

Croft Newsletter – 20th March 2026

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

We have got to the end of another busy week and only have a week to go before the Easter break!

It has been amazing to see such brilliant behaviour from all the children on their trips this term. Emerald had a super time at the Jewry Wall last week to learn more about the Romans and Diamond enjoyed a fun day out to Warwick Castle on Tuesday. Last week we also celebrated Science week with lots of interactive lessons- we even had a visit from Millie the pony!

I wanted to say a big thank you to the PTA for organizing the fabulous Mothers Day afternoon tea event on Friday. The group have also arranged an Easter breakfast event on the last day of term which promises to be great fun.

Our Easter service is this coming Wednesday at St Michaels and All Angels Church. The children have been working hard on their singing and reading their lines. We hope you are all able to come along and show your support.

I hope you all have a restful weekend,

Mr Green



“Let your light shine” Matthew 5:16



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

Ruby

We have had so much fun in Ruby class this week. Learning all about St Patricks Day and what it means to feel lucky! We have also loved dressing up in Green and then Red today in support of Comic Relief!



YEAR 1/2

Diamond class have had a superb week! From our fantastic trip to Warwick Castle to some super recount writing about our experience. It's been great to hear about all of the fun facts that the pupils retained! Within Science this week we have been looking at whether the material an object is made from, affects how it can change shape. We will be delving deeper into this to discover if these changes are permanent. Our music sessions have also been very exciting with the pupils learning to sing in the Solfège scale.



YEAR 3/4

We have had a wonderful week of publishing our BFG openings using our very best handwriting, designing kites, creating branching databases on the iPads and adding capacities in our maths lessons. In our Class Assembly, we discussed the role of robots in the world which led us to discuss how robots change our daily lives, if there is a place for them in the world and our own personal experiences with them!

YEAR 5

This week, Topaz have been enjoying the story of The Viewer, a real cliffhanger! They have written some fantastic openings using spectacular figurative language. We have also been designing and making prototypes for our marble runs!

They are trickier than they look!

YEAR 6

This week in PSHE, Year 6 explored emergency first aid and practiced the recovery position. The students demonstrated strong retention of previous learning, and their competence in this important skill was evident throughout the session.



Attendance

ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 20th March 2026

	THIS WEEK	SPRING TERM
Amethyst	88%	96.6%
Topaz	95%	95.7%
Emerald	96%	96.7%
Diamond	92%	94.8%
Ruby	84%	96.3%

The race is on to see who will win best attendance for the Spring term.....it's a very close race so every day counts next week!!!



Attendance levels have dropped quite significantly this week due to germs doing the rounds!! If you need any clarification as to when your child can attend school and when they should be kept home – please have a look at this handy [guide](#). [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

Diary Dates



March Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
March Monday 23 rd	#Lots of Socks on World Down Syndrome 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
April Wednesday 22 nd	Earth Day
May Monday 4 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
May Monday 11 th – Thurs 14 th	SATS week – Year 6
May Thursday 21 st	Croft Day of Culture
May Friday 22 nd	Croft Annual Colour Dash for LCH
June 6 th -14 th	Great Big Green Week
June Tuesday 9 th	Saffron Lane Athletics
June Wednesday 10 th	Singtastic KS2 Concert at De Montfort Hall
June Tuesday 23 rd	Y6 Transition Day at Manorfield
June Wednesday 24 th	Warning Zone – Year 5 and 6
July Friday 3 rd	Y6 Leaver's Party

Safeguarding



WhatsApp safety guide for parents








13+
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

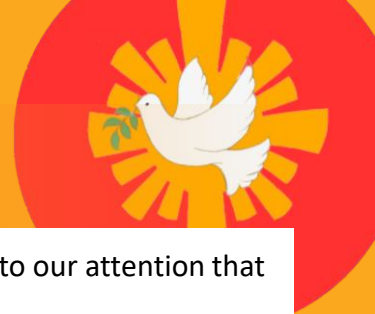
58%
Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%
Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

-  **1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
-  **2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
-  **3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
-  **4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
-  **5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

Whatsapp



There are an increasing number of incidents that are brought to our attention that involve the use of Whatsapp outside of school.

Please see the attached information that may help to both inform and support you to deal with these issues as they arise.

These are reliable and recognised providers of parental support to help guide and advise as we navigate our children's increased use of social media.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/helping-your-child-with-whatsapp>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc8vxg8#zxjgh4j>

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/digital-wellbeing/>



Special Ladies Afternoon Tea



Easter Menu Wed 25th



**HAPPY
Easter**

MENU

Chicken Nugget Wrap
or
Vegetarian Nugget Wrap (v,vg)

With
Chips

Baked Beans & Coleslaw
Lemon Easter Biscuit (vg)
or
Fruit Platter or Yoghurt

Wednesday 25th
March

Leicestershire
Traded Services

Science Week

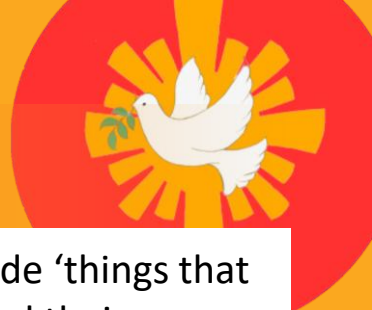
Curiosity – What’s your question?

The theme for this year’s science week – was curiosity – asking and answering big questions. Aspart of this we were lucky enough to have a visit from a STEM ambassador Viv, who bought in Millie, a lovely pony for us all to learn about.

All classes got to visit Millie and ask lots of questions. We found out about the different types of careers linked to caring for horses and what you need to know to care for a horse. Some of us even got curious about microorganisms and investigated poo for clues on illnesses.



Photos



Amethyst made ‘things that fly’ – they used their knowledge of physics to consider what would fly and what would not.



Diamond class made crafty rafts.



Ruby class looked at the features of animals and matched them up!



“Let your light shine” Matthew 5:16

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.



Easter Bunny Breakfast



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

QUIZ NIGHT

(and raffle)

Friday 17th April
6:45pm for 7pm start

Teams of up to 6
£5 per person
£2 per child under 16

Bring your own snacks
and drinks
(and a raffle prize if you can)



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