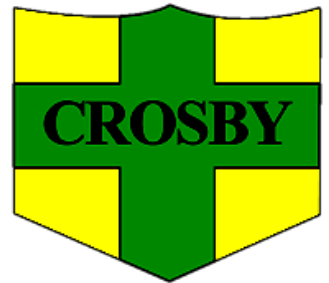


CROSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL - MARCH 2025

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Welcome to the March edition of our monthly newsletter

Finally we are seeing the sunshine and the daffodils!

I am thrilled to say the new Reception playground is complete and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. A huge thanks to Scunthorpe United players, Ross Fitzsimons and Maison Campbell for coming to school to officially open it.



Warmest Wishes, Sarah Lumley, Headteacher

Announcements

I am please inform you that Miss Green will be teaching Kestrel class in Mrs Matthews' absence.

Also, Mrs Whiteley will be teaching Bumblebee class for the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Events

Easter Assemblies

Parents are invited to the Easter Assembly for your child at **9.00am** on the following days:



Monday 31 March:	Reception (F2), Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 1 April:	Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 2 April:	Year 5 and 6



Parents, please come to the small hall after dropping your children off in the morning.

There will be Easter bunny biscuits and refreshments available for you to buy

Egg Decorating Competition



We are holding a competition to decorate a hard boiled egg or colour in a picture of an egg.

Bring the decorated eggs in to school on Thursday 3 April to the small hall.

The child with the best egg or picture will receive a small prize.



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Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Sound Experience workshop on 19th March.

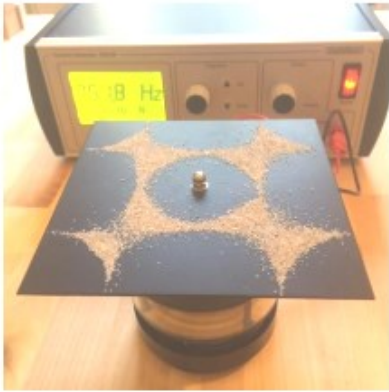
It is an exciting and interactive “in school” experience that will support the children’s science topic on sound.

We are asking for a donation of £2.70 that can be paid via [Parent Pay](#). Thank you for your support



This is what we will be learning about:

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating.
- Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.
- Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.
- Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
- Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.



Year 6 SATS—BOOSTER CLUBS

Children have been chosen to come to booster clubs to help secure their knowledge and understanding of either reading, writing or maths. We will help them develop testcraft and also how to answer certain question types alongside addressing any gaps and areas needing practice.

We hope that these smaller groups boost children's confidence and ease worry regarding the upcoming SATs tests which will be taken in May.

- Monday: Reading groups (Mrs Tong and Mrs Harrison)
- Tuesday: Maths group (Miss Dalton/Mrs Phillips)
- Wednesday: Maths group (Mr Sykes)
- Thursday: Writing group (Mrs Simpson).

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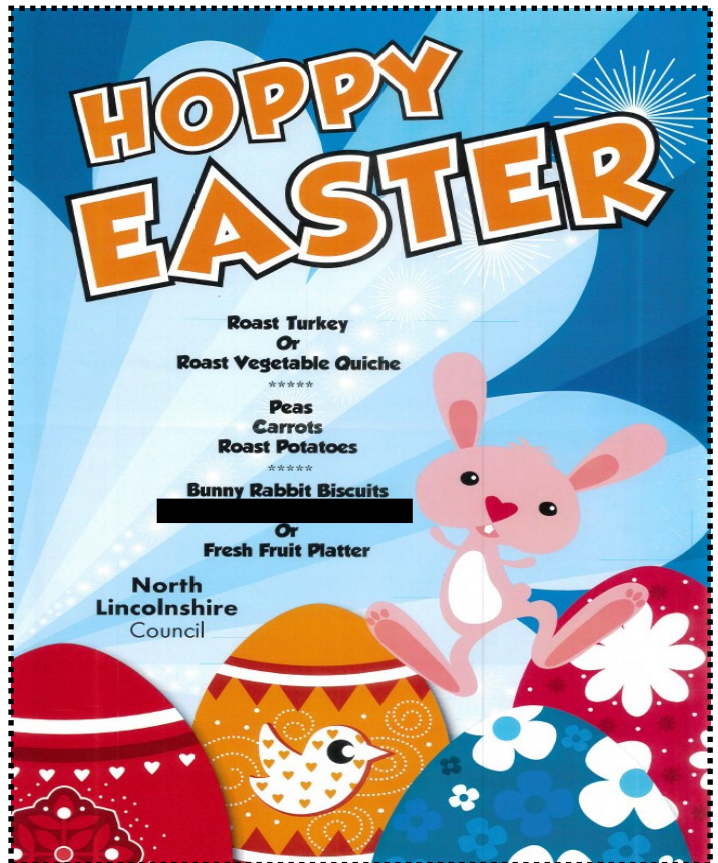
Upcoming Events

Easter Lunch

Easter Menu

To celebrate Easter, our cook Mrs Murray and her team will be cooking a special roast dinner on

Wednesday 2nd April
Please see the menu



Comic Relief—Friday 21 March



Red Nose day is here again!

To take part in Red Nose Day, children can come to school in 21st March in something **RED**. For example, children could wear red socks, a red hair bobble or ribbon, or a red T-Shirt. Children can bring a silver coin to donate to Comic Relief.

Reminders

Playground: Please remember the new play equipment is not to be used before/after school for safety reasons as it is not supervised and also not designed for use by adults.

The school has spent a considerable amount of money and we would not like them to be damaged by inappropriate use.

Also, please do not ride bikes and scooters on playground.

Vapes

Recently, there have been several incidences when vapes have been brought into school by children. The legal age to vape is **18**. Please ensure your children do not bring vapes to school.

A reminder, smoking and vaping is not allowed anywhere on the school premises.

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School Highlights : Reception's new outdoor play area

The outdoor play area for the children has been finished and we were happy to welcome Scunthorpe United Goalkeepers Ross Fitzsimons and Maison Campbell to officially open the playground. So far the children have had lots of fun and exercise!



When Daisy met Scunthorpe United!



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Classroom Highlights – Squirrel Class

Friday 14th February

Our Wonderful, Fabulous Digestive System.

Have you ever wondered, what happens to your digestive system? Did you want to learn more about it? Keep on reading so you can learn more about it. Warning because there are disgusting facts although it's interesting. Interestingly, the digestive system begins at the mouth. Next, hit our Oesophagus and then our stomach. After that our small intestines comes into work, then large intestines. After that your rectum and Anus finishes the work by your stool coming out. Have you ever thought what happens if your digestion didn't work? We will die. Read more to find out what is happening.

What happens when food enters the body?

As soon as the food enters the body, that where digestion starts. Inside your mouth, your teeth continuously grind and chew your foods. Have you ever wondered what happens to your food? Your Saliva helps you to soften the food that you eat. There is 99% of water and 1% of mucus on your wonderful Saliva. Did you know? Your tongue is a strong muscular in your mouth. Your tongue is really helpful because with it you can taste tasty food and Saliva is underneath your tongue.

After the mouth, the delicious food goes down a long tube called Oesophagus. In the Oesophagus, the long tube will squeeze your food. Although the long Oesophagus is small, you can still swallow food upside down. Did you know? Your food didn't go to your liver but your liver produces enzymes.

enter your stomach. muscle that churn food a washing machine. your stomach churn like a porridge. when it leaves the stomach and passes to the small intestine all the nutrients they are villi, they help absorb all the nutrients broken down and pass. Although small it actually absorbs all the nutrients they need, any part that is not needed travels through the large intestines. Did you know? The large intestines absorb water from the remaining intestines. Before long, the leftovers product will slowly move through on its journey and pass through the Rectum, and Anus. Amazingly, your rectum sends a message to your brain when you need to go to toilet. Your Anus is where your stool or poo comes out.

I hope you enjoy this wonderful digestive system. Without our amazing fantastic digestion, we would die. Our digestive system is really helpful. In the morning, if you want to learn more about it,

Mrs Wilson from Squirrel Class was so impressed with Ofelia's work

Ofelia wrote about the digestive system.

She had written an amazing piece of work.



Get to know the Crosby Staff!

This month we talked to our lovely office staff, to find out what they do to make our school run so smoothly. Here is what they said:

Miss Connal

- I have worked at Crosby for 17 years !!!
- My favourite subject at school was maths - when I left school I would have liked to have been a vet as I love animals.
- I chose this job as I enjoy helping people, it was perfect for being a mummy and not having to work during school holidays
- I work everyday 8.15am to 4.15pm.
- My typical day is checking registers, typing letters, nursery and reception admissions and lots of office work.
- The best bit is home time !!! - but I love all of my work!!
- The challenging bit about the job is the language barrier—but we use the iPad to help with this.
- To relax, I love long walks, reading and seeing my grandchildren.

Mrs Arnfield

- I have worked at Crosby for 5.5 years and work part-time.
- When I was at school I enjoyed PE and wanted to be a zoo keeper when I left.
- My day to day job involves sorting out new admissions to school, making attendance calls and helping parents.
- The best bit about my job is seeing the children, also my part-time hours mean I can look after my dog.
- The hardest bit is communicating, as there are lots of different languages spoken by parents and children in school.
- I relax by going on long dog walks, watching TV and love running.

Miss Smart

- I have been here 5.5 years too and loved English at school.
- I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I left school only that I wanted to help people.
- I work part-time too, 10.00am to 3.30pm everyday.
- My day involves sorting out dinners and dinner money for the children, office duties, helping parents and typing up letters.
- The best part of my job is seeing happy children in school and seeing my work colleagues.
- The hardest bit is the language barrier and trying to find out how I can best help parents.
- At home I relax with a cup of tea, biscuits and a Boxset!



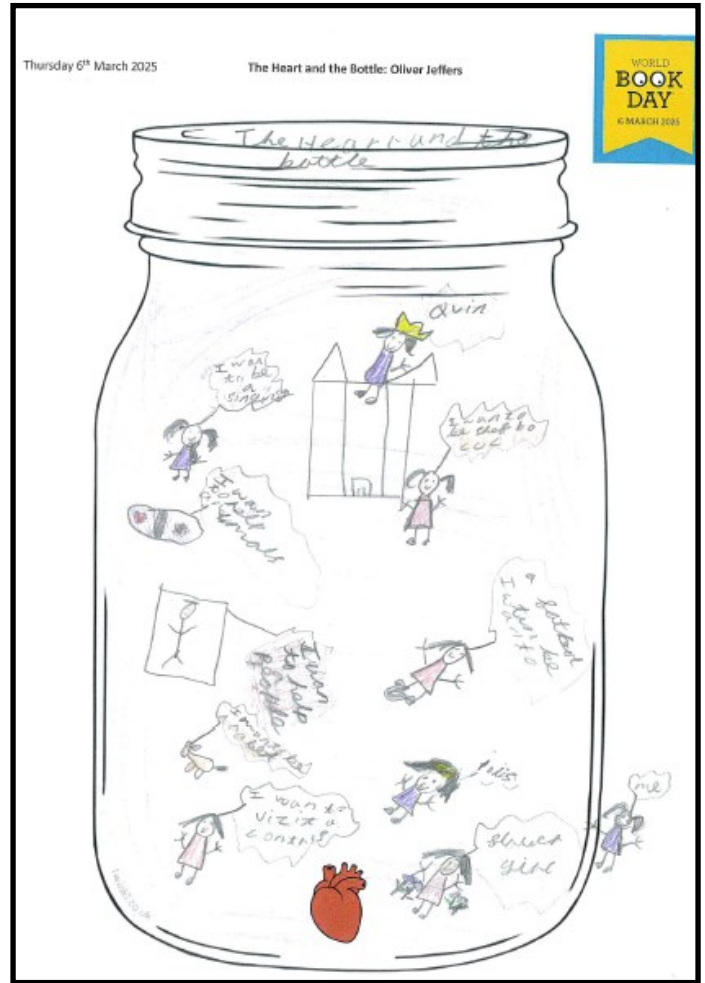
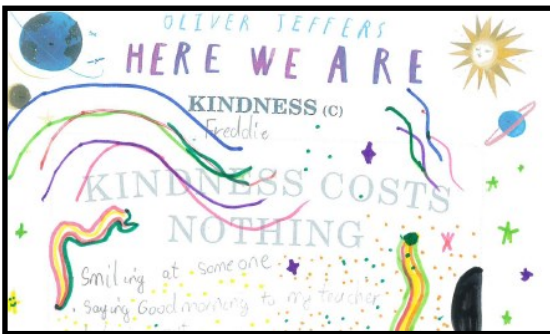
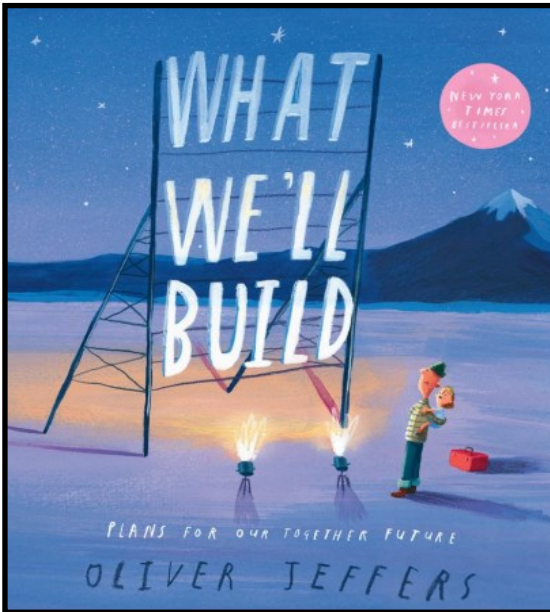
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World Book Day

For World Book Day, Crosby children have explored an author called 'Oliver Jeffers'.

During the day, they explored his different books and completed activities around the books. Take a look at some of our fantastic work...



The children reading books by Oliver Jeffers



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Community

There is a free workshop for parents/carers, around supporting children's anxiety, this will take place at Ashby Community Hub.

The workshop looks at what anxiety is, symptoms of anxiety, brain development and provides parents/carers with strategies and activities to support their child's emotional resilience and mental health.

If you are interested please email or call the Ashby Community Hub

The North Lincolnshire Jobs Expo returns next week, with hundreds of opportunities for anyone who wants to change their future for the better.

Some of the region's leading employers – including Ongo, North Lincolnshire Council, 2 Sisters, Bennetts Potatoes, Lebus Upholstery, Clean Tech UK, Stagecoach and the NHS – are expected to be at the Baths Hall, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe, on Wednesday 12 March 2025, from 2pm to 6pm.



They will be joined by dozens of other employers from the retail, hospitality, teaching, manufacturing, logistics, public sector and health and social care sectors.

Organised by North Lincolnshire Council in partnership with the Jobcentre and the Department for Work and Pensions, the Jobs Expo is the latest in a series of these popular events, which have proved highly successful in matching local employers with hundreds of local people eager to take on new roles.

As well as stalls from more than 40 local employers, there will be information for jobseekers on benefits, childcare, travel and training.

The Expo is targeted at people looking to return to work or a career change, young people breaking into the careers market for the first time and anyone who simply wants more money in their pocket at the end of the month.

An exit poll of jobseekers at a previous last Jobs Expo found that of the more than 700 people who attended the event, the majority said it had been worthwhile them attending, with 64 per cent saying they would definitely be applying for vacancies and another 14 per cent said they were considering doing so.

Jobhunters are encouraged to bring their CVs and be prepared to take part in on-the-spot interviews – they could end the day with a better job.

There is no need to book your place, just turn up at the Baths Hall on Wednesday 12 March between 2pm & 6pm

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Attendance

Best Class Attendance—Well Done!

<u>Autumn Term</u>		
6 September	Eagle	95%
13 September	Owl	97%
20 September	Owl	97%
27 September	Eagle	97%
4 October	Ash/Eagle	98%
11 October	Ash/Pine	99%
18 October	Owl	98%
1 November	Pine	100%
8 November	Hedgehog	97%
15 November	Eagle	98%
22 November	Eagle	96%
29 November	Eagle	97%
6 December	Eagle	96%
13 December	Pine	95%
20 December	Caterpillar/Owl	94%

<u>Spring Term</u>		
10 January	Pine/Squirrel	96%
17 January	Pine	98%
24 January	Owl	97%
31 January	Hawk/Mouse	96%
7 February	Badger/Squirrel/ Willow	97%
14 February	Pine	99%
28 February	Cherry/Squirrel	97%
7 March	Owl	97%



Diary Dates

Date	Event
18 March	Get Ahead: Sphero for Year 3 and Year 4
19 March	School of Noise Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4
21 March	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day!—Wear something red and bring a silver coin.
28 March	Get Ahead: Ninja Run Year 5 and Year 6
w/c 31.3.24 at 9.00am	Easter Assemblies: Parents welcome : 9.00am 31.3.25 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.4.25 Year 3 and Year 4 2.4.25 Year 5 and Year 6
3 April	Egg Decorating and colouring competition, please bring eggs and pictures to the small hall.

Term Dates

	School closes pm	School re-opens am
Easter	Friday 4th April 2025	Wednesday 23rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025	Tuesday 6th May 2025
Summer half term	Friday 23rd May 2025	Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025	

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Thank you for your continued support in improving attendance and outcomes for all our children.

You will have recently received mid-year reports which also highlight your child's attendance. Persistent Absence refers to any child whose attendance is below 90%.

The government issued new guidance which we have previously circulated and details are on the Attendance page of the school's website. There you will find guides which summarise our school policy, guides on when children should not be in school, guides on fixed penalty notices as well as information about why school attendance is important.

Please note that it is not in the interests of the school to see families receive fixed penalty notices (fines). If we are concerned about your child's attendance we will write to you and offer support. Please engage with school and attend meetings so that we can work together to ensure all children receive their full entitlement to learning.

Requests for Leave

We would like to remind parents of school procedures for requesting following the recent changes to government guidelines.

The headteacher will only grant a leave of absence to a child during term time if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. A leave of absence is granted at the headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the child is authorised to be absent for.

We will consider each application individually, considering the specific facts, circumstances and evidence, and relevant context behind the request. Please note that leave for the purpose of a family holiday, is not identified as an exceptional circumstance and as such does not meet the criteria for parents to request leave of absence. Exceptional refers to a "one off" incident where the absence cannot be taken outside of school time.

Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, at least two weeks before the absence with supporting evidence provided. Furthermore, exceptional leave of absence cannot be granted retrospectively, neither can it be granted if a leave of application form has not been completed. In such cases, as procedures have not been followed correctly, any requests can be declined and result in a penalty notice (fine).

Whilst we recognise that a number of parents may wish to return to their 'home' country for family or medical reasons. However, we would like to clarify the following:

- Leave will not be considered/granted if a return date is not specified and after 20 days **a child may be removed from roll** following this in line with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations (Amendment) 2016 - 8(1)(f).
- In addition, should a child not return to school on the confirmed date, the school will attempt contact with parents to ascertain the reason for continued absence. **A child may be removed from roll** following this in line with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations (Amendment) 2016 - 8(1)(f).
- In addition, the maximum the school can authorise for exceptional circumstances is 10 days. Where leave has been requested for an extended period of time **a child may be removed from roll** following this in line with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations (Amendment) 2016 - 8(1)(f).

Under such circumstances, parents would need to re-apply for a school place through the School Admission Team at the Local Authority on return and a place at Crosby Primary School could not be guaranteed. This process will also apply when the school has been informed an intention to take leave without the completion of a leave request form.

Unauthorised absences are referred to the Education Inclusion Service who may issue a Penalty Notice or take other legal action in relation to this matter.

If you are issued with a fine (fixed penalty notice) each parent must pay £80 within 21 days or £160 within 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority. Section 576 Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not: any person who although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; any person who although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person. The revised national framework for penalty notice issue sets out a maximum of 2 penalty notices per child, per parent to be issued within a 3 year period increasing in cost for the second notice. A penalty notice will not be issued for a third offence, instead North Lincolnshire Council will consider if the case will move to a court process directly. Parents should be aware that prosecution can result in fines up to £2,500 and a criminal record.

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