



Newsletter - February 2025

It's been a while since we last wrote to you but, at the halfway point in the year, we wanted to bring news of events that have happened, money raised, and money spent and plans for the coming weeks and months.



**WORLD BOOK DAY
PRE-LOVED COSTUME
AND BOOK SALE!**

Friday 28th February '25
8.15am and 1pm

**WORLD
BOOK DAY
PTA
ACTIVITIES
... BOTH ON
28TH FEB '25**



Create a Favourite Character!

Bring your characters in by 28th February '25



**MOTHERS' DAY
CRAFTERNOON
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025
1PM-4PM**

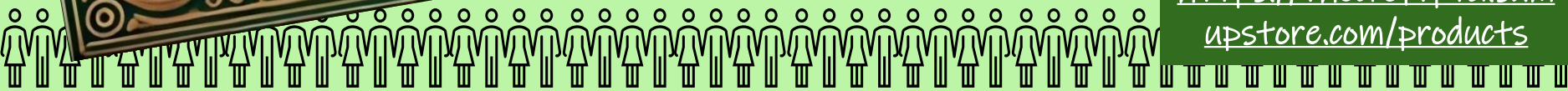
**Mothers' Day Crafternoon -
Friday 14th March.**
Come and decorate a tote bag or picture frame (or both) whilst enjoying a drink. At least there's no mess at home! Book here:
<https://forms.gle/ohGDikgKtxm7w6SL7>

4TH APRIL '25

Our first ever "Croftie Bar raffle". It's win/win - even if you don't win a golden ticket, you still get the chocolate!



Purchase your Croftie Bars for £2.50 and be in with a chance to win awesome prizes!
<https://thecroftpta.sumupstore.com/products>





PTA FUNDED!

The children LOVED the silent disco on the 13th Feb – and the balloons!



In November we finally had the official opening of the Woodland Learning and Play Area – our BIG spend last year. The space has been used all winter which is great!

The Year 6 Hoodies which we always purchase arrived just before half term – they love them!



COMING SOON!

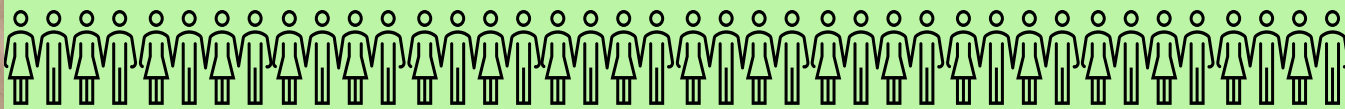
NEW SPORTS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT FUNDED BY THE PTA (using money raised at the Christmas Santa Dash and Fayre)



We had a wonderful end of 2024! Over 130 entries to the Stocking Decorating Competition (which made the hall look beautiful for all of December), our first ever Santa Dash which the children absolutely LOVED and thanks to you all for donating so generously to our Tombola and buying Raffle Tickets! The Family Festivities in the afternoon were great fun and we raised over £2,696 throughout the day. Thanks to all the wonderful helpers who decorated, organised, supervised and ran stalls – a massive team effort!



Father Christmas kindly came back at the end of term too, to wish our Crofties well!





Back in October the first ever Croftie Cookbook was launched. Featuring 27 recipes from all over the world, sent in by Crofties and their parents, the book launch was a big success! Many parents were able to present their delicious recipes and we all had tastes - such fun!

To date we have sold over 100 recipe books. There are still some available (they make a great pressie for Mothers'/ Fathers' day!) – visit <https://thecroftpta.sumupstore.com/products>

We had a successful physical uniform sale in Term 3, raising just over £100 in an hour after school.

So far, this year, we have raised over £530 on uniform alone!



We will have another physical sale soon (as the weather warms up!) but if, in the meantime, you would like to purchase any uniform, please visit our online shop:

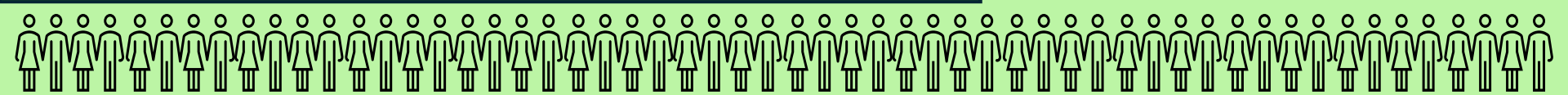
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Before Christmas, the school parliament met with our South Swindon MP, Heidi Alexander. Jim (co-chair of the PTA) had organised the visit - the purpose of which was to gain advice and support for our bid to acquire more green space for the school. Heidi was in full support of our ambitions and Swindon Borough and local parish councillors are now aware of our need and desire for more space. We hope to bring you more news in the coming months on this. Thank you to everyone who signed the green space petition - it really helped support our cause.



Thanks to everyone who supported Croft PTA in the last few months by shopping at Asda or Tesco (and Carrie Thompson for setting it all up)

The Asda scheme raised £212.91, and the Tesco blue token scheme raised £500 for Croft PTA. The teachers in school have put in some funding requests recently so this money will go towards funding new equipment and learning resources for school.



JOIN OUR TEAM!



Some of your Croft PTA members are, unfortunately, going to be leaving us this year as their children's Croft journeys come to an end.

If you are keen to have an input into how the PTA raise and spend money, have new and exciting ideas of activities we can organise, or, if you'd simply like to get to know Croft School better, we'd love to hear from you.

One important position that we need to fill is the role of Secretary. This position is presently held by Carrie Thompson and is a role that, although very important, doesn't need to be very time consuming.

We would also really benefit from having other parental representatives on our PTA committee from Reception and Year 2.

If you would like to be involved in school community initiatives and work together with passionate, dedicated parents and teachers, please do get in contact with Jim and Ellie Tin by emailing thecroftptaswindon@gmail.com or chatting to us in person!



CLASS COMMUNICATIONS

Reception: Emily Plane & Becky Barrett

Year 1: Katy Hadden & Jennifer Murray

Year 2: Liz Young

Year 3: Steph Jones & Ellie Tin

Year 4: Emily Plane & Lucy Hicks

Year 5: Becky Barrett & Emily Plane

Year 6: Carrie-Anne Thompson

Just a reminder for any new parents that we are a registered charity. Our Registered Charity number is 1173087.

We had a successful first Coffee Drop Off with around 30 parents meeting to catch up and watch assembly in the warm. We hope to see you at our next event on...



**28th March 2025
8.30am**



Croft Primary Summer Fete 2025

*Featuring the 2nd Croffie Bake
Off... King's Birthday theme!*

**SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 21st June
11am-3pm**

