

Croft Newsletter – November 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

We are incredibly proud of our children for the way they marked Remembrance Day. So many attended the service on Sunday, showing their respect and sense of community. During our school assembly, the children demonstrated outstanding reverence and maturity, and their beautiful singing and signing of White Cliffs of Dover was truly moving.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome members of the Parish Council into assembly. They shared exciting plans for the new playground and invited our pupils to give their feedback. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas about how to make the space fun and inclusive for everyone. We have also continued to see some fantastic writing across the school.

It has also been exciting to see children inspired to write outside of their lessons and share their work with peers and staff—such creativity and confidence are a joy to celebrate!

Thank you to all who continue to support these important moments in our school life.

Miss Clarke and Miss Down



"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16



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

RUBY



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Ruby class have been very busy this week learning all about Remembrance Day. We have created poppies using lots of different materials and painted beautiful poppy field pictures using watercolours.

The children have been very respectful in their learning and have asked lots of questions.



YEAR 1/2

What a FANTASTIC week in Diamond class! ✨ Our persuasive letters are absolutely shining with super sentences about why the bear has been misunderstood! 🐻 In science, we dove into survival mode and became Budgerigar experts! 🦜 These colorful little birds have some fascinating survival needs - go ahead and ask your Diamond star about what these feathered friends need to thrive! 💧

We've also been getting crafty with our hands, mastering the running stitch to attach materials together! ✂️ We wait for another magical week of learning after the weekend! 🌈📖 The Diamond class adventure continues! ★

Year 3/4

As we remembered those affected by war on Tuesday in our Remembrance Assembly, Emerald Children showed the utmost respect and listened extremely well to the significance of the poppy. We were all very proud of them. Following on from our Adventure Stories centered around Stig of the Dump, the children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the television series linked to the text and seeing the characters come to life in a different way.

Mrs Kendrick

YEAR 5



YEAR 6

Our Year 6 stars showed amazing respect during Tuesday's Remembrance assembly! ★ They made us all so proud with their maturity! This week they've been busy creating their own legends with incredible imagination ✨ Their storytelling skills are blossoming beautifully! Fractions continue in maths 🧮 Challenging, but we're conquering them step by step with fantastic determination! The classroom has been transformed into a design studio with everyone creating felt phone cases 📱 Such concentration! We are looking forward to careful stitching in the coming weeks! What a week of creativity and learning! 😊



This week, we enjoyed both football and an exciting development workshop!

Our Croft football team demonstrated incredible sportsmanship and resilience in their first home game in a long time. I was so proud of how they kept fighting despite a challenging match. A huge thank you to all the spectators for coming along and cheering them on! Meanwhile, six children represented Croft at an inspiring development workshop. They had the chance to experience wheelchair basketball, boccia, bowls, and target practice. Every child was an excellent role model—showing perfect behaviour and marvellous manners throughout.

That's two more amazing PE events attended by Croft children this term! **Miss Abbott**



Attendance

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 27/10/25

CLASS	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	ATTENDANCE OVERALL
Ruby	97%	96.8%
Diamond	90%	95.2%
Emerald	100%	97.4%
Topaz	90%	95.7%
Amethyst	98%	97.6%

Well done to Emerald class this week for 100% class attendance.

Amethyst are in the lead overall, with Emerald just behind them.

Remember there will be a prize for winning class at the end of this term!

Diary Dates



November Friday 21 st	Non-Uniform for Christmas Fair (sweets and chocolate)
November Friday 28th	Trust INSET Day – School Closed
November Saturday 29 th	Christmas Fair 1-4 Free Santas Grotto
December Monday 1 st	Christingle Making in School
December Wednesday 3 rd	Parents Evening until 5
December Thursday 4 th	Parents Evening until 7
December Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Service at Church am
December Friday 12 th	Christmas Disco 5-6
December Friday 12 th	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
December Monday 15 th	Nativity Ruby
December Wednesday 17 th	Diamond Xmas Performance
December Friday 19 th	Christmas Holidays
December Wednesday 24 th	Christingle Service at Church 3pm
January Tues 6 th	School reopens
January Wed 7 th pm	Pantomime Performance (in school)

The Diocese of Leicester are running a Christmas Card Competition, if anyone needs any paper, pens or colouring pencils to complete their designs at home please speak to the office, entries can be sent directly to the email address on the poster or we can send them off for you.

A green poster with a floral border. At the top left is the Diocese of Leicester Board of Education logo, featuring a stylized figure with arms raised. The title '2025 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, text describes the competition. The poster is divided into sections by horizontal lines: 'INSTRUCTIONS:', 'THE PRIZE:', and 'HOW TO ENTER:'. At the bottom right, there is a motivational message.

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2025 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Christmas is now just around the corner and once again we are running our popular 'Design a Christmas Card Competition'. The winning design will be turned into our official Christmas card and sent out to all schools, DBE partners and friends!

INSTRUCTIONS:

With the child's name, year group and school on the back, the design can either be hand drawn, painted or electronically produced. The entry must be on A5 or A4 paper and can either be landscape or portrait.

THE PRIZE:

The winner will have their design featured on our website and turned into our official Christmas card, as well as receiving a £10 book voucher!

HOW TO ENTER:

Please send entries to Nina Hern by **Friday 5th December 2025**
Email: officedbe@leicesterdbe.org
Or post to: Nina Hern,
St Martins House,
7 Peacock Lane,
Leicester, LE1 5PZ

Have fun! We can't wait to see your designs!

Applying for a primary school for September 2026



The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2026 is 15 January 2026.

Families should:

- Apply online via Parent Portal at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions
- List at least 3 schools including one in your catchment area, to give the best chance of securing a local place.
- Check your order of preferences carefully before submitting
- Press resubmit if any changes are made to the application
- Applications submitted after 15 January will be processed after those made on time, which may reduce the chance of receiving a preferred school place.

Parents can download the [school application checklist](#) from the local authority website to and ensure all steps are completed before the deadline.

For more information visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/parent-portal-for-school-applications>

Remembrance Day.....



Lots of veterans were there and wore their uniforms and one of the was shouting instructions very loudly. Lots of people had flags from the Scouts, Girls and Boys Brigades. The last two people had a big rope across the road. The vicar said a long prayer. We all repeated a line after each bit of the prayer.

We sang the National anthem and said the Lord's prayer. There was a list of the fallen soldiers from Croft, Thurlaston and Huncote. There was a 2 minute silence to show thankfulness to the soldiers that have fallen. There was the Croft Brass Band playing Music. There were policemen wearing full uniform. Some of the councillors of Croft wore Hi-Vis jackets to keep us safe. We had to wear our school uniform.

We laid a wreath of beautiful red and black poppies under a towering grey cross. When we were doing it, it was to remember the fallen soldier. On the cross there was a plaque of names of the people who had died in the World Wars and fought for us. Important people got called up to lay the wreaths, including a soldier.



Supporting others.....



An amazing day today!
We raised over £60 for
non-uniform and we
haven't counted the
2ps yet!



Freddie, a member of our
school council, made this
amazing bucket to collect
our pounds and pennies!



A big thank you to our school
council for organising such a
special day!

A big thank you to Mr Bedford
and the Sports Ambassadors for a
wonderful whole school fun PE
session – it was Golden!



St Michael and All Angels Let Your Light Shine *Matthew 5:12*



The Christmas Posada will be returning this Advent and will spend its first week in Croft school. Each class in turn will host Mary, Joseph and the donkey for the day, and then they will continue on their journey around the village, arriving at church on Christmas Eve for the Christingle Service at 3pm.

If you would like to host the Posada in your own home for an evening during advent, please contact Claire Wootton to arrange it.

Contact via email: CroftChurchSecretary@gmail.com or call/text: 07423 041399



Christingle service Dec 24th 3pm at Croft Church

Dear Children, parents/ carers, we need your help with our Christingle service.

To make the Nativity scene we will need at least 12 children:-

an inn keeper, a star, Mary and Joseph, (possibly a donkey) Shepherds, 3 Kings and Angels. (We have some costumes, but you may need to provide a very simple costume - tea towels, sheets, crown.....)

If you would like to help out please complete the form below and ask a parent/carers to sign it.

You will need to be available to meet in church on Monday Dec 22nd 10am - 12 noon to decide who gets which part and a rehearsal.

Please bring the signed permission slip with you on Dec 22nd.

If you need more information, please phone Claire on 01455 282495

Do we need your support? **App-solutely!**

3rd November to 30th November

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