



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

As we wrap up February, it's been lovely to see everyone return to school with such positivity. We hope the damp weather didn't stop you from having a well-deserved and enjoyable half-term break. The children have come back full of energy, ready to learn, and it's been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing once again. With brighter days on the horizon, we're excited for everything the next few weeks will bring.

'Let Your Light Shine'

A message from our Head of School – Ms. Massey-Sturgess

As I write for our latest newsletter, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect how wonderful it has been to see our new reward scheme in action since it was introduced at the beginning of the school year. Our pupils are earning puzzle pieces, building their shields and proudly receiving badges to mark their achievements. I am thrilled to share that, as I write, 23 Blue Badges and 4 Bronze Badges have been awarded - a testament to the effort, dedication and positive attitudes of our children.

At Mr Partridge's "Tea with Mr P" event at the end of Term 2, celebrating those who had earned a Blue Badge, it was a joy to see our pupils come together, enjoy each other's company and be recognised for their hard work. I have been reflecting on how we can make a next Blue Badge event just as special and am looking forward to sharing more details soon.

I encourage parents to help us to encourage pupils to keep building their shields - every puzzle piece counts, and every achievement deserves to be celebrated. It is wonderful to see the sense of pride and excitement this scheme has already inspired across our school community.

Congratulations to our current badge holders - I can't wait to see how many more shields will be completed this term!

A message from our Executive Head – Mr. Partridge

The recent redecoration across the school has already made a noticeable difference, creating brighter, fresher spaces that feel calm, welcoming and purposeful for both pupils and staff. In addition, the removal of the large Chestnut tree has significantly opened up the area, allowing much more natural light into the space and helping us to create a safer, more accessible environment for our youngest learners.

This improvement supports our commitment to providing a secure and nurturing setting where children can learn and play confidently. As part of the Wessex Learning Trust, we are fortunate to be able to draw upon the expertise of the central estates team and wider trust resources to ensure the ongoing upkeep and development of our buildings and grounds to a high standard.





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Highlights from around the school

A Month of Curiosity, Creativity and Brilliant Learning in Daisies

This month has been full of exciting learning in Daisies. The children have loved taking part in pirate-themed treasure hunts, getting hands-on with science investigations, and exploring shapes in creative and practical ways. We've seen brilliant effort throughout, with puzzle pieces awarded for exceptional writing and impressive perseverance. The class has also enjoyed creating patterns, deepening their understanding of shape, and even trying their hand at coding robots. It's been a fantastic term, full of curiosity, creativity, and proud moments all round.



Curious Minds, Safe Choices and Imaginative Designs in Sunflowers

This month, Sunflowers has enjoyed a rich mix of hands-on learning. In Science, the children explored different ways to separate mixtures, developing their curiosity and investigative skills. As part of Safer Internet Day 2026, we also spent time thinking about how to use AI safely and responsibly, helping the children understand how to make positive choices online. Welly Wednesday brought plenty of creativity too, with our budding architects designing and building imaginative structures outdoors.

The children have also been working hard across the wider curriculum. In Geography, they used six-figure grid references to read maps and explored the climates of North and South America to decide which regions are best suited to different types of farming. English lessons saw thoughtful peer editing, with pupils supporting one another to improve their instruction writing. In Design and Technology, the class voted on three soups to make and worked brilliantly in their groups to prepare the ingredients — Cauliflower Cheese Soup proved the favourite, closely followed by Sweet Potato Soup. They also proudly performed their completed gymnastics routine for Mrs Bloom and rounded off the month with an introduction to computer coding, applying logic and problem-solving in new ways.



It's been a wonderfully varied and engaging month of learning.



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Make the Sunshine

Sunflowers Class had a brilliant time taking part in a creative workshop with Make the Sunshine, and we're delighted that the children will now be involved in the upcoming performance on **Wednesday 1st April**.

To help families plan ahead, weekly in-school rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 25th February at 1.50pm**, running for five weeks. There will also be a technical rehearsal on **Tuesday 31st March**, with a specific time slot to be confirmed.

The final performance will take place on **Wednesday 1st April from 6.30–8.30pm**. We're really looking forward to seeing the children's ideas and hard work come together on stage.

Children's Mental Health Week



We recently took time in school to recognise Children's Mental Health Week, reflecting together on what it means to feel safe, supported and that we truly belong. During our assemblies, our KS1 children listened to the song 'We Belong Together' and enjoyed a story about Sonny the bird and Mia the squirrel, which explored the importance of being together and finding comfort in the people around us. We also shared some of the thoughtful ideas children and young people have about belonging — such as feeling included, feeling safe, and knowing you are accepted for who you are.

KS2 children were reminded that belonging means feeling safe, included, and accepted for who they are. They heard Maya's story about finding her place through kindness, learned simple ways to help themselves and others feel included, and were encouraged to take small actions—like saying hello or inviting someone to play—to help make school a place where everyone feels they belong.

Families are encouraged to continue these gentle conversations at home by talking about a place where their child feels calm or happy, and why it matters to them.

For anyone who would like further ideas to support wellbeing at home, a range of free family activities is available online. [Families and communities - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

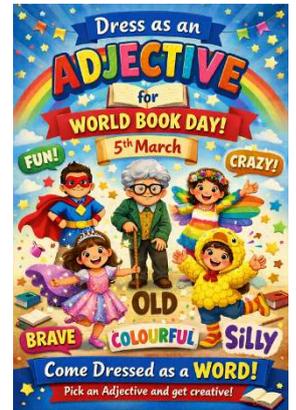


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World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March. Developing a love of reading is so important to us, and any excuse to shout about books is always welcome! To help with our celebrations, the children are invited to come dressed as an adjective or as their favourite book character...

From colours to textures to thoughts and feelings, we hope children get creative, as there are prizes for the best dressed! The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It would be wonderful if they could bring the book they feature in to share with their peers, but this is not essential.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place in March. Daisies Class will hold their Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 18th March**, and Sunflowers Class will have appointments on **Wednesday 18th March** as well as **Wednesday 25th March**. Further information will be sent out via MCAS shortly, including details on how to book your appointment slot.

Look Smart, Act Smart, Think Smart

We've recently received a good selection of second-hand school uniform items. If you'd like to look through what's available, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time. At Crocombe Primary, we believe that looking smart helps children feel confident, focused and ready to learn, and wearing the correct uniform gives every child a strong sense of belonging. With a range of uniform pieces available for families to take free of charge, we kindly remind parents to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day. Both the current and previous school logos are absolutely fine to wear, and 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**.



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Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Our attendance for this month is **85.70%**. We want 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.

Tel: 01749 343114

E-mail: office@crocombeprimary.co.uk

If there is no one in the office, please leave a message on the voicemail, and we will pick it up

Regular updates help us keep accurate records and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Over the coming months, we will also be taking a more proactive approach to supporting attendance. Improving our whole-school figure is an important focus for us, and we are keen to work closely with families so that, together, we can move closer to the national average of around 94–95%. Our aim is always to support children in being in school, ready to learn, and able to make the most of every day.

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

March	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 18 th	Parents' Evening for Sunflowers and Daisies
Wednesday 25 th	Parents' Evening for Sunflowers
April	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 3 rd	Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 20 th	First Day of Term 5
May	
Monday 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th	SATS Week
Tuesday 12 th	Bags 2 School
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th	Half Term
June	
Monday 1 st	First Day of Term 6
Friday 5 th	Sports Day
Friday 12 th	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 22 nd - Wednesday 24 th	Kilve Court Residential – Year 5 & 6
July	
Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term 6
Monday 20 th - Wednesday 22 nd	Inset Days
Thursday 23 rd	Summer Holidays Begin