

# The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

## Newsletter May 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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### Richard Crosse DIY (Canopy) SOS: We Need You!

Have you ever watched *DIY SOS* and thought, "I'd love to help with a transformation like that"? Well, here is your chance and you won't even have to deal with Nick Knowles!

We are launching a massive project to replace the **all weather lean-to shelter** at the back of the school. This isn't just a roof; it's a vital outdoor classroom that allows our children to get fresh air, work in small groups and learn outside come rain or shine.

Currently, our old shelter has seen better days, and we need the community's help to build a safe, sturdy replacement.

#### How You Can Help

We are looking for parents, friends and local business legends who can contribute in any of the following ways:

- **Professional Skills & Labour:** Are you a builder, carpenter, or general DIY wizard? We need hands on deck.
- **Building Materials:** Do you have contacts in trade or access to timber, roofing sheets, or hardware?
- **Monetary Donations:** Every pound helps us reach our goal to fund the specialised parts of the build.
- **Waste Removal:** Assistance with skips or removing the old structure would be a huge help.
- **Spread the message far and wide:** Maybe a friend of a friend could contribute or knows of a company who could?

#### Why It Matters

This area is essential for our children's daily routine. It provides a breakout space for creative work and ensures that "British weather" doesn't stop our kids from enjoying the benefits of being outdoors.

#### Get In Touch

If you can help in any capacity, whether it's donating a bag of screws or leading a construction team, we want to hear from you!

Please contact **Kelly Marfleet** [richardcrossepta2@gmail.com](mailto:richardcrossepta2@gmail.com) or our school office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Richard Crosse Primary School!!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I find myself reflecting on just how much we've packed into the last few weeks. It has been a whirlwind of productivity, creativity and thankfully a bit of long awaited sunshine!

There is a distinct "summer hum" around the school at the moment. We've been making the most of the dry(er) weather, with the sound of cricket bats and tennis rackets echoing and our summer PE sessions in full swing. The children are already honing their skills in preparation for Sports Day, and the competitive (but friendly!) spirit is wonderful to see.

It has been a significant week for our Year 6's, who have just completed their SATs. I cannot emphasise enough how proud we are of them. They approached their assessments with a level of maturity and dedication that was truly impressive. They've worked incredibly hard during the build up and they certainly deserve a chance to breathe and celebrate their efforts over this half term holiday.

Looking to the future, Reception places for the new academic year have now been allocated. We are so excited to begin the transition process and look forward to officially welcoming our new families into the school community over the coming months.

Our recent Art Gallery and Book Look evening was a particular highlight for the staff. It was a joy to see the children's faces light up as they showcased their books and artwork to you, the pride in their progress is the best testament to their hard work.

Finally, a massive "thank you" to our incredible PTA and everyone who supported the Duck Race. It was a fantastic event that brought us all together and incredibly, raised nearly £1,000 for our school! This funding makes a tangible difference to our environment and resources.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this busy term. I hope you enjoy the two week break and get to soak up some of that sunshine! See you all on Monday June 1st for the final half term of this academic year!!

Kind regards,

Ms Bowring

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YOUR GOAL TO BE PROUD OF  
YOURSELF. BE PROUD OF EVERY  
STEP YOU TAKE.**

### **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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) if you're worried about a child.  
[NSPCC Christmas Support \[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- **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**

# What have we been up to? Take a look!!

School website Gallery - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/photo-gallery-category/school-gallery>

Weekly Class Blogs - <https://richardcrosse.staffs.sch.uk/news-events/blogs>

School Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/share/17c9arjK52/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

School Instagram Page -

[https://www.instagram.com/richardcrosseprimary?igsh=MW82a3g1Mmd0anc1dw%3D%3D&utm\\_source=q](https://www.instagram.com/richardcrosseprimary?igsh=MW82a3g1Mmd0anc1dw%3D%3D&utm_source=q)



**Phunky Foods Workshops**



**Summer Art Gallery and Book Look**



**Boccia Tournament  
29/04/26**



**Class 4 Pet - The Journey!!**



**Great Fire of London Day**



**Easter Church Service**

## Upcoming Events and Key Dates

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

### Information from PCSO Margaret Griffiths

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Parking restrictions outside schools  
Understanding yellow zigzag markings



Most school entrances and exits in the UK have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.

Zigzags can also be found at entrances and exits of hospitals, fire stations, police stations and ambulance stations. They indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle.

Sometimes there may be an accompanying sign that shows specific times when these restrictions are in place. Motorists are legally allowed to park on the zigzags outside of these hours.

Both yellow and white zigzags also show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

#### **Parking on yellow zigzags**

You can legally park on yellow zigzags under certain circumstances.

Yellow zigzags without accompanying signs advise motorists not to wait or park there at any time for the safety of children and others. We can and do issue tickets for parking on them, based on causing an obstruction to other motorists or pedestrians.

Some yellow zigzags have a single or double yellow line, which indicate different parking restrictions.

Find out more:

[The Highway Code - Parking and Waiting](#)

[The Highway Code - Road Markings](#)

#### **Parking opposite yellow zigzags**

You can legally park opposite yellow zigzags. However, this can make crossing the road more dangerous, especially for children. Some schools have yellow zigzags on both sides of the road for this reason.

#### **Safety tips for parking outside schools**

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

#### **Fines**

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.

Most parking or waiting fines are now enforced as a civil matter, rather than a police matter. A PCN does not result in a criminal record or points on a licence if dealt with by the council.

In some areas, the local council doesn't have civil parking enforcement powers. In these areas parking is enforced by us or by police-employed traffic wardens who will issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN). These are enforced through the criminal justice system.

Fines can vary depending on location. Stopping in a restricted area outside a school will result in a higher fine. The fee is also halved if paid within 14 days and you have 28 days to pay or challenge the fine.

#### **Other parking issues**

[Find out more about other parking issues and abandoned vehicles](#)

Regards Maggie.

## Values and 'The Big Question'

This half term's value has been '**Compassion**', the children have looked at how we can show this and what it looks like to others and in the bible.



'The Big Question' supports our children to become deeper thinkers by posing and discussing questions that have no right or wrong answer. This half terms question was

**Do you have to earn love?**

The children came up with some amazing ideas and had some beautiful, respectful discussions along the way!

Next half term.....

**Our BIG question is:**

**How can we work together to build a just and fair world?**

**Our focus value is: Peace**

What do they mean to you and your family? It would be lovely for the children to come to school with some ideas that you have discussed together over the holidays!

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# Introduction to Emotion Coaching for Parents and Carers



## WHAT IS EMOTION COACHING?

- Emotion Coaching is a relationship-based approach that helps children learn about their feelings, develop emotional skills, and improve behaviour and relationships.
- Is an evidence-based approach.

## WHAT WILL THE SESSIONS COVER?

- These sessions are tailored towards parents and carers who would like to learn more about Emotion Coaching, and how to use it in day-to-day life.
- The sessions will be led by Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service, and have been funded by East Staffs Hub.
- There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions and refreshments will be provided.
- The sessions are **free** to attend!
- There will be 2 sessions covering the same content. Please choose **one** to attend.

## Dates:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June: 15:00-17:00pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of June: 15:00-17:00pm

## Location:

East Staffs Family Hub. Training room.

Please attend the session that works best for you. Spaces are limited, please choose

**one** session.

## Emotion coaching can be helpful as a parent/ carer because it...

- Builds children's understanding of their emotions
- Strengthens the parent-child relationship
- Supports the development of healthy self-regulation skills.

## Sign up here:

Scan the QR code below and fill out the Microsoft form

Or email

[grace.muirhead@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:grace.muirhead@staffordshire.gov.uk) with your name and the session you would like to attend.



Emotion Coaching for Parents and Carers – additional information for flyer

### **What is Emotion Coaching?**

Emotion Coaching is an evidence-based approach that helps children and young people to understand, express and manage their emotions. Emotion Coaching can be used with children of all ages, from Early Years through to Post16, and works best as part of everyday interactions at home and school.

The approach is based on the work of psychologist John Gottman and focuses on adults responding to children's emotions with empathy, guidance, and clear boundaries. Rather than trying to "fix" feelings or stop them, Emotion Coaching helps children learn what their feelings mean and how to regulate them.

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### **What will this session include?**

This session will give you a practical introduction to Emotion Coaching including:

- What is Emotion Coaching and why is it helpful
- A step-by-step guide to Emotion Coaching
- How to use Emotion Coaching in everyday situations
- Example scripts to use "in the moment" with your child

The session will be led by two members of Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service. There will be plenty of opportunity to talk and ask questions throughout.

Please feel free to bring a friend, family member, partner, or anyone else who supports your child. We want the session to feel welcoming, relaxed, and easy to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Parent testimonial from the Emotion Coaching UK website:**

A mother writes: My son was refusing to get out of the car for his first day at holiday club. He locked the car doors, climbed over the seats - thought he was being funny. My initial reaction was to get cross, but I stopped myself! I sat next to him in the car and held his hand - he was able to say, "I'm frightened and nervous" He had never communicated this before. I gave him a hug and calmly spoke about the time I was scared too, that we will make friends with the adult and ask if they could introduce him to some other girls and boys and make new friends. My son visibly pushed back his shoulders, puffed out his chest and said "OK". He continued to hold my hand and walked calmly into the holiday club. As I left, my son turned to say goodbye and gave me a big hug without any fuss whatsoever.