

Croft Newsletter – 5th March 2026

To all parents and carers at Croft C of E Primary,

It has been a very eventful couple of weeks- Ofsted, The Space Centre, World Book Day and more!

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 children went on a trip to the Leicester Space Centre to learn more about space, the planets and the solar system. They all had a fabulous time and were great ambassadors for the school in the way they conducted themselves on the trip.

Yesterday, we had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day by dressing up in pyjamas, taking part in a book swap and listening to the teachers' favourite stories being read around school. The potato book character competition was particularly successful (and extremely hard to judge a winner from each year!) All the entries were simply amazing- well done everyone! A special thanks to Miss Down and Mrs Allen who helped organise the day.

We look forward to more upcoming events including trips to the Jewry Wall (Emerald) and Warwick Castle (Diamond), Mothers Day celebrations, Comic Relief and Parents Evening.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Green



“Let your light shine” Matthew 5:16



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

Ruby

This week Ruby Class have been celebrating Spring by opening our own Garden Centre role play area. The Cygnets have been looking at *Supertato – The Great Eggscapes* and have done some amazing writing about the goings on in the story. On Thursday, we all celebrated World Book Day, by coming to school in our pyjamas and sharing our favourite stories.



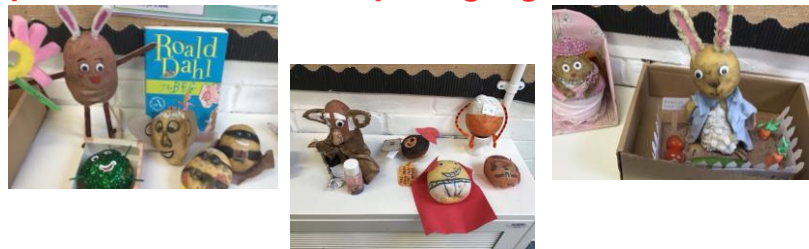
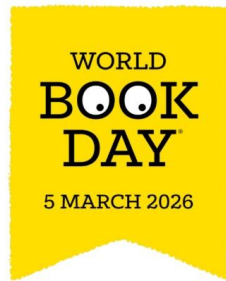
YEAR 1/2

What a fantastic week! Pupils have been totally immersed in the world of fiction. From writing some amazing opening paragraphs to our new story focus, *Lucky Dip*, to having a book café afternoon for World Book Day! Take a look at our super potatoes!



YEAR 3/4

This week saw us celebrate World Book Day – from snuggly pyjamas to shared reading moments, everyone embraced the magic of books and the power of storytelling. Our character potatoes were certainly a highlight!



YEAR 5

What a terrific start to the new half term, we were lucky enough to visit the Space Centre as part of our space learning. We learned about the phases of the moon in a really interesting workshop. As always, Croft pupils demonstrated our values and made us proud!



YEAR 6

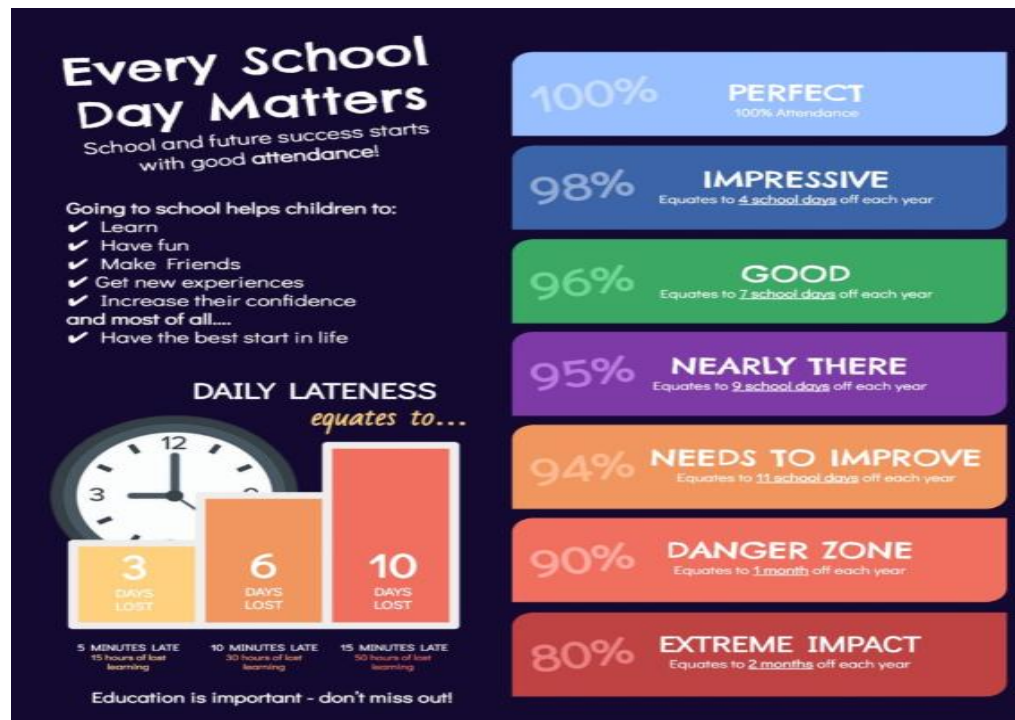
Year 6 had an exciting week exploring the Space Centre before bringing their creativity home for World Book Day. Students transformed potatoes into imaginative characters, demonstrating resourcefulness and artistic thinking. It has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm for learning extend beyond the classroom.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 6th March 2026

	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Amethyst	99.1%	96.9%
Topaz	100%	95.5%
Emerald	100%	97.1%
Diamond	94.1%	95.1%
Ruby	98.5%	97.2%

Joint winners this week with both Topaz and Emerald on 100%!!! This is fantastic...keep it up!!! Ruby class are still in the lead year to date, but Emerald and Amethyst are hot on their tail!!!



Diary Dates



March Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	British Science Week
March Tuesday 10 th	Emerald trip to Jewry Wall
March Friday 13 th	Special Ladies Tea – PTA Fundraising event
March Tuesday 17 th	Diamond trip to Warwick Castle
March Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
March Wednesday 25 th	Easter Service at Church 9:30am
March Wednesday 25 th	Easter School Dinners
March Friday 27 th	Easter Bunny Breakfast – PTA Fundraising event
March Friday 27 th	School Closes – Easter Holiday
April Monday 13 th	School Opens
May Monday 4 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
May Monday 11 th – Thurs 14 th	SATS week – Year 6

Safeguarding

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Navigating the complexities of childhood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important to remember, however, that each child is different, and will require an individual approach to relationship support.



- GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
 Encouraging children and young people to join extracurricular activities can foster healthy friendships by providing shared interests and common ground. Engaging in these pastimes offers a platform for interaction, sometimes alleviating the social pressure of knowing what to say, and helps children develop meaningful connections.
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
 The children and young people in our lives see how we behave, the connections that we've made and the interactions between us and others. When we model healthy friendships, we set an example and help youngsters to understand what healthy friendships looks like and how to navigate them.
- HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES**
 Healthy friendships aren't just about dynamics with other people. They're about our relationship with ourselves. For overall wellbeing, it's important for a child to have the space to build their self-esteem and a positive self-image, as these factors can have a notable influence on the friendships they form throughout life.
- MONITOR SCREEN TIME**
 Too much screen time can affect some children's wellbeing in general, but it can specifically impact friendships if it results in fewer positive social interactions. In some cases, reducing screen time and encouraging children and young people to find ways to interact face-to-face can have positive results. It's also important to remember that young people can make positive friendships online, but they will require support to do this safely.
- TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING**
 Inevitably, friendships can run into problems. However, this is also an opportunity to support children and young people to work through any difficulties that may arise. It can be tempting to intervene and try to fix these issues for those involved, but helping them consider ways of resolving conflict or managing difficult situations for themselves can help them create stronger friendships.
- EMPOWER THE CHILD**
 When we give children and young people the confidence to choose their friends, navigate interpersonal boundaries and consider how they want to interact with the different people around them, we empower them to take control of the friendships they have. When young people feel in control of these things, they're more likely to make positive choices and remain aware of the signs of a negative relationship.
- TEACH EMPATHY**
 'Healthy friendships' doesn't always mean perfect: Sometimes, disagreements can happen. When we teach children and young people to have empathy, we help them to see both sides of a relationship; to be mindful of the challenges a friend might be facing or whatever else might be going on. This can help children and young people to build stronger friendships.
- BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS**
 Talking to young people about their friendships, who they spend time with and who they interact with can open the door to questions if they have concerns. Initially, these queries may be straightforward, but if we are receptive to discussion from the outset, young people are more likely to come to us for help when they are older as well.
- UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES**
 One of the keys to a healthy friendship is honouring boundaries. This can include anything from respecting personal space and belongings to acceptable language and behaviour. Understanding the importance of setting these limits and upholding those set by others can help children stay safe. If young people figure out their boundaries and feel comfortable enforcing them, they're more likely to call someone out if they go too far.
- SPOT THE SIGNS**
 We can't always supervise young people: sometimes, we need to step back and give them some space. However, it's important to consider any indicators that they may be struggling in their friendships. Are they becoming increasingly irritable? Does their behaviour alter when they've been with their friends? Are they becoming withdrawn or reluctant to take part in certain activities? These could all be signs that they're finding things difficult, and we should remain alert to such changes.

Embrace Update



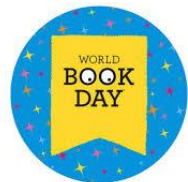
We are thrilled to share the recently updated Embrace values. We know that you will appreciate how they align with our own vision and values at Croft.



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World Book Day

What a wonderful day we had in school! It was lovely to see the children in their pyjamas for our bedtime story themed Bookfest. Everyone chose their favourite children's bedtime book, and the children chose which book they wanted to hear. What a lovely morning we had sharing the love of reading together.



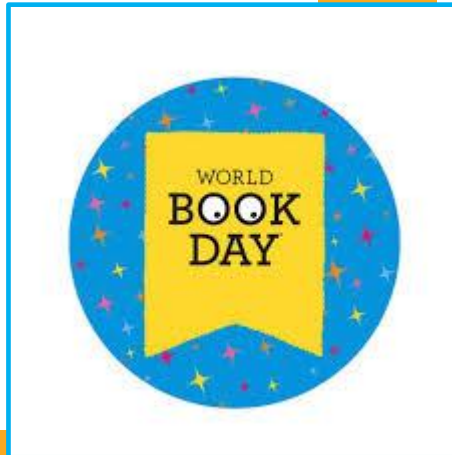
Bookfest Photos



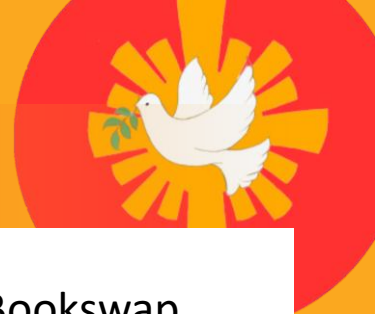
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Book Potato Characters

The children and their families did not let us down! We asked for book characters made of potatoes and you delivered! They were amazing – thank you all so much for promoting the love of reading with us!



Bookswap Photos



Bookswap was a massive success. Every child went home with a book of their choice. There was a buzz of excitement as they chose their book.

Over 100 books were donated – thank you

New look Croft Club



Croft Youth Club

Our new and improved after school provision will offer a variety of daily activities, including: crafts and construction, games, sports and a relaxing "chill-out zone".

We'll also have themed activities this half-term, such as: Easter baking, Mother's Day crafts and gardening.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CYC & Dodgeball	CYC & Badminton	CYC & Athletics	CYC & Football	CYC & Free choice

To book a place up to Easter, please contact the school office. You may also book on a flexible basis, but all bookings must be made and paid for 24 hours in advance.

Please note: Spaces are limited, and we cannot guarantee availability once full.



Special Ladies Tea



Friends of Croft (PTA) invite you to attend



Special Ladies Afternoon Tea

Date: Friday 13th March 2026

Time: **3.30pm-5.00pm**

Price: £5

Please join the children to celebrate our special ladies of Croft for an afternoon of fun with plenty of sandwiches and cake

Tickets can be purchased on Parent Pay

All parents and guardians welcome



Please see parent pay to purchase a ticket to this lovely fundraising event organised by the PTA.

St Michael and All Angels

Looking Forward



Easter Crafts & Cake

Thursday 2nd April 11am - 2pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, Croft

Join us for children's Easter crafts, cake and refreshments

Children must be accompanied

We politely request a £3 donation per child to cover the costs of the crafts

St Michael & All Angels Church Croft

Tuesdays	Coffee Morning 9:30 - 11:30
APR 02 <small>THUR</small>	Easter Crafts and Cake
APR 17 <small>FRI</small>	Quiz Night
MAY 09 <small>SAT</small>	School Assembly Bangers! (At Croft School)
JUN 13 <small>SAT</small>	Croft Cake Competition followed by tea and cake (At Croft School)
JUL 30 <small>THUR</small>	Crafts and Cake
AUG 20 <small>THUR</small>	Crafts and Cake
SEP 19 <small>SAT</small>	Quiz Night
OCT 10 <small>SAT</small>	Table Top Sale
NOV 13/14 <small>FRI & SAT</small>	Let Your Lights Shine