the school or family community. Meaningful connection with trusted adults and peers builds resilience and a sense of belonging.

10 BE PATIENT – HEALING TAKES TIME

There's no quick fix for emotional recovery. Children may have good days and setbacks, and progress may not always be visible or linear. Your ongoing support, patience, and presence can help them move forward at their own pace, knowing they are not alone.

Croft CofE Primary School Presents

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025 | CROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL | 1PM-4PM

CHRISTMAS GAMES

NEW FOR 2025
FAMILY
PHOTOSHOTS

CHRISTMAS
STALLS

TOMBOLA

MANY MORE

Free Santa's Grotto

Kindly provided by
Croft Parish Council

If you would like to host a stall at the event, please contact the school office at

admin@croft.embracemat.org
Brookes Ave, Croft, Leicester LE9 3GJ

Winter Menu — begins 27th October

Croft Primary School					
week one					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) or Free From Pizza (vg) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato or Savoury Rice, Sweetcorn (v) or Baked Beans (vg)	Chicken Vegetable Casserole with Dumplings Served with Boiled Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon Served with Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Meatball Pasta Bake Served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
Roasted Vegetable Slice (vg) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato Sweetcorn (v) or Baked Beans (vg)	Vegetable Casserole with Dumplings (vg) Served with Boiled Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (vg) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Potato Pie (v) Served with Baked Beans (vg)	Vegetable Fingers (vg) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
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week two					
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Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) or Free From Pizza (vg) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato or Sweetcorn (v) or Baked Beans (vg)	Chicken Tater Tot Pie Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Loin of Pork Served with Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork Sausage Casserole or Served with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
Vegetarian Tikka Masala (vg) & Rice Served with Rice or Sweetcorn (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v) & Garlic Bread Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (vg) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Meatloaf (v) Served with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Fishless Fingers (vg) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
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Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) or Free From Pizza (vg) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato or Savoury Rice, Sweetcorn (v) or Baked Beans (vg)	Beef Cottage Pie Served with Peas & Carrots	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Served with Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Mac Cheese Beef Bolognese Bake Served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Nuggets Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) or Free From Pizza (vg) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato or Savoury Rice, Sweetcorn (v) or Baked Beans (vg)	Pasta in Tomato Sauce (vg) & Garlic Bread Served with Peas & Carrots	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (vg) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese Flan (v) Served with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Dippers (vg) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans (vg) & Tomato Ketchup	
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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