

Croft Newsletter – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am incredibly proud of how hard our children have worked over the last couple of weeks and the positive start they have made to the new academic year.

It was a pleasure to meet so many parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' event and thank you for your continued support. I would also like to congratulate our cross-country athletes, who showed great resilience and determination in their long-distance races. A special mention goes to our Year 6 pupils following their PGL residential at Caythorpe Hall. They tackled activities with enthusiasm and resilience and their behaviour and conduct throughout the visit was outstanding- Year 6 you were a real credit to the school!

We have an exciting year ahead, so please take a look at the upcoming dates and events in the calendar.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Green
Headteacher



'Be kind and compassionate to one another' Ephesians 4:32

Class updates – Be Kind and Compassionate to One Another



Robin

Robins have had a wonderful week learning the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. From painting to drawing, ordering and re-telling, acting through the story and going on our very own Bear Hunt around school! The children have really immersed themselves in the story and have even been reading through the story book to their peers!



Barn Owl

Barn Owls have had a very productive week! In History, we have learnt about the River Nile and why it is essential for life in the country. Science saw us exploring patterns between the volume of a sound and the vibrations that created it – we carried out a small experiment with a shoebox and an elastic band! Children have produced incredible writing for their non-chronological reports and have been trying hard to include fronted adverbials to enhance their writing. Children's effort this week has been a pleasure to witness and as a result, their work shines! Excellent job, Barn Owls!

Wagtail

Wagtails have had a lovely week! We have been exploring the story of *Paddington Bear*, thinking carefully about the characters, plot and setting. In Maths, we have been learning about the value of digits and using part-whole models to represent our understanding. In Science, we have been investigating the basic needs of animals and discussing what living things need to survive. In Art, we have been developing our observational drawing skills by drawing from real-life swirls. I am very proud of all the children's hard work and enthusiasm this week, and I am looking forward to another great week ahead! ✨

Red Kite

The Red Kites have had a positive week. We have started our next English unit which is based on the text 'When the Sky Falls' By Phil Earle. The children are enjoying looking at new vocabulary and linking it to their topic of WW2. Thank you to the parents who have brought in artifacts from this era, the children are very fascinated. We have continued to look at natural selection and inheritance in science which the children are enthusiastic about. Finally, in maths, the children continue to work hard on number and place value. We are proud of all of the children and look forward to next week.

Attendance

A huge well done this week to our Robins' and our Red Kites for 100% attendance, you are all superstars!!!!

It can be difficult deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Please see below NHS guidance for extra clarification.

[Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

If you do need to report an absence, please make sure you do so by 9.30am by contacting the school office.

When is Sick TOO SICK for School?

A regular attendance routine is important for your student's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your student home when they don't feel well.



SEND ME TO SCHOOL

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I have NOT had a fever overnight and have NOT taken fever reducing medicine during that time.
- I have a mild stomach ache.
- I have NOT thrown up overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a mild rash and no other symptoms.
- I have eye drainage WITHOUT fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.



KEEP AT HOME

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4.
- I have thrown up once and had other symptoms in the past 24 hours.
- My stool is watery and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



CONSIDER MEDICAL CARE

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have stomach pain and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am dehydrated (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have not urinated in the last 8 hours.
- I have a persistent cough or trouble breathing, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have eye swelling, eye pain or an eye injury.
- I have a rash that has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.
- For any medical emergency.



CROSS COUNTRY



Well-done to our runners who represented us at the first cross country event of the year! Mr Gibbs and Miss Summerfield were so impressed with how well you behaved, your determination and team spirit! The next race is on Weds 30th September. If you would like to take part and represent our school – please notify the office.



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains and Vice Captains. Leading their houses to victory are –

Abbey – Jacob (Captain) Tapiwa (Vice)

Fosse – Harvey (Captain) Emmy (Vice)

Victoria – Harman (Captain) Archie (Vice)

Bradgate – Imogen (Captain) Charlie (Vice)

Children are working hard to earn points for their houses. They are rewarded with points for ‘wow’ work and consistently demonstrating our values. Please see totals so far. At the end of the academic year, the house with the most points will win the House Cup!!!!

Abbey – 89 Points

Fosse – 73 Points

Victoria – 67 Points

Bradgate – 59 Points



ROCK STEADY



Rock Steady lessons will begin again on Thursday 24th September. If your child is already signed up, please check your emails for information and timetable updates. If you would like further information, or you would like to register your child for lessons, please visit [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#) or alternatively contact the school office.



IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!

Weekly in-school band lessons that
celebrate fun, individuality and creativity!

Diary Dates – The Year Ahead...



September 8-11 th	Thomas Estley College tours on Tuesday 8th September: 8.50am Wednesday 9th September: 8.50am & 11.40am (plus evening event at 5pm) Thursday 10 th September: 8.50am & 11.40am Friday 11 th September: 8.50am Brockington Mon 21 st
September Wednesday 23 rd	Open evening Brockington
September Friday 25 th	Individual School Photos
Monday 28 th September	Friends of Croft Meeting
September Wednesday 30 th	Cross Country at Vipers RFC 3:45pm
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Festival at St Michael and All Angels
Thursday 8 th October	School Disco
Monday 12 th -Thursday 15 th	Book Fair
Monday 12 th October	Parents Evening (Early)
Thursday 15 th October	Parents Evening (Late)
Thursday 15 th October	Cross Country at Vipers RFC 3:45pm
Friday 16 th October	Wear Red Day
Friday 16 th October	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
October Monday 19 th to Friday 23 th	Half Term
November Tuesday 3 rd	EYFS Open Afternoon for prospective parents 2:00-2:30
November Sunday 8 th	Remembrance Parade 10:30
November Monday 9 th	Diwali
November Friday 13 th	Children in Need Day
November Monday 16 th	Anti Bullying Week
November Friday 7 th	INSET Day
November Sat 28 th	Christmas Fair
November 30 th November	Decorations Day (Including Christingle)
December Thursday 10 th	Christmas Service at Church 9.30am all welcome
December Thursday 10 th	PTA Christmas Film Night
December Friday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day (Christian Aid)
December Monday 14 th	Nativity Robins 2pm
December Wednesday 16 th	Wagtails Christmas Performance 5pm
December Thursday 17 th	Class Parties
December Friday 18 th	Christmas Holidays – NO Afterschool Club
December Thursday 24 th	Christingle Service at Church 3pm