

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 1 - October 2026



Our Motto: Believe and Achieve

Our Values: Love - Respect - Friendship

Our Christian Vision: Philippians 4:13: 'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up Autumn 1, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the new children and families who have joined our school community this term. Seeing the pupils arrive each morning full of energy and eager to learn has been an absolute highlight. The past few weeks have flown by, and the children have settled into their new classes and daily routines with impressive ease.

Enrichment has been right at the heart of our curriculum this term, offering our children a range of inspiring, hands-on experiences. Class 1 kicked off the term in style with a lively Superhero Day followed by an exciting visit to Twycross Zoo, while Class 2 enjoyed exploring nature during their educational trip to Cannock Chase. Class 3 stepped back in time for an immersive Egyptian Day, and Class 4 demonstrated fantastic resilience and teamwork on their adventurous residential to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre.

Our school community has also shown incredible generosity and spirit across a variety of charitable events. Thanks to your support, our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a fantastic £270.87. The children performed brilliantly during our Harvest Service, and we were deeply grateful for the generous food donations provided for the Lichfield Foodbank. We also took time to reflect and raise awareness through Hello Yellow Day for children's mental health, as well as holding a special assembly for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. On top of all this, our dedicated PTA organised two memorable events for our families: a vibrant Colour Run and a wonderfully creative Craft Evening for the children.

In sports, our pupils have represented the school with immense pride and enthusiasm. Our Year 5 and 6 players took part in their first Dove Valley football competition of the academic year, while Key Stage 2 runners gave it their all at the MAT-wide Cross Country event. Well done to all of our athletes!

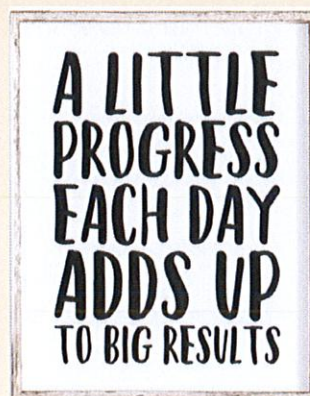
Looking ahead, I must kindly ask for your full cooperation regarding road safety outside the school premises. Prioritising the safety of our children is paramount, so please ensure you do not park opposite the school or leave your engine running while dropping children off or collecting them at the gate.

On a more celebratory note, thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality, it has remained high this year so far and seeing so many of you engage during our recent parents meetings truly reinforces our shared "team around the child" partnership.

Please keep an eye on the website calendar for upcoming events, and do check our online school gallery to see photos celebrating your children's achievements from this half-term. Don't forget that you can read about what your children have been up to each week on their Class Page blogs. Our teachers dedicate a lot of time to updating these, and they make a great discussion point at home—especially when the question "What did you do at school this week?" is met with "Nothing much!" 😊

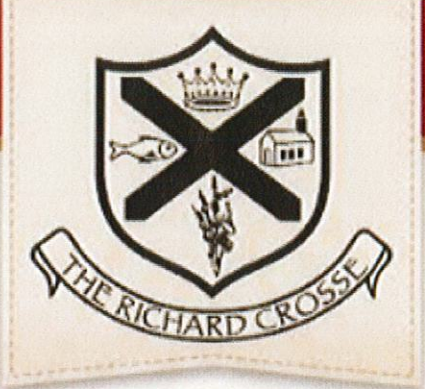
Well done to all the children for a brilliant start to the year! Enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Kind regards,
Ms E Bowring
Headteacher



School Applications September 2027

We have two more school tours coming up for any parents looking to send their children to Reception or Pre- School in September. Please spread the word for us!



WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS!

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN DUE TO
START PRIMARY OR PRE-SCHOOL
IN SEPTEMBER 2027?**



Come for a guided tour around the school with the **HEADTEACHER**. Come and see if we are the right school for you for **September 2027**.



We are a warm and caring community.



RECEPTION

places available



PRE-SCHOOL

places available



CRUCIAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Apply for September 2027 school places
by **JANUARY 15th 2027**



~~OCTOBER 14th
@ 4pm~~



NOVEMBER 4th
@ 10:30am

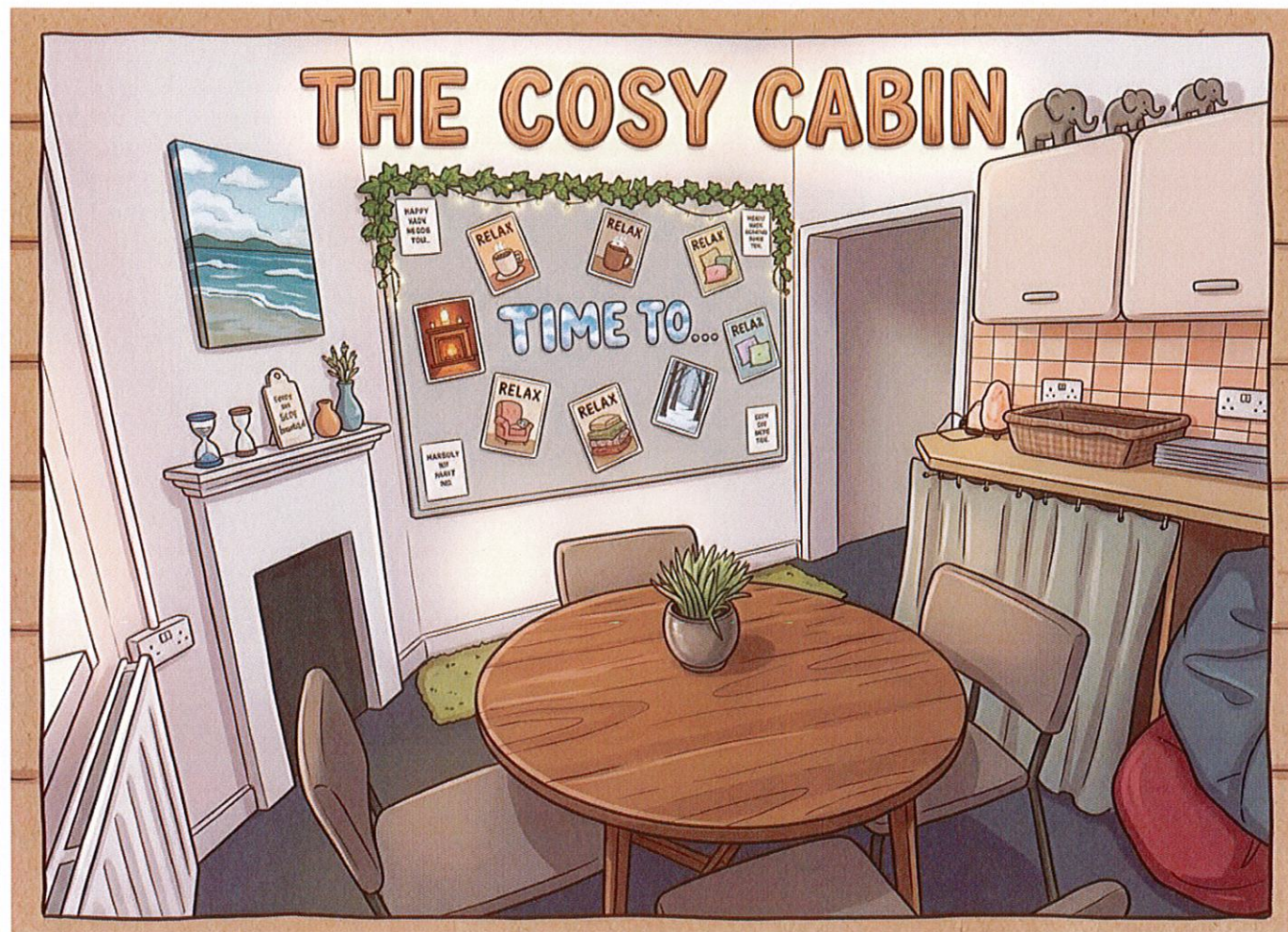


NOVEMBER 23rd
@ 2pm



'The Cosy Cabin'

Thank you to our very active School Council, who have already been hard at work this year. They have been gathering pupil voice from across the whole school and collectively named our new upstairs area, which has been converted from an office into a multi-use breakout space for children and staff. Thank you to Mrs Pachl for the custom, calming artwork, and to one of our parents for the kind donation of a table and chairs. This room has already proven to be a wonderful addition to our school!



Contact and support information for over the holidays

- Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: 0300 111 8007
- NSPCC Helpline Call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk if you're worried about a child.
[NSPCC Christmas Support \[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/child-protection-services/christmas-support/)
- Childline Free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 or [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)
- Samaritans 116 123 [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)
- Citizens Advice Staffordshire - Debt, benefits, budgeting 0808 278 7874
- StepChange Debt Charity - Free debt advice 0800 138 1111

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

<https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/calendar>

Please remember to keep an eye on the school calendar on our website and check the weekly round up for the latest information!

Autumn 1 - In pictures!!!

<https://richard-crosse-primary-school.schudio.com/photo-gallery-category/school-gallery>



Laches Wood 2026



Trip to Cannock Chase



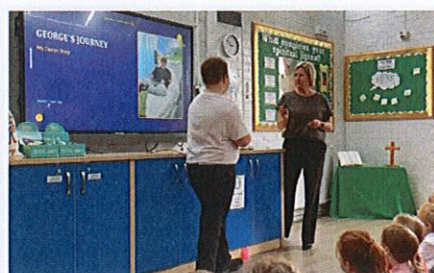
Macmillan Coffee Morning 2026



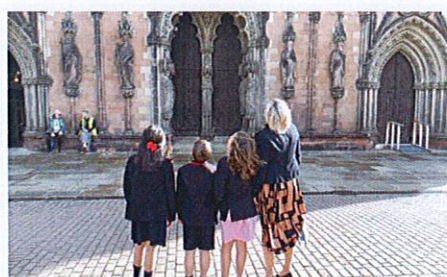
Harvest Festival 2026



PTA Colour Run 2026



Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Worship



Bishop Michaels Retirement Service -
Lichfield Cathedral

**Richard Crosse CE
Primary School**

**WE'VE CHANGED THE
ANGLE, NOT THE STORY**
Celebrating every moment. Protecting every child.
Adapting how we share, in response to evolving AI safeguarding concerns.

**HANDS
ON CONTENT**
Learning, exploring
and creating without
showing faces.

**BACKS
OF HEADS**
We can still show the
moments that matter.

**SIDE FACING
PHOTOS**
(WITH PERMISSION)
Only when we have
consent from
parents/carers.
No front facing photos.



Same memories.
A safer future.

Protecting children
today, for brighter
tomorrows