



Dear Parents,

Having enjoyed a busy and joy-filled term, we felt it was the perfect moment to reconnect with you all. It has been a little while since our last newsletter, and we would like to apologise for the gap. The school office has seen some changes recently as we said farewell to both Tam and Lou, but we are delighted to have welcomed Mercedes to the team. We appreciate your patience during this period of transition.

A message from our Head of School – Mrs Massey-Sturgess

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to celebrate the way in which our children have worked hard to develop positive behaviours for learning and to flourish as individuals within our school community. Over the term, pupils have shown growing focus, perseverance and responsibility in their learning, supporting strong progress and a sense of achievement. Alongside this, children have responded thoughtfully to opportunities to consider how they can let their light shine, through the way they show kindness, respect and care for others in their daily lives.

This journey is very much a shared one. Staff work closely alongside the children, offering guidance and encouragement so that each child is enabled to grow in a way that allows their light to shine brightly. I am also grateful for the ongoing support of our parents and families, whose partnership with the school plays an important role in nurturing confidence, resilience and a love of learning. As the term draws to a close, I hope the coming break provides time for celebrations, rest and special memories before we return to continue our journey together.

A message from our Executive Head – Mr Chris Partridge

A busy term has drawn to a close with a particularly busy, yet very positive, final few weeks.

This time of year is always a special period in school, as we have the privilege of watching children build towards the excitement and magic of Christmas in a way that only they can experience. Organising Christmas lunch, performances, a visit from Father Christmas and so much more is always a challenge, but one that is truly worthwhile. These experiences reflect the way we work throughout the year, ensuring that learning and development go far beyond the everyday routine.

At Croscombe, we firmly believe that education is about more than delivering the required curriculum. By working closely with families, we aim to support our children in becoming strong, resilient, enthusiastic and kind individuals who are confident to challenge themselves and explore the world around them. This commitment often means busier days, but it is a responsibility we embrace wholeheartedly.

Throughout the term, we have been grateful to receive many kind words and messages from parents and carers, expressing their appreciation for the dedication and care shown by our staff.

The sense of busyness I have described will no doubt continue over the next two weeks as our community celebrates the festive season in its own special ways. We hope that the experiences we have provided in school have played a meaningful part in your children's Christmas, bringing happiness and positivity as they look forward to the joy of the coming days.

As Executive Headteacher, I would like to thank all our families and staff for their continued support and hard work in always putting the children first. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to working together again in January.



Highlights from around the school



This term has been full of community spirit and generosity. Thanks to your kindness, we raised £104.00 for Children in Need, with children donating to wear yellow or spots for the day. Their enthusiasm brought such joy to the school. We also held a wonderfully successful cake sale, and we are incredibly grateful to all the parents and carers who donated such delicious treats.

We said goodbye to Miss Dawson this week and would like to thank her for all her hard work and the positive impact she has had on the children. While she will be greatly missed, we are delighted to share that Miss Norris will be taking over Daisies on Mondays. She is incredibly excited to be joining the team and is looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting them in their learning.



We are also pleased to share that our new School Council has now been elected. They have already held their first meeting with Mrs Massey- Sturgess and will be meeting with Mrs Bloom in the New Year. The council is full of ideas and eager to help make positive improvements around the school, and we look forward to seeing the impact they will make.

House points Celebration

We are thrilled to announce that Phoenix won the House Points competition this term. As a reward for their fantastic effort, they can celebrate by wearing Red on Thursday 8th January. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the term.

Boosting a Love of Books

This term, we have placed a strong emphasis on building a love of reading across the school. Our Reading Ambassadors – a dedicated group of children – have done an excellent job listening to other pupils read and offering support, encouragement, and enthusiasm. They have helped create a positive and supportive reading culture throughout the school.

We have continued to use Accelerated Reader, which has helped many children track their progress and stay motivated with their reading goals. Harry, our therapy dog, has also been a regular listener, providing a calm and reassuring presence that many children really enjoy.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited about the launch of our new Reading Team, made up of committed local volunteers who will be joining us to provide additional reading support across the school. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have as they begin working with our children.

With all of these initiatives continuing and expanding next term, we are confident that our focus on reading will keep growing – helping every child develop confidence, enjoyment, and a lifelong love of books.



P.E & After-school Gymnastics

Daisies have had a busy term learning a Dance in one of their lessons. We have learnt to follow a beat to music, learnt some line dancing steps and put this together as a class performance. The children have showed great listening skills, determination and focus whilst doing this and we are very proud of the outcome.

Sunflowers this term have looked at health related Fitness. They have worked in pairs to motivate, record result and have pushed their bodies in different physical exercises. Looking at how exercise affects our bodies and how we can push ourselves to achieve personal goals and challenges.

A reminder that Mrs Hill will be running gymnastics classes every Tuesday throughout Term 3, from 15:20 to 16:30. If you would like your child to take part, you can secure their place through MCAS. These sessions are always popular, so early booking is encouraged.



Festive Fun in December

December has been especially lively. Christmas Jumper Day filled the school with colour and excitement, followed by a festive Christmas Lunch enjoyed by all. The children worked incredibly hard in rehearsals for our nativity, and their performance was truly wonderful – congratulations to every child who took part. We ended the term with our Christmas Carol service and, of course, a very special visit from Father Christmas himself, adding a touch of magic to the final week.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Our attendance for this term is **90.27%**. As we look ahead to the new term, we would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly into the school day and ensures they don't miss valuable learning time. If your child is absent due to illness, please remember that parents and carers must contact the school office **every day** their child is off — not just on the first day. You can do this by phone or email.

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Message from the School Office



Do not forget our school has an official Facebook and Instagram page! This provides another great way to stay up to date with the latest school news, events, and updates.

To keep in touch and see what's happening, simply follow us on both Facebook and/or Instagram. We encourage you to like, share, and spread the word by sharing our posts on your own social media pages and groups. Your support helps us to reach even more families and keep our community engaged!

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Term Dates

January 2026	
Thursday 1 st	New Years Day – Bank Holiday
Friday 2 nd	Last Day of Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th	First Day of Term 3
February	
Thursday 12 th	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 13 th	Inset Day
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	Half term
Monday 23 rd	First Day of Term 4
March	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
April	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 3 rd	Easter Holidays Begin