CROSSLEE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 1st May 2026

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our May newsletter! We're thrilled to share the latest updates, celebrate achievements, and keep you connected with everything happening at Crosslee.

Headteachers comment

This week I've been into classrooms looking at our *Strong Foundations* in action – handwriting, fluency in reading, and fluency in number. The children really showed off their skills, and I'm incredibly proud of the progress they are making across their year groups.

A big well done to our **100% attenders** too. School attendance is vital in building these strong foundations, as every lesson truly counts.

Wishing everyone a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Smith

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Tuesday 5th May - School open at 8:45am

Attendance

Our whole school target is

97%

This week our attendance was

95.3%

Attendance Class Winners

Reception Mars
98.9%
&
Year 3 Supernova
100%

They will spin the reward wheel next week

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INFORMATION

Word of the Week

Fairness

Fairness means treating people equally, making sure everyone gets a chance, and doing what is right — even when it's hard

British Value

We have talked about Nelson Mandela: he chose to stand up for fairness even when it was difficult, taking responsibility for his actions and their impact on others. We can apply this same value when we take ownership of our behaviour, make positive choices, and understand how our actions help create a kind, fair school community.

Polite Reminders

- School meals needs to be paid for in advance via ParentPay, please ensure this is done by the Sunday prior to the week ahead.
- Please do not park in front of driveways outside of school. We have had a few neighbours complaining.
- If you arrive before 08:45 am and are not booked in breakfast club, please go to the playground to wait for your child's class to open the door.
- If you wish for your child to attend breakfast and/or after school club, this needs to be booked via Progressive Sports..
- If your child is going to be late, please bring them through the office and sign them in with a reason why they are late. We have to record this on our attendance system.
- No vaping is permitted on the school site.

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Tips for learning English

Ways to support children who struggle with English

📚 Enjoy Books Together

- Read books in your home language — understanding stories matters more than the language they're told in.
- Look at picture books in English together — talk about the pictures, name objects, and make simple comments.
- Visit the local library to borrow bilingual or wordless books.

🎶 Use Songs, Rhymes & Play

- Sing familiar songs in your home language and introduce simple English songs when your child is ready.
- Play games that involve repetition, such as matching, sorting, or naming objects — these help build vocabulary.

🧩 Create Simple English Moments

- Label everyday objects (e.g., door, cup, shoes).
- Watch short, age-appropriate English videos together and talk about what you see.
- Use everyday routines (shopping, cooking, tidying) to introduce simple English words naturally.

🗣️ Talk, Talk, Talk

- Talk to your child throughout the day — describe what you're doing, name objects, and narrate routines. This helps language development in *any* language.
- Use short, clear sentences and repeat new words naturally.
- Encourage conversations during play, mealtimes, and outings.

🌟 Support Your Child's Home Language

- Keep speaking your strongest language at home — this builds a strong foundation for learning English later.
- Read stories, sing songs, and talk about daily routines in your home language to strengthen vocabulary and confidence.
- Share cultural stories, music, and traditions — this supports identity and emotional security.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL/MAY 2026

Thursday 30th May
Year 2 Trip to Zoolab
Year 3 Trip to The Lowry

Friday 1st May
EYS & KS1 Stay & Play 9-10am

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 11th May - Thursday 16th May
Year 6 SATS all week

Thursday 14th May
Year 1 Saturn assembly 2:40 - 3:10pm

Wednesday 20th May
Year 5 & 6 Sports day 9-10am
KS1 Sports day 1:30 - 3pm

Thursday 21st May
Year 3 & 4 Sports day 9-10:30am
EYS Sports day 2-3pm

Friday 22nd May
End of term

More information for all events will be posted on Class Dojo nearer the time.

What is

SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding means protecting children's safety and wellbeing. It's about making sure they grow up safe, cared for, and respected.

Types of harm:

- **Physical harm:** hitting, shaking, or rough handling
- **Emotional harm:** shouting, constant criticism, ignoring, or making a child feel unloved
- **Neglect:** not providing enough food, clean clothes, warmth, supervision, or medical care
- **Sexual harm:** inappropriate touching, exposure to sexual content, or exploitation
- **Domestic abuse:** seeing or hearing violence at home, even if the child isn't directly hurt.
- **Online harm:** bullying, grooming, or exposure to harmful content on social media or games

Children have the right to feel safe, cared for, and respected. Speak up if something doesn't feel right.

Safeguarding Contacts:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Manchester Safeguarding Hub: 0161 234 5001

Crosslee Primary School: Ask for Mr Pugh, **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** – 0161 795 8493