

Our Vision and Values

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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 27th November

Hi Everyone,

The Christmas trees are coming this week, the festive season is beginning... with Christmas Sparkle on the horizon, I just wanted to explain what it is to our new families...

hello
December!

What is Christmas Sparkle?

For our new families in our Reception years- Christmas Sparkle is a tradition we have shared at Crossflatts Primary School for many years. On Friday the 12th of December, from 1.45pm, we open our doors to our families to come into their child's classroom and step into the festive spirit making some Christmas decorations together to take home. School is always bursting with families and a trail of glitter around the building! If you have more than one child, please feel free to divide your time between your children's classrooms. It is a much-loved event for all our children, we hope you will be able to join us.

Safeguarding

With the nights now drawing in much earlier and lots of our children travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters, see the top tips below on how the children can be bright and seen...

**5 top tips on how to
BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Be Bright, Be Seen **THINK**

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Friends of Crossflatts

We are holding our next meeting on Friday 5th December at 9am, please meet us in the main reception. We will be doing our last minute organising for the Christmas fair and of course a cuppa and biscuits!

We are also extremely excited to let everyone know our 2026 calendars are now on sale for £5 each. All the children have contributed to their pictures, which are just incredible and we can't wait for you to see them. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom so please add their name and class at the checkout.

<https://friendsofcrossflatts.sumupstore.com/product/crossflatts-primary-2026-calendar>

The advertisement for the Crossflatts Primary School 2026 Calendar features a central image of the calendar cover. The cover has a blue sky background with a rainbow and the school's logo. It displays a grid of 12 children's drawings, with the month of June highlighted. A QR code in the top right corner is labeled 'Scan to buy'. Below the calendar image, a green banner states 'LIMITED AVAILABILITY' and provides details about delivery and pricing. The bottom of the ad is a grid of local business logos.

Friends of Crossflatts Primary School

2026 Crossflatts Primary School

Scan to buy

Crossflatts Primary School Calendar 2026 £5

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Winter Wonderland

If you have a spare moment, please do come to the front of school and look at the Atrium window's... a winter wonderland has appeared and it is beautiful. One of our lovely dad's, who is an artist, has created the most stunning scene for us, a huge thank you to Mr Holden for his time and incredible art work!



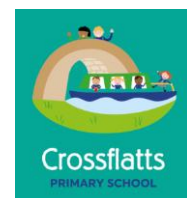
Safety Notice

In order to ensure our children's safety, please do not send lollies into school for celebrations or treats. Lollies can very easily become separated from the lolly stick and this becomes a very real choking hazard. Therefore, Lollies are now banned at Crossflatts Primary School in order to protect our children's safety. Thank you for understanding and supporting school with this.

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Introducing Our New Online Safety Newsletter!

We're excited to launch a monthly Online Safety newsletter designed to keep you informed and empowered in supporting your child's safe and responsible use of technology. Online safety is more important than ever, and by working together, we can help children navigate the digital world confidently and securely, each edition will include practical tips, guidance on current trends, and resources for families, this will run alongside our 'Wake Up Wednesday' practical leaflets. The newsletter will be shared with our parents and families every month and will also be attached to our school blog and school website for easy access. We hope you will find this useful!



Online Safety Newsletter

Nov 2025

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?
CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?
- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information
Internet Matters have created this useful guide:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skills-building/capcut/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowlseylcs.org.uk/november-2025-primary>

WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

1. Be considerate – we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.
2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy – do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.

Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.

You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Kicksafe highlight what you should be aware of:
<https://www.kicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here:
<https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>



Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.

App	Age Rating
ChatGPT	15
Instagram	13
Twitch	13
SnapChat	15
Tik Tok	15
Fortnite	12
Minecraft Legends	7
WhatsApp	13
Roblox	13
YouTube	13
Messenger	13
Discord	13

For users under 18, a parent or legal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also vital to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

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Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.
- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information

Find out more here:
<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

What to do when...from CEOP

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:
<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/assets/professional/resources/wtdw-round-up.pdf>

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Attendance:

'All Day, Every Day, The Crossflatts Way!'

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 90.9%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.0%	91.7%	89.2%	92.0%	88.5%	89.7%	91.3%	94.0%

We are very excited for Year 4 to make the final move next Monday back into the main school and then we can finally close the learning village for the last time. A huge thank you to the staff and children for taking yet another move in their stride and working as team teal to get the job done. So happy to all be back under one roof!



Have a great first week of December everyone!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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