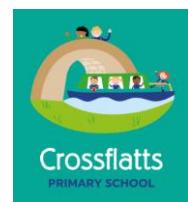


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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 8th January 2026

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you had a wonderful break and feel reset and ready for 2026!

Welcome 2026

It has been great to be all back at school this week and for us all to welcome some much-needed routine and structure into our lives once again. We only have five weeks and one day left of this half term, it is going to be a speedy one with so much learning to achieve in the coming five weeks.

Thank you for working with us as we have begun our new drop off and pick up system, we really appreciate your help and support with this while we settle back into school life.

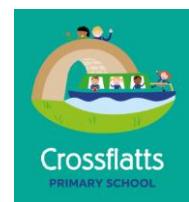
Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial if our children are to achieve all they can in the next two terms. We understand that sometimes children do become ill and the best place for them to be is at home so they can recover quickly and return to school. There are only **26 days remaining in this half term** and then we will be already half way through the academic year, every day really does count. As you are aware, we monitor attendance very closely, **if your child is too unwell to attend school, it is important that you telephone the school office by 8.30am to inform us of your child's absence.**

There have been several tragic cases in previous years, where schools had not chased up the reasons for a child's absence. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences and the child was too young to raise the alarm and get help. Because of cases like the ones described above, it is statutory that all schools have at least 3 emergency contacts within their records for each child and practise the following protocol:

If we have not heard from you by 9.00am, then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit to ensure the family are all safe. Thank you for supporting school with reporting any absence as early as possible and avoiding the need for an unnecessary home visit.

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is fundamental to all we do at Crossflatts Primary School and something we all take extremely seriously. As it is the beginning of a new term, I just wanted to remind you who you can talk to should you ever have any concerns about any child in our school, these are the people who will be able to help you immediately. We also have a 'safeguarding concern' button on our website where you can report your concerns.

Designated Safeguarding Leads



Nicola Bennett – Headteacher



Rebecca Petrie – Deputy Head Teacher



Laura Barker - Assistant Head Teacher



Laura Reynolds – Assistant Head Teacher



Gemma Craven Jeffrey – Assistant Head Teacher



Jo Cattell – Learning Mentor



Olivia Dearden – Teacher



Rebecca Lee – Attendance and Family Champion

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Family Nurture Programme

The family nurture programme offers parents and carers information and advice around the stressful and challenging behaviours that come with looking after our children and how to get the best out of family life. Bradford Children's Trust are running a 10 week Family Links Course at Crossflatts Primary School in late January for parents/carers of children aged 2-14 years.

For more information, go to [Emotional Health - The Centre for Emotional Health](#) or to book your place, please contact school on 01274 782070

What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme

What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

Understanding
why children behave as they do

Recognising
the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring
different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a Creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle

To find out more see information page or to self-refer scan code below:
<http://bit.ly/bradfordgovukinformationaboutfamilylinks>
Please let us know if you require any reasonable adjustments

How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."

Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on The Parenting Puzzle book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:
Crossflatts Primary School,
Morton Lane
Crossflatts,
BD16 2EP

When:
Time - 09.15am – 11.15am.
Sign up start date – Monday 19th January 2026
Followed by 10 sessions every Monday
Term Time

Contact details:
To book please phone school
01274 782070
For parents/carers of children aged 2-14 years old
(don't have to have a child at Crossflatts school)

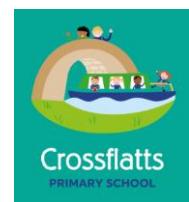
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Friends of Crossflatts

Happy New Year to all the children and families of Crossflatts. We would like to thank everyone for their support with all our Christmas events. They were all a roaring success. Being back together in the main school building is such an exciting step and to celebrate we held some new events this year and they have all been so well received. We had our cafe after the children's performances for their families which were so exciting to be able to have back in the hall. We also had our Crossflatts calendars which were so lovely with artwork from the children. We had our Christmas Fair which was a whirlwind 2 hours that saw most of our stalls almost sell out. Then finally we had our annual secret Santa shop to round off the term. All of these events mean that we raised the absolutely phenomenal amount of £4034.29. This truly couldn't be achieved without the support of all of our families. We hope that our events created some treasured family memories and experiences for the children. The money raised will be used to buy new dining tables for the children to use now that they are back eating their lunches together in the hall and gym. Our next meeting is on Friday 9th January. If you would like to come along, please meet us at the school office at 9am. Everyone is welcome and tea and biscuits are provided!

Full steam ahead for the next five weeks, wrap up this weekend, I think it is going to be a cold and stormy one!

Best Wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher