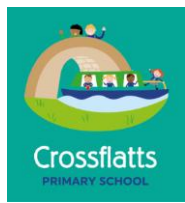


Our Vision and Values

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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 25th September

Hi Everyone,

At the end of this week, we will be half way through this half term already, it is moving at a zooming speed at the moment. I visited our classrooms this week with our external school improvement partner to look at all of the learning our children have been doing, and the beginnings they have all made have been superb. The behaviour our children show in and out of their classrooms is so impressive and I can see they are just going to rocket this year. With a new school year comes lots of lovely fresh jumpers, cardigans, coats and bags, which I am seeing some beginning to go astray being left in places around school. Please can I ask that all children's belongings are labelled so we can keep every child united with their belongings and not see your hard earned money wasted.



Next Thursday 2nd of October, is our school individual photo day, please ensure your child is in their full uniform and looking their smartest selves for their photograph!

All Day, Every Day, The Crossflatts Way!

As you will be aware ensuring our children have very regular attendance is high on the national government agenda and the agenda of our local authority as well as on our school development plan. As a Bradford Council maintained school we follow Bradford Councils attendance strategy. There are only **190 days** in our school year and it is vitally important that all the children attend school every day, in order to gain the very most they can from the learning opportunities we provide at Crossflatts Primary School. The national target for attendance is **96%** and we are aiming to be above that target this year. In order to do so, we will be monitoring absences very closely and we are encouraging all our children to aim for at least **96%** attendance over the course of the year. Of course, we are all unwell from time to time and if there is a rare occasion your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please can I request that you telephone the school office to inform us of your child's absence no later than 8.30am. I also share your frustrations at the vast prices of holidays during school holiday periods however we are not able to authorise any holidays during school time and we have to adhere to the Bradford Council attendance strategy.

It is already that time of year when we are planning on opening our doors for prospective new families who are looking for a reception place for their child for September 2026! We are going to be holding an opening morning- see details below- please do share this with any of your friends, family or neighbours who might be looking for a school for their reception aged child for next year...

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Crossflatts Primary School Paddington Party

Reception open day on Saturday November 8th 2025 at 10am-12noon!

We have much sought after places for September 2026!

Crossflatts Primary School is an exceptional school with wonderful children, exciting learning and happy staff where children come as they are and leave at their best.

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We offer:

- An innovative and exciting curriculum
- Exceptional behaviour
- A bespoke outdoor Early Years area
- Well-kept extensive grounds
- A popular bike track
- An enchanting Forest School
- The cutest dog mentors
- A well-loved outdoor Reading Village
- A state-of-the-art ICT Suite
- An immaculate learning environment
- Many memorable educational visits in all year groups including two residentials
- Wrap around care from 7.30am – 6pm
- Delicious home-made lunches

"It is a unique experience for seven years of your life" – Freya, Year 6 Pupil

With the trend of the national birth rate falling, families who live outside the catchment area have been granted a place here at Crossflatts, even if you don't live in the catchment please do consider applying to join the Crossflatts family.

What to expect at our open day:

- Tour around the school with our teaching team and the opportunity to ask any questions
- Face Painting
- Meet Paddington Bear
- Many more Paddington surprises!

Please call the office on 01274 782070 to book your place!

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Friends of Crossflatts

Due to the Big Start last week our monthly meeting will be taking place tomorrow, Friday 26th September at 9am.

Friends of Crossflatts have been trialling a new fundraising opportunity through the Easy Fundraising App, which we can now share with you all. This is a great way to boost the money we raise for school at no additional cost to you. The money is raised by earning cashback on your normal online shopping. There are many online retailers who are part of the scheme including supermarkets, leading high street stores and travel providers. All you have to do is go through the App before you make a purchase and the cashback will be automatically credited to our fundraising pot.

If you would like to support us the Easy Fundraising App can be downloaded from the App store or Google store or you can go directly to their website using the following link:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-crossflatts-primary-school/ii3s0i/s2s/ZdU7Z020/SE878>

If you sign up before midnight 29th September we could win a £250 donation from Easy Fundraising. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance:

Here are last week's figures:

Whole School: 97.2%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.8%	96.8%	97.7%	97.3%	96.7%	97.9%	95.8%	97.9%

The weather is turning but enjoy the autumn sunshine while it lasts!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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