



**Dear Parents,**

*It has been lovely to see our school community reunited and ready for a new term of learning. January has provided a calm but purposeful start to the year, with pupils quickly settling back into routines and demonstrating resilience, responsibility and enthusiasm in all they do. Across the school, there has been a strong sense of focus and positivity as children embrace new learning opportunities and continue to live out our shared values. We look forward to building on this strong start as the term progresses and the promise of spring approaches.*

### **A message from our Head of School**

*As we reflect on January, I am delighted to share what a busy and productive month it has been across the school. Both classes have been fully engaged in a wide range of learning experiences. From imaginative writing and engaging topic work to exciting PE lessons, the children's enthusiasm and commitment have been wonderful to see.*

*It has also been a joy to award more of my Head of School certificates this month. These have highlighted pupils who are working exceptionally hard, showing growing confidence in reading, writing and maths, and demonstrating kindness, respect and determination. We are proud of all those who act as positive role models, develop their skills with dedication and display exemplary behaviour.*

*Beyond the classroom, children have enjoyed our Welly Wednesday sessions at the allotment and after-school club has offered a variety of enriching activities, including cooking, Lego, IT, arts & crafts and board games. These experiences help create a rich, balanced curriculum where every child is supported, encouraged, and given the opportunity to flourish—both academically and personally.*

*Looking ahead, February promises more exciting learning experiences and chances for all our pupils to continue flourishing and shining in all that they do.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support—it truly makes a difference in your child's learning journey.*

*Mrs. Massey-Sturgess*



### **A message from our Executive Head**

*A busy and very positive few weeks have brought a real sense of momentum to the term, with children across the school embracing new challenges and experiences. Our new Reward Card system has been a particular highlight, with pupils showing great pride as they work towards their puzzle pieces and celebrate the values that make our community so special. Seeing completed shields – and even our first Bronze Badge – has been a wonderful reminder of the determination, kindness and effort our children show each day.*

*Outdoor learning has also played an important part in school life this term. Welly Wednesday brought the whole school together in hands-on activities, from creating bird feeders to caring for our allotment, while classroom learning has continued with enthusiasm and curiosity. Whether exploring magnetism, navigating Captain Cook's journey, investigating materials or developing confidence in maths and English, pupils have shown a real eagerness to learn and grow.*

*Our after-school provision and PE curriculum have added to this sense of energy, with children enjoying a wide range of clubs, gymnastics, tag rugby and the leadership of our dedicated Sports Captains. As Safer Internet Day approaches, we encourage families to continue open conversations at home, helping children stay confident and safe online.*

*As always, I would like to thank our families for their continued support and partnership. It is a privilege to work with such a committed community, and I look forward to the learning, progress and opportunities the coming weeks will bring.*

*Mr. Partridge*

### **Highlights from around the school**

*Our new Reward Card system has made a fantastic start, and it has been a real joy to see the positive impact it is already having across the school. Since launching the initiative in September, children have shown great commitment and enthusiasm as they work towards earning their puzzle pieces, each one recognising a moment where they have truly lived out our school values. As shields begin to fill with colour, they proudly show how our pupils are choosing to 'Let Their Light Shine' each day.*



*Over recent weeks, we have celebrated a growing number of completed shields, with children confidently sharing the learning, kindness, independence and determination that helped them achieve their awards. From thoughtful behaviour to excellent progress in areas such as maths and grammar, every badge tells a story of effort, perseverance and personal growth. We are also delighted to share that we have celebrated our very first Bronze Badge winner – a truly amazing achievement and a milestone moment for our school community.*

*Ms Massey-Sturgess has thoroughly enjoyed spending time with each badge earner, listening to their achievements and celebrating the unique qualities they bring to Croscombe. We look forward to recognising many more completed shields in the coming weeks as our children continue to show just how special our school community is.*



## Outdoor Learning at Crocombe

At the beginning of the term, Welly Wednesday provided a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to enjoy practical outdoor learning. Pupils worked collaboratively to create biodegradable bird feeders, which have now been placed around the School Field in preparation for the Big Bird Watch. This activity encouraged teamwork while helping pupils develop a greater understanding of caring for the natural environment.



During Welly Wednesday, the Sunflowers class focused their efforts on our school allotment. Pupils used garden tools safely and worked together to clear away foliage, taking care not to disturb any plants resting during the winter months. This was a fantastic example of teamwork and responsibility, as well as respect for the environment. In addition, we have taken Maths outside. How many triangles can you create in your garden out of 9 sticks of an equal length.

Please note that Sunflowers' Welly Wednesday sessions will come to an end at the end of this term, and from next term it will be the Daisies turn to enjoy this opportunity. We will then have a whole school Welly Wednesday on the 1st April.

## Inside our Classrooms

### Daisies Class

Daisies have made a bright and enthusiastic start to the term, showing great excitement and curiosity in their learning. In science, the children have been learning about magnetism, enjoying hands-on exploration and discovering what magnets can do as part of their Science Investigation work.

In topic lessons, the children stepped into the role of navigators, plotting Captain Cook's journey on a world map and developing their understanding of the wider world. Reception children especially enjoyed exploring Google Earth on the iPads, bringing their learning to life in a fun and engaging way. Alongside this, the children have been producing lovely work on oceans and continents – and we're sure many families will have heard the catchy songs being sung at home!



Daisies are continuing to work with focus and determination in English, while in maths our Year 3 pupils explored area by using cubes to measure and compare the space taken up by different objects. It has also been wonderful to hear some confident phonics blending, showing the progress being made across the class.



### **Sunflowers Class**

*In Maths, Year 5 and 6 have been working hard on converting and calculating with improper and mixed fractions and are now moving confidently into multiplication and division. Year 3 and 4 have been exploring area and will also be moving on to multiplication and division next. Meanwhile, Year 4 are continuing their regular Times Tables practice as they prepare for the Multiplication Check in June.*

*In Science, our Sunflowers have been investigating the Properties of Materials. They have enjoyed planning and carrying out their own experiments, showing great curiosity and teamwork.*

*In RE, the children have been learning about Christianity, with a particular focus on the Ten Commandments and what they mean in everyday life.*

*As part of our PSHRE and the Jigsaw Curriculum, this half term we are thinking about Dreams and Goals, encouraging children to reflect on their aspirations and the steps they can take to achieve them.*

### **After-School Club**



*Miss Ham offers a planned programme of after-school provision throughout the week, designed to support pupils' creativity, independence and enjoyment beyond the school day. Activities include Cooking and Baking on Mondays, LEGO Club on Tuesdays, IT Club on Wednesdays, Arts and Crafts on Thursdays, and Board Games on Fridays, providing a broad range of opportunities for pupils to develop practical skills, teamwork and problem-solving in a supportive environment.*



**Parents and carers are reminded that bookings for after-school club should be made via MCAS by 3:20pm on the day before attendance. Breakfast club bookings must also be completed via MCAS by 8:00am the day before.**



**PE with Mrs. Hill**

For Term 3 we are looking at Tag rugby across all the year groups and Gymnastics.

In gymnastics Daisies have so far been looking at shapes we can hold with our bodies, how we can travel on the floor and on equipment at different heights and lots of gymnastics rolling. They have been great in their body awareness, balance, and coordination.



With Sunflowers class, they have recapped travelling, rolling, shapes, jumping and landing. In their last lesson, they looked at how we can balance independently and in pairs. The children showed great communication, teamwork, and bodily awareness. Sunflowers will be taking these skills and creating group gymnastics displays, incorporating all they have learned.



Sports captains have been busy providing sport lunch clubs for all age groups on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. They have been running bench ball, dodgeball, dance, gymnastics, and skipping clubs. With plenty of different clubs still coming. We have also started our first Inter House sports tournament this term, playing Capture the Flag. All teams earning points that will go towards the Sports Day house points. Well done Sports Captains!



**Look Smart, Act Smart, Think Smart**

At Crocombe Primary, we believe that looking smart helps children feel confident, focused and ready to learn. We kindly remind families to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day. Both the current and previous school logos are absolutely fine to wear. Our full uniform policy can be found on the school website: <https://crocombeprimary.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>. Thank you for your continued support – together we help our children to **Look Smart, Act Smart, Think Smart**.



## Safer Internet Day

*As Safer Internet Day approaches (Tuesday, 10th February), we are encouraging open communication between you and your child regarding their online activity.*

*Some tips have been included (below) for supporting a joined-up approach between pupils, parents and teachers. In school we regularly focus on Internet Safety as part of our curriculum and if you don't already have <https://families.google/familylink/> you may wish to install this or similar on your devices, so that you can monitor and support your child's safe use of internet content.*

**Monitoring and Awareness:** *As parents, it is crucial to be aware of the platforms your child uses, who they are connected with, and the content they are sharing. Regularly check their devices and have open conversations about their online behaviour.*

**Age Appropriateness:** *Ensure your child is using platforms that are age-appropriate and adhere to the terms of service regarding minimum age requirements.*

**Cyberbullying Concerns:** *Cyberbullying can have serious consequences, and we encourage you to talk to your child about the importance of respectful online conduct, reporting any instances of bullying they encounter.*

**Privacy Settings:** *Review privacy settings on accounts to limit who can see your child's personal information and posts.*

**Digital Footprint:** *Remind your child that anything posted online can be seen by others, including potential employers, and should be considered carefully.*

**Screen Time Management:** *Set healthy boundaries regarding screen time and encourage other activities that do not involve technology.*

*We know that by working together, we can create a safe and positive online environment for our pupils and teach them the skills they need to navigate the virtual world.*



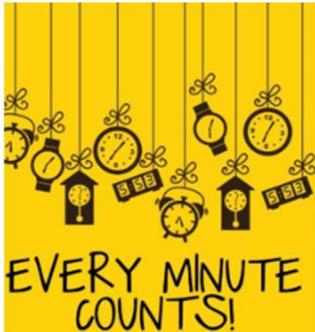
## SAVE THE DATE

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2026** | Tuesday  
10 February

[better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/  
saferinternetday](https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/saferinternetday)



## Attendance and Punctuality Reminder



Our attendance for this month is **89.11%**. 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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*Regular updates help us keep accurate records and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.*

## Message from 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

<b>February</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> –	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of Term 4
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening for Sunflowers and Daisies
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening for Sunflowers
<b>April</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 5
<b>May</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bags 2 School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of Term 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Provisional Reserve Sports Day