

Our Vision and Values

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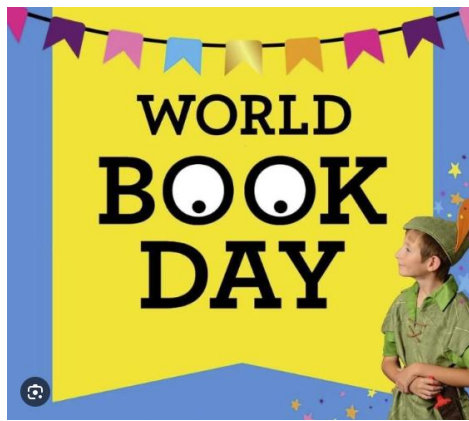


Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 5th February 2026

Hi Everyone,

Last week, we hosted our school improvement advisor who came to visit our school to look at our children's learning journals and visit our classrooms. Our visitor was so complimentary of our children's focus towards their learning and for the impressive progress they have made as we reach the mid-point of the academic year. Our children's presentation in their books was commended. We are so proud of all our learners.



After the half term break, World Book Day is fast approaching and this year we will be celebrating in school on Thursday 5TH MARCH. For World Book Day this year, the whole school will be reading *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

We would like the children to dress up as crayons to fill our school with colour. Choose a colour that you would like to be for the day. You could dress all in blue, all in green, all in red etc. Or, you could even make a crayon costume! As always, please do not go to any expense - use items that you already have at home.

Back by popular demand! We are launching our Story in a Jar competition for after the holidays too. The children loved this when we did it two years ago... Please bring your entries into school on Thursday 5th of March...



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Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people and adults to think carefully about how we use the online world and digital technology. It's a useful annual prompt to refresh conversations about online safety, wellbeing and responsible digital behaviour.



Theme for 2026: *Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.*

This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences. The emphasis is on helping young people develop confidence, critical thinking and good judgement when using digital tools, rather than fear or restriction.

Join our team

We are looking for a Receptionist/Administrator who is friendly, resilient and enthusiastic to join our administration team. The individual is the face of our school and will possess a positive attitude, to be a professional and courteous contact for our families, children, staff and other visitors to school as the first point of contact welcoming our stakeholders to Crossflatts Primary School. To find out more please see the below link on prospects online:

<https://prospectsonline.co.uk/job/9336-office-administrator---receptionist>

Friends of Crossflatts

Our annual smarties challenge is back for February half term. The Smarties tubes will be sent out Thursday 12th February. Could all filled tubes please be returned to school by 27th February.

Smarties challenge!!

For anyone new to the school our annual smarties challenge is a great way for us to raise money to keep our book vending machine full. Our book vending machine is located in the hall and class teachers will choose children to receive a book throughout the year. The more we raise with our smarties the more books we can buy for our children. Our goal this year is to raise £675 so every child in school could receive a book throughout the school year. It sounds a lot but your loose change adds up fast so anything you find in the back of the sofa or on the bedside table makes a huge difference. If you can't give anything this time we understand, all children will receive a tube of smarties though (or alternative due to known allergies) all you have to do is enjoy your treat and put your spare change in when it's empty and return the tube to school.

Our next meeting is tomorrow Friday the 6th of February. If you are interested in finding out more about us, please come along and see what we are doing for our school. We meet in the school office at 9am after morning drop off. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

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Attendance:

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

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 94.9%

| Our Aspirational Target | The national target | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 98% | 96.5% | 96.5% | 94.8% | 95.8% | 91.8% | 96.3% | 93.1% | 95.6% |

Mrs Ambler will be leaving her role as our School Receptionist at half term. She joined us in September 2024 and whilst she has loved her time getting to know everyone here, she has decided to return to her roots within the business sector. We would like to thank Mrs Ambler for her time at Crossflatts and wish her every success with her next chapter.

And finally, don't forget it is our open afternoon for all of our families tomorrow from 1.45pm to 2.45pm, we would love to welcome you into school if you are able to come join us. Just arrive at your normal drop off door and we will welcome you in to school.

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett
Headteacher