

Our Vision and Values

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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Hi Everyone,

Welcome everyone to academic year 2026/27! It has been wonderful to see everyone bounding in through our gates this week ready to begin a brand-new year here at Crossflatts Primary School looking so smart in their fresh new uniforms, please ensure they are labelled with their names. A special welcome to all of our new children and families, who are just beginning their very first days with us, we are so excited to welcome you into the Crossflatts family and see you fly! You are very welcome.

Welcome
♥BACK!
We Have
Missed
You



Please ensure you have joined Class Dojo as this is a great way to keep well informed of key events and activities in school life. Each class teacher will post lots about the children's learning so that you can see what your child is actually doing all day at school. Class Dojo is a great way to send your child's class teacher a quick message if you need to check in. Teachers answer Dojo from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday but of course they are unable to answer when they are teaching through the school day. If you need to speak to the teacher urgently please ring the main office and the admin team will help you.

Attendance

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. Let's go big this year... **All day, every day, the Crossflatts Way!**



The children are invited to come into school in their own clothes to celebrate their birthday. This is in lieu of sweets/cakes being brought in from home. We have increasing numbers of children with allergens and also many of our families prefer to control their children's intake of treats. We would therefore request that these are kept to parties and we celebrate in other fun ways in each class.

If your child's birthday falls at the weekend or during the holidays, they are welcome to come in their own clothes on the last Friday of the term or the Friday before their birthday weekend.

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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 also report 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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Friends of Crossflatts

Friends of Crossflatts Annual General Meeting will be held at 9am on Fri 2nd October. All parents, care givers, teachers are automatically part of Friends of Crossflatts and we'd love for you to join us for this years AGM. We will finalise last year and have an overview of what we achieved and how we have spent our money. We look forward to making this year even better. We especially welcome any new families to school to come along and find out about the fundraising activities we do and the difference we make in school. Each year we lose key members when year 6 children leave school and always love to welcome new members and new ideas. If you are interested in joining us please meet us in the school office after morning drop off.

September is about new beginnings, which is exciting but which can also feel wobbly. New classrooms, new teachers, new routines, uniform which feels strange and often shifting and changing friendships. It takes time for us all to settle into a new routine, a little bit of time and space to re calibrate is definitely needed. September is exhausting just re-adjusting to new things and structures. Go back to the basics- plenty of rest, sleep, downtime away from devices and make the most of the sunlight in the outdoors as the evenings are beginning to draw in.



Here's to a brand-new chapter.

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher