

Term 2 Calendar of Events

Date & Time	Event	Year Group & Attendees	Information
Monday 02.11.26	Return to school	All Year Groups	School Hours: Monday to Thursday - 8.30am until 3.30pm Fridays - 8.30am until 1pm
Wednesdays 07.10.26 – 25.11.26	Year 6 Swimming	Year 6	Swimming for Year 6 is on Wednesdays this term at Ridgeway Leisure Centre. Comms emailed 16.07.26 and can be found HERE . Please complete online form to give your child's swimming ability HERE if not already done so.
Wednesday 04.11.26 9:30am and 1:30pm	Parent Tours	Parents of New 2026 Cohort	Tour by appointment only for those applying for a place in September 2027. Tours will commence at 9.30am and 1:30pm. Please call the school office on 01793 430084 to book.
Thursday 05.11.26	PTA Fireworks Disco	All Year Groups	Bring your best moves and come dressed to impress OR dress up in bright clothes and hair ready to "pop" like a firework during the day at the class discos (courtesy of Croft PTA).
Tuesday 10.11.26	Diwali Menu	All Year Groups	Special Themed lunch to celebrate Diwali! Please remember to book your child's special lunch before the deadline of 03.11.26.
Tuesday 10.11.26	Diwali Celebration	All Year Groups	We shall be holding a Diwali Celebration in the school hall for children where we shall be explaining why Diwali is celebrated and there will be a range of activities for the children to participate in. If you would like to volunteer to help support this day then please complete this FORM
Wednesday 11.11.26 8:30am	MTC Workshop	Year 4	Please join us for this workshop, which will cover supporting your child at home with learning. Please drop your child to class before entering via the main entrance to the hall. Children will come down and join you in the hall.
Wednesday 11.11.26 9:45am – 11:00am	Old Town Library Visit	Class 5JM	Children will be walking to and from the library. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist during this visit. If you are able to help, please complete this FORM to express your interest.
Thursday 12.11.26	Stone Age Day	Year 3	Year 3 will be participating in a Stone Age Day. Full details were emailed 25.09.26 and can be found HERE
Thursday 12.11.26	Ridgeway Author Visit	Year 5	Year 5 will be spending the morning at Ridgeway school. Full details were emailed 18.09.26 and can be found HERE
Thursday 12.11.26	Bags2School	All Year Groups	Bag2school are collecting good quality items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. Please use your own bags and leave donations in the 'yellow hatched' area outside of school. Full details of what can be donated can be found HERE

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Friday 13.11.26	Children in Need	All Year Groups	Please send children to school in their Pyjamas or any Pudsey Attire/Non-Uniform. We are asking for donations to be made directly to Children in Need: Children in Need Donation Link NO CASH can be accepted in school. Thank you for your support.
Wednesday 18.11.26 7:30pm	Wyvern Voice Festival	Croft Choir	The Croft Choir is taking part in the second performance at 7:30pm and tickets are available to purchase via The Wyvern Box Office linked HERE .
Friday 20.11.26	Dress Down Day for Tombola	All Year Groups	Crofties can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a kind donation to our 'Christmas Shopping Fayre Tombola' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 1 – Biscuits, sweets and chocolates • Year 2 – new and used quality gift for an adult • Year 3 &4 – new and used good quality gift for a child • Year 5 &6 – anything in a bottle!
Monday 23.11.26	Gingerbread Cookie Day Menu	All Year Groups	Special Themed lunch with Gingerbread Cookies! Please remember to book your child's special lunch before the deadline of 17.11.26.
Wednesday 25.11.26	Flu Vaccinations	All Year Groups	Please see email sent 22.09.26 with details and links of how to give your consent.
Wednesday 25.11.26 2:00pm-7:30pm	KS1 Parents Evening via TEAMS	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	On TEAMS Only - Parents' Evening will be held online via Microsoft Teams. You can book your appointment through the Arbor App. The Teams links will be sent out closer to the date.
Thursday 26.11.26 2:00pm-7:30pm	KS2 Parents Evening via TEAMS	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	On TEAMS Only - Parents' Evening will be held online via Microsoft Teams. You can book your appointment through the Arbor App. The Teams links will be sent out closer to the date.
Friday 27.11.26 1:00pm – 3:15pm	Christmas Shopping Fayre	All Year Groups	Come to the hall for some festive shopping fun with Christmas crafts, performances from The Croft Choir, a tombola, raffle and a variety of other stalls. Let's get into the festive spirit! If you are part of the Croftie community and would like to have a stall at the event, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you're a student, parent, family member or friend with gifts, crafts or products that would make wonderful Christmas presents, please get in touch with the PTA via email or through your Year Rep for more information.
Tuesday 01.12.26	Sleeping Beauty Panto	Reception	Reception will be visiting Newbury Theater to watch the show. Full details were emailed 08.09.26 and can be found HERE

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Wednesday 02.12.26 1.30pm	Christ Church	Year 4	As part of our RE learning this term, centered around the key question, 'What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians?', we will be visiting Christ Church in Old Town. Children will walk to and from the church. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist during this visit. If you are able to help, please complete this FORM to express your interest.
Monday 07.12.26 Performance 1 5.00pm – 5.30pm Performance 2 6.00pm- 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Performance	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	There will be two performances so all parents can attend their child's performance. Children should wear Christmas jumpers with uniform bottoms (black trousers/skirts). Ticket details will be shared nearer the time. Parents are responsible for drop-off and collection at The Ridgeway School, except Chipmunks, who will be dropped off by staff. Children will be expected to attend both performances and will need collecting by parents after the last performance at 6:30pm from outside Ridgeway school.
Monday 07.12.26 1:30pm	Ashford Lodge Care Home Choir Performance	Croft Choir	The Croft Choir will be travelling by Croft minibus to Ashbury Lodge Care Home to take part in a performance for the residents.
Tuesday 08.12.26	Deadline to Book Christmas Lunch	All Year Groups	Please book your child's Christmas Lunch by midnight tonight. Menu's and allergen matrix can be found on our website HERE . Alternatively send your child to school with a 'Festive' packed lunch from home next week on these days.
Wednesday 09.12.26 8:45am	Phonics Blended Workshop	Invite Only	Phonics TEAMS workshop with a focus on blending. Invites will be sent out nearer the time.
Thursday 10.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day	All Year Groups	Children to wear Christmas jumpers / Non uniform. There is no need to wear school uniform bottoms.
Thursday 10.12.26	Sleeping Beauty Panto	Year 1	Year 1 will be visiting Newbury Theater to watch the show. Full details were emailed 08.09.26 and can be found HERE
Friday 11.12.26 8:30am	Santa Dash	All Year Groups	We would love Parents and Carers to join the whole school just after drop off in the morning for our very own Santa Dash. Last year was so much fun and the Crofties really LOVED it so we'd love to see you there! Run, walk or stroll - the idea is just to be there and have fun with all of our Crofties. Festive Refreshments/ beverages available to purchase on the morning too! Children to come into school in appropriate sportswear and a Christmas Jumper.



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LAST WEEK OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

There will be **NO** 1:1 Peripatetic Music Lessons this week. Afterschool clubs will run as normal except for Friday Clubs, therefore, **NO** SMART, MF Dance or Multi Sports Clubs. There will be **NO** celebration assembly on the last day of term. Normal uniform on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Christmas Clothes or Jumpers can be worn on Thursday and Friday this week.

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Monday 14.12.26 9.00am	Reception Nativity	Reception	Main Hall Max 2 adults please. Please note that this performance will NOT be streamed via TEAMS nor will it be recorded. Cash donations will be welcomed on the door. (Parents will be asked to send their children in their Nativity costume-Details of how and when will follow from Year group Letter coming in Term 2)
Tuesday 15.12.26 9:00am	KS1 Christmas Production	Year 1 Parents	Main Hall Max 2 adults please. Please note that this performance will NOT be streamed via TEAMS nor will it be recorded. Cash donations will be welcomed on the door. Details of costumes required will follow from Year group Letter coming in Term 2
Wednesday 16.12.26 9:00am	KS1 Christmas Production	Year 2 Parents	Main Hall Max 2 adults please. Please note that this performance will NOT be streamed via TEAMS nor will it be recorded. Cash donations will be welcomed on the door. Details of costumes required will follow from Year group Letter coming in Term 2
Thursday 17.12.26	Christmas Lunch and Party Day	All Year Groups	Children can wear Christmas Party clothes/Jumpers &/ or Non-Uniform. No PE Kits. If you have not ordered a Christmas Lunch for your child, you will need to send in a 'festive packed lunch' from home of their/your choice.
Friday 18.12.26 8.15am	Special Visitor	All Year Groups	A special visitor will be joining us in the morning to welcome the children into school on the last day of term.
Friday 18.12.26	Christmas Jumpers/Clothes	All Year Groups	Children can come into school in Christmas clothes/jumpers on this day.
Friday 18.12.26	End of Term	All Year Groups	Normal 1.00pm Finish – NO Afterschool Clubs will be running. NO celebration assembly.

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 5th January!**

Other Important Information

We are continuing with our online 'Lets Celebrate' Assemblies, every Friday morning. Please click on the link below to join. Please be patient whilst we settle the children and as always, remember to turn off your cameras and microphones before joining the meeting.

Fridays 9am	Celebration Assembly	All Year Groups	Click Here to Join
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PE Days for Term 2

Reception	Monday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 11.01.27	Young Voice Festival	Croft Choir	Croft Choir will be participating in the Young Voice Festival in Birmingham. Full details were emailed 15.09.26 and can be found HERE
Thursday 21.01.27	January Census Menu	All Year Groups	Please book a school meal for your child to support the school for Census. Meals can be booked as usual on Arbor – Special menu offering hotdogs and chips!
Wednesday 27.01.27	Anglo Saxon Workshop	Year 4	Year 4 will be participating in an Anglo Saxon Day. Further details to follow.
Thursday 04.02.27	We the Curious	Year 3	Further details to follow.
Wednesday 10.02.27	Harry Potter	Year 5	Year 5 will be visiting Warner Bros Studio to participate in the Harry Potter tour. Full details were emailed 25.09.26 and can be found HERE
Wednesday 14.04.27 & Thursday 10.06.27	Bags2School	All Year Groups	Bag2school are collecting good quality items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. Please use your own bags and leave donations in the 'yellow hatched' area outside of school. Full details of what can be donated can be found HERE
Wednesday 19.05.27 – Friday 21.05.27	Year 4 PGL Residential	Year 4	Full details were emailed 22.03.26 and can be found HERE
Monday 21.06.27 – Friday 25.06.27	Year 6 Skern Adventure Residential	Year 6	Full details were emailed 22.04.26 and can be found HERE



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School Office:

Please note that the School Office is open term time only.

Normal office hours are: 8.15am - 4.15pm Monday - Thursday and 8.15am – 1.30pm Fridays

Please may we ask that you check online first to answer any general enquiries before contacting the school. The website is updated on a regular basis and you will find information to most common asked questions.

Polite Reminders:

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of items brought in late for children. Please can we ask that your child comes to school with all their belongings, especially packed lunches, coats, books, bags and water bottles. We want to try and build independence for your child (and they may need your help in doing so) and it will really help them (and us) if **ALL** items from home are remembered in the mornings.

Please label **ALL** your children's belongings. In the event of them losing an item, it will enable a better chance of it being returned to you or your child.

Reporting Your Child's Absence:

You must inform the school office if your child will be absent from school before 8.30am and on a daily basis. Absences can be reported by either emailing admin@thecroft.swindon.sch.uk or calling 430084. When emailing, should you wish to copy in your child's class teacher please do so, however the school office records all absences and as a matter of safeguarding if you have not informed the office, you will be chased for attendance unnecessarily. Unfortunately, teachers do not always have time in the morning to pass on messages received by parents.

Medical Appointments:

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please email the office in advance, so that we can mark their attendance accordingly and make a note that they will be either in later, leaving early or absent during part of the day.

Booking School Dinners:

Please note that the deadline for booking school dinners is **midnight on Tuesday, one week in advance**. If you forget to book your child's lunch by the deadline, you will need to provide them with a **packed lunch for that week**.

Although Arbor allows bookings to be made after the deadline, lunch numbers and menu choices will already have been submitted to the kitchen and shared with teaching staff. Therefore, your child will not be included in the dinner count and will still need to bring a packed lunch. Unfortunately, the school office is unable to process late lunch bookings. School dinner menus and allergen information can be found on our website.



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Afterschool Clubs:

Booking information for Afterschool Clubs are sent out at the end of each term for the following term. All our afterschool clubs are externally run clubs. You can also find the booking information on our website.

Music Lessons:

We have some external companies who come into the school and offer 1-2-1 music lessons for guitar, piano, trumpet, drums and violin. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument then all the contact details of the external companies we use can be found on the Croft website.