



Monday 28th September 2026

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the start of the new academic year. It has been lovely to see our school community back together and the children making such a positive start. Thank you for your continued support as we look ahead to another busy and rewarding year.

'Let Your Light Shine'

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

It has been a busy and positive start to the school year at Crocombe. The children have settled into their classes, and it has been lovely to see them reconnect with friends, welcome new pupils and approach their learning with enthusiasm.

Across the school, we are focusing on strong foundations in learning and taking pride in our work. Staff are helping children to use the spellings they know in their independent writing and to check and improve their work. We are also continuing to develop our outdoor provision for our youngest children, giving them purposeful opportunities to explore, talk and learn together.

*Our school values — **Be Kind, Be Curious, Be Courageous and Be Responsible** — are already visible in the way children are learning and caring for one another. These everyday moments help us live out our vision: Let your light shine.*

Thank you to our families for your support at the start of term, and to our staff for the care and energy they bring to school each day. I look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements as the year progresses.

A message from our Executive Head – Mr. Partridge

I am very pleased to share my first comments of the new academic year and, more importantly, to welcome everyone back to what promises to be another exciting and successful year at Crocombe.

The last few weeks have been full of activity across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into their routines, reconnecting with friends and embracing their learning with such enthusiasm. There is already a real sense of energy and purpose across the school, and I have been incredibly proud of the way the children have approached the start of the new year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise our fantastic staff team. The commitment, care and enthusiasm they bring to school every day makes such a difference to the experiences our children have. There has been a huge amount of work taking place behind the scenes to ensure that the new academic year has got off to such a positive start, and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work.



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Over the coming weeks, they will continue to share snapshots of the wonderful learning, activities and opportunities taking place across Crocombe through ClassDojo and our monthly newsletters. These give us a chance to celebrate the progress being made and, importantly, to give you a glimpse into some of the experiences your children are enjoying in school.

There is already lots to celebrate, and I am looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence, develop their independence and achieve their very best throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. The partnership between children, parents, staff and our wider school community is incredibly important to us, and I look forward to working with you all during the year ahead.

Let your light shine.

Highlights from around the school



As we settle into the new academic year, it has been wonderful to see our children embracing our values of being kind, curious, courageous and responsible. At the start of term, we gathered for a special assembly to celebrate our vision and values, and during our whole-school Welly Wednesday the children explored the theme of being kind and curious through a nature walk. Collecting natural treasures, asking thoughtful questions and working together to create a Wonder Wall provided a fantastic start to the year.

There have been many proud moments across the school already this term. We have celebrated our Stars of the Week and Community Champions, recognising children who demonstrate our values through their actions, attitudes and achievements. Our Years 3 to 6 pupils joined thousands of children from local schools for the Bishops' online collective worship. We are incredibly proud of Toby and Flo, who represented the school brilliantly by reading The Parable of the Growing Seed.



During the month, we also said farewell to Mrs Todd. We are incredibly grateful for the care, dedication and support she provided to our children and school community during her time at Crocombe. We wish her every success in her new role and have been delighted to welcome Miss Beck to the team as our new Teaching Assistant.





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New PE Partnership Goes from Strength to Strength



We have been delighted to welcome Kings Fitness & Leisure to Crocombe this term. Their coaches have quickly become a valued part of school life, leading a range of popular lunchtime activities and helping children stay active and engaged. We are also pleased to have launched our first after-school sports club, Football, which runs every Tuesday from 3.20pm to 4.30pm and can be booked via MCAS. Football will continue until the October half term, after which a new sports club will be introduced. We look forward to expanding the opportunities available through this exciting partnership and encouraging even more children to get involved in physical activity and sport.

Working Together to Improve Attendance



As we settle into the new academic year, we are encouraging all families to work with us to achieve the best possible attendance for every child. Our current whole-school attendance is **89.3%**, and we are aiming to increase this to **96% or above** so that every pupil can make the most of the opportunities available to them. Being in school

every day gives children the best chance to grow as curious learners, build friendships and take part in all aspects of school life.

Every school day counts, and arriving on time is just as important as being present. Our school gate closes at **8.55am**, and all children should be in their classrooms and ready to start the day by this time. Late arrivals can be unsettling for children and may mean they miss important learning at the start of the day.

We understand that there can sometimes be challenges that make attending school difficult. If you are experiencing any issues with attendance, punctuality or getting your child into school, please do speak to us. Supporting the wellbeing of our pupils is a key priority, and we are here to help. By working together, we can identify any barriers and find ways to support your child in attending school regularly and feeling happy, safe and ready to learn.



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Proud to Be Part of Crocombe

At Crocombe Primary, we believe that wearing the correct school uniform helps children feel part of our community and ready to learn. Coming to school dressed appropriately helps children demonstrate our values by taking responsibility for their appearance, showing pride in their school and being ready to make the most of every learning opportunity.

We kindly ask families to ensure that children come to school in the appropriate uniform each day. Please remember that both our current and previous school logos are 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 in helping our children to **Look Smart, Act Smart, Think Smart**, while living out our school values of being kind, curious, courageous and responsible.*

Read, Imagine, Discover

*Reading is one of the most valuable ways families can support learning at home. **Even just 10-20 minutes of reading each day** can make a significant difference to a child's confidence, fluency and understanding. Children who read regularly are exposed to a wider range of vocabulary, helping them develop the skills they need across the curriculum.*



We encourage all children to read regularly at home and share their reading with an adult whenever possible. Talking about stories, discussing characters and exploring new words helps children deepen their understanding and develop as curious learners. Whether children are reading independently or listening to a story, every reading experience counts.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading. By working together, we can help every child develop the knowledge, confidence and enthusiasm to become lifelong readers.



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THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

NATIONAL POETRY DAY MENU 2026

Theme: **WONDER**

Take a bite of **wonder** and let
your **imagination** soar!

CHOOSE YOUR WONDER FEAST

WONDER NUGGETS 	OR	MAGICAL MARGHERITA PIZZA SLICE 	OR	VEGGIE ADVENTURE FINGERS
SERVED WITH				
GOLDEN TREASURE CHIPS	&	BEANSTALK MAGIC BEANS		
POETRY DAY RHYME Wonder high, wonder low, Where will your imagination go? Crunch and munch, enjoy your meal, Then discover how poems make you feel!		SWEET WONDER TREAT CHOCOLATE KRISPIE STAR CAKE 		

**NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2026 -
EXPLORE, IMAGINE, WONDER!**



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Let Your Light Shine

The monthly Newsletter from Croscombe CofE Primary

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Croscombe Primary School SHOWCASE MORNINGS

Is your child starting
Reception in 2027?

Visit our Showcase Morning and
see what their first year at school
could look like.

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Thursday 22nd October
9am – 10am | 10am – 11am

Wednesday 4th November
9am – 10am | 10am – 11am

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY



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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!



<https://www.facebook.com/crocombecofeprimary/>



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Term Dates

September	
Thursday 3 rd – Friday 4 th	Inset Days
Monday 7 th	First Day of Term 1
October	
Thursday 1 st	National Poetry Day – Lunchtime Special
Tuesday 6 th	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 14 th	Parents' Evening
Monday 19 th	School Photos
Thursday 22 nd	Crocombe Primary Showcase Morning
Thursday 22 nd	Year 5 & 6 Wells Literacy Festival
Friday 23 rd	Inset Day
Monday 26 th – 30 th	Half Term
November	
Monday 2 nd – 3 rd	Inset Days
Wednesday 4 th	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 4 th	Crocombe Primary Showcase Morning
Wednesday 11 th	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th	Children in Need
December	
Thursday 10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 21 st – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
January	
Monday 4 th	First Day of Term 3