

Welcome to Year 3



Information for Parents
September 2026

Year Staff

3C - Miss Coyne

3E Miss Maguire

3M - Mrs Malone

Miss Anushi, Mrs Dehavilland, Mrs Ritson, Mrs McCauley and Mr Wingate.

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School



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to the full." John 10:10

Mission Statement

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We promote the aims, mission statement and Catholic ethos of the school and ask parents to support us with this.

Most children now follow the 'To know you more clearly' teaching programme. This has replaced the 'Come and See' scheme previously used.

Gates open: 8.35am

Entry through classroom doors

Registration: 8.45 – 8.55am

Classroom doors will be locked and teaching starts immediately.

Finish: 3:15pm

Pickup from playground by back carpark. Please stand as far back as possible and if you do need to speak to us at the end of the day allow us to dismiss each child safely beforehand.

Uniform

Winter uniform should be worn from **28th September.**

White shirt and tie

Green cardigan / sweat shirt

Grey skirt / trousers / shorts

White / grey socks/tights

Black shoes **not black trainers**
(even in summer months)



Reminder: Water bottles/lunches/ Names in uniforms!!

Uniform

- The only jewellery allowed is a wrist watch (not smart) and a small pair of plain, stud earrings.
- Children wearing any other jewellery will be asked to take it off and put it away safely.
- KS2 - Bags must fit in the cloakroom and be appropriate for school use (fasten/waterproof/size)
- Water bottles – please no air-ups/Stanley cups. We sell school water bottles in the office if required.
- No squishies/dumplings/NeeDohs to be in school. If your child requires a 'fidget' toy this needs to be agreed with the class teacher first and the SENDCO.

PE

- Please come to school every Thursday and Friday in your kit
- PE kit should follow our guidelines (yellow plain or logo T-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers, and trainers).
- A plain black or navy zip up or hoodie can be worn, but please no logos or named brands. Alternatively, a school cardigan/jumper can be worn with a PE kit.
- Please make sure that shorts are of an appropriate length, or your child will be asked to change into school shorts..



Swimming

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- In Year 3 the children go swimming during their PE lessons.
- For swimming your child needs to bring a small bag, labelled with your their name containing;
 - Swimming costume or trunks/jammers (please note that Sefton Aquatics state no swimming shorts).
 - Swimming hat
 - Swimming goggles
 - Towel
- Please note that Sefton Aquatics state that it is essential the children have these items. They also do not allow the children to swim with any jewelry, including earrings.

Healthy School

- We are a Healthy School and promote a healthy diet and lifestyle to our children
- Only fruit or vegetables at break times eg apple, carrot, bananas
- Lunch boxes should not contain sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks
- Reusable bottles containing water only

Reading

- Reading Mastery is taught 4 times a week covering skills such as; exploration of text and making predictions, exploring vocabulary and language, rapid retrieval, inference and deduction.
On a Friday, we will send the extract of the week home for your child to enjoy.
- Your child will continue to bring home a school reading book from our book band scheme and should read this aloud to an adult at home 3 times a week. Please ensure your child brings their book to school every day as they will read with a teacher once a week.

Accelerated Reader

- We are excited to announce that we will soon be moving to a new reading scheme called Accelerated reader.
- Children read books within an allocated colour related to their Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).
- Children should continue to read aloud with an adult at home.
- Children will complete comprehension quizzes.



"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader (AR) is an online tool that helps teachers manage and monitor children's **independent** reading.

- Children are able to pick books which match their reading ability and read them at their own pace.
- When finished, children then take an online quiz –passing this indicates that the child has understood what they have read. These are challenging, without being frustrating, and allow children at all reading levels to experience success.
- AR gives feedback to both teachers and children based on the quiz results.

Writing

- In Year 3 we reinforce and build on the basic skills learnt in Key Stage 1 (e.g. through daily sentence accuracy).
- Begin to move from transcription to composition.
- Spelling in context is a key focus in Year 3. Please practise your child's spellings with them.
- We follow the Literacy Counts scheme
- Focus on developing cursive script



Letter-join whole school handwriting scheme

Tripod Grip Rhyme

Listen to the rhyme:

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Right Handed Grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,



Spin it round...



...and grip.

Left Handed Grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,



Spin it round...



...and grip.

Spoken Language



Maths

Great Crosby follows White Rose Maths so that parents can support more at home.

Please download the One Minute Maths App.

Our Maths calculation policy can be found on greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com
> Curriculum > Our Curriculum > Maths

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Number Place value VIEW			Number Addition and subtraction VIEW				Number Multiplication and division A VIEW				
Spring	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW			Measurement Length and perimeter VIEW		Number Fractions A VIEW		Measurement Mass and capacity VIEW				
Summer	Number Fractions B VIEW		Measurement Money VIEW		Measurement Time VIEW		Geometry Shape VIEW		Statistics VIEW		Consolidation	

Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term

Year 3 - Autumn 2026

Welcome to Year 3! The children have had a wonderful first day and it has been lovely to see all of their smiling faces. Here is some key information regarding our Autumn Curriculum.

SCHOOL DAY:

- Year 3 doors will open in the mornings at 8:35. **Registration is 8:45am-8:55am.**
- Children finish at **3:15pm** and will be dismissed from their classroom door onto the playground.
- Year 3 playtime is at 11:00am and lunchtime is 12:30pm. We recommend that the children bring a snack for playtimes. Snacks can be either a piece of fruit or a vegetable.

HOMEWORK:

-Reading books: Reading books will be changed on a **Monday**. Reading books should be read at home aloud to an adult and brought into school daily. The children will be given a reading record for parents and carers to record in.

- Maths homework: Arithmetic homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and should be completed for the following Wednesday.

Spellings: A weekly spelling list will be given out on a **Wednesday** and the children should learn these for a test the following week. Spellings are also available on Edshed.

Times Tables Rockstars: Over the next few weeks, your child will receive a login for The Times Tables Rockstars website and app. They should aim to complete 5-10 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars daily.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Read a variety of books with your child in order to help them develop Reading for Pleasure.
- Practise you child's weekly spellings with them and together practise writing sentences containing the words.
- Play games to practise recalling addition and subtraction number facts to 100 and multiplication/division facts for the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables.
- Visit the Egyptian exhibition and at The Liverpool World Museum.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PTA AGM –

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 8th September 9am (please enter through the playground classroom doors)

Parent's Evening – Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October

3M Rejoice Celebration – Tuesday 20th October 9am

YEAR 3 AUTUMN CURRICULUM:

Religious Education: We follow 'To Know you More Clearly' and the topics we will study are;

- Creation and Covenant: We explore how God created our wonderful world and celebrate his creation.
- Prophecy and Promise: We look at the prophecy foretold of the coming of Jesus and look at ways we can prepare for His coming. We celebrate the season of Advent and focus on the important role of Mary.

English: We follow 'Ready, Steady, Write' and will be studying Into the Forest by Anthony Browne and The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage. We will also be exploring a range of other texts through our Reading Mastery lessons.

Mathematics: We follow 'White Rose' and will be studying the following topics;

- Place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- Multiplication and division for the 2,3,4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Additionally, we will be learning strategies to multiply and divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number.

Science: Our topics this term are Animals including Humans, Forces and Magnets.

Geography: We follow 'Kapow' and this term our topic is entitled 'Are all settlements the same?'

History: This term our topic is 'The Ancient Egyptians.'

PE: Our PE days are **Thursday and Friday**. On both of these days the children will be required to come to school in their full PE kit. Please note that Year 3 will be going swimming in Spring Term.

RSHE: Relationships and Health and Wellbeing

MFL: Spanish classroom commands and questions.

Music: We follow Kapow and will be exploring and performing Ballads.

Art: We will explore and experiment with a range of techniques using collage materials to 'paint with scissors' and learn about the artist Henri Matisse.

D.T: Levers and Linkages

Computing: We will be exploring internet safety and how computer systems work.

Dates for your diary

School Photos – 29th September – 1st October

Sponsored Run – WB 21st September

3M Rejoice- 20th October

Parents' Evenings – 21st & 22nd October

Homework

(Starting WB: 14.09.2026)

All homework is due in the same day the following week

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Going for Green

We have discussed the Code of Conduct in class and have explained that all rules come under the umbrella of:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Resilient

Be RESPONSIBLE

Responsibility means taking ownership of ourselves, our learning and our choices.



Myself & Others

Take responsibility for myself.
Be a good example to others.
Make choices that help others succeed.



My Learning

Take responsibility for my learning.
Take pride in all that I do.
Be ready and prepared to learn.



My Choices

Make the right choices.
Accept the consequences of my actions.
Look after my belongings and our school.



Speak Up

Speak to an adult if I am worried or feel unsafe.

Be RESPECTFUL

Respect is shown by what we say, what we do and how we treat our community.



People

Use kind words.
Listen to others.
Use adults' names politely.
Say please, thank you and excuse me.
Include others.



Learning

Listen when others speak.
Respect different ideas.
Look after books and equipment.
Let everyone learn.



Places

Keep classrooms and corridors tidy.
Pick up litter.
Walk safely.
Look after our school.



Online & beyond

Our school expectations still matter when we represent Great Crosby outside school.

Be RESILIENT

Resilience means we keep trying, even when something is difficult.



When learning is tricky...

Have a go.
Use what you already know.
Ask a useful question.
Learn from mistakes.
Try a different strategy.



When things go wrong...

Pause.
Breathe.
Reset.
Make a better choice.
Talk to a trusted adult if you need help.



GC mindset

"I can't do it... YET."

Mistakes are part of learning.

We don't give up on ourselves or each other.

Be READY

Being ready means you are prepared before an adult has to ask.

1 Ready to learn

Arrive calmly.
Have equipment ready.
Sit in your place.
Start the morning challenge.

2 Ready to listen

Eyes and attention on the speaker.
Follow instructions first time.
Ask if you are unsure.

3 Ready to move

Use Fantastic Walking.
Line up quickly and quietly.
Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

4 Ready to lead

Make good choices even when no one is watching.
Help others to succeed.
Be a positive role model.

STAR Learning

STAR helps us show excellent learning behaviour in every lesson.

S Sit Up

Show you are ready to learn.

T Tune In

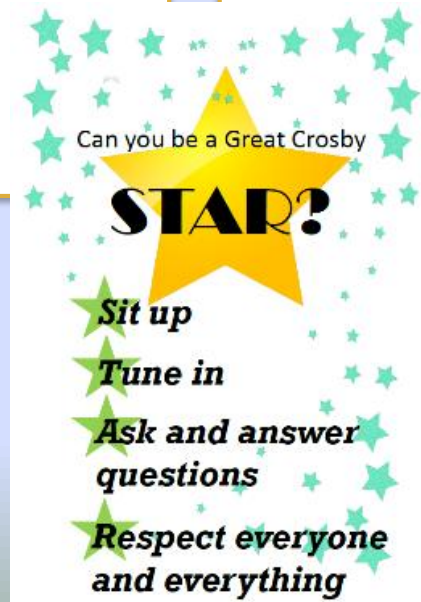
Listen, look and focus.

A Ask & Answer

Think, ask questions and join in.

R Respect

Respect everyone and everything.



FANTASTIC WALKING

We use Fantastic Walking to keep everyone safe and protect learning.



FACE FORWARDS



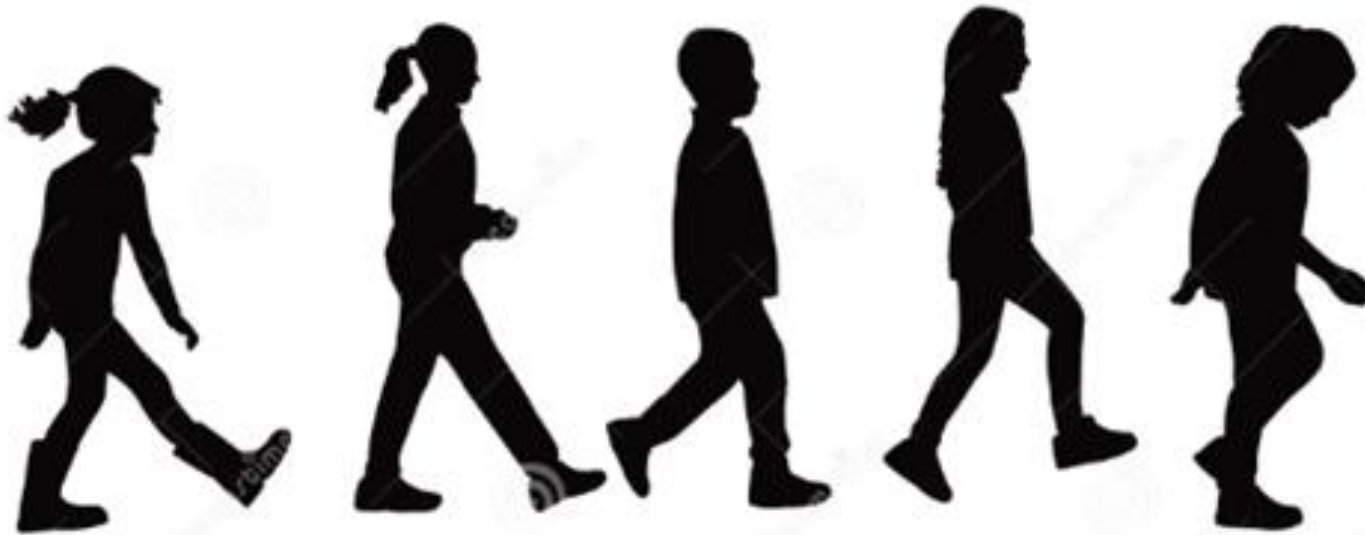
WALK STEADILY



STRAIGHT LINE



NO TALKING



Facing forwards • Walking at a steady pace • Straight line • No talking

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Our behaviour system gives children clear opportunities to reset, reflect and make better choices.

1 Remind er

Make a better choice.

2 Think carefully

A final opportunity to change direction.

3 Time owed

Time may be owed at break/lunch and you may reflect.

4 Remove & Reset

Move to a partner class/area to reset and continue learning.

5 Formal meeting

For repeated poor choices, adults and parents/carers work together on next steps.

Important: serious one-off behaviour may mean a step is escalated.



STEPS TO SUCCESS

Who parents should contact
about behaviour



STEP	WHAT HAPPENS	WHO TO SPEAK TO
STEP 1 FIRST REMINDER	A reminder of the rules delivered privately.	 Class Teacher (or adult in the room)
STEP 2 SECOND REMINDER	Verbal caution delivered privately and a final opportunity to make a good choice.	 Class Teacher (or adult in the room)
STEP 3 TIME OWED	You now owe time during breaktime/lunchtime.	 Class Teacher
STEP 4 REMOVE AND RESET	You may be asked to leave the room and work in another area of school.	 Class Teacher or SLT / Phase Lead
STEP 5 FORMAL MEETING	A meeting will be held with you, the class teacher and a member of SLT/Phase Lead.	 Class Teacher and SLT / Phase Lead
	Steps may be escalated if inappropriate behaviour arises such as physical aggression or disrespect to staff in a serious one-off incident. This can result in an immediate consequence and time owed/behavioural reflection time. Parents will be informed. *Phone calls and emails should not be completed during lesson time	
KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF		
 S.T: Mrs Morton, Miss Sharrock, Mrs Crann	 Years 1, 2 and 3: Mrs Long	
 Phase Leads – Nursery and Reception: Mrs Francis	 Years 4, 5 and 6: Ms Dalton	
 SENDCO: Mrs Harvey	 Learning Mentor: Mrs Solkin	

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Safeguarding

- We ask parents not to have phones out on school grounds and not to take photographs on school premises or at any events
- No vaping or smoking on school premises
- No dogs on school premises
- Please don't enter classrooms – wait away from door
- Children must not wear smartwatches
- Phones must be switched off and stored in the locker

Safe and Secure

Safeguarding and Child Protection Team

- Mrs Crann – Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Morton – Designated Person
- Miss Sharrock – Designated Person
- Mrs Solkin – PSA & Designated Person

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Morton



Mrs Crann



Miss Sharrock



Mrs Solkin

Schoolgateway App



We have introduced School Gateway to Great Crosby – a parent/carer engagement app that will allow you to pay for school dinners, school trips and any other fees, and allow us to communicate with you efficiently.

School Gateway has replaced Pay360. All online payments will be made through this system. **If you pay for school dinners online, you should already have registered.** School Gateway will be replacing GroupCall in the new year.

Please download the app for free. Just search **School Gateway** in your App store and download. Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information the school already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

You will open the app, click **Sign up**, enter the email address the school has for you, enter your mobile number, and click **Send PIN**. Wait for the text message with the PIN to arrive, enter your PIN and then you can log in. There is also a web-based version if you do not have a smart phone. Please use the app if possible as it makes it easier to get hold of parents/carers when we need to.

Regularly check our homepage: <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/>

Follow us: **Twitter:** @greatcrosby **Instagram:** great.crosby.catholic.primary

Online Safety

Our school website online safety pages have a huge amount of help.

For parents/carers: greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com > Parents/Carers > Online Safety

For children: greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com > Children > Online Safety

Social Networking Apps

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Children **must be at least 13** to register on most social networking websites. Age limits are there to keep children safe so don't feel pressurised into letting younger children join these websites or use apps/games that are age inappropriate.

Safer Schools App



Stay in touch with up-to-date online safety and safeguarding issues. It links with our website too. Download from the App Store or Google Play. See our website for more joining details.

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Gaming



Check the PEGI age rating of games. Please only let your child access games appropriate to their age. Please don't play your adult games with children. For in-game purchases, buy a gift card, don't link your bank card.

Next Steps

Have a conversation with your child about what they do online; have a family agreement; check that accounts are set to private; protect their personal information; think before you/they post; check your virus protection is up-to-date; check parental controls on YouTube, iPlayer, Netflix, Amazon Prime & other streaming services; consider filtering & blocking software; understand the laws; understand how to report and block and if an incident happens – save the evidence.

Stay Safe Online

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- have a family agreement;
- check that accounts are set to private;
- protect their personal information;
- think before you/they post;
- check your virus protection is up-to-date;
- check parental controls on YouTube, iPlayer, Netflix, Amazon Prime & other streaming services;
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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



- Just £1 a week
- Weekly prize guaranteed every Saturday
- £25,000 jackpot
- We have already raised over £1,500 for our school since April!

Any question or problems at all - however small ...

Please let us know – we will always be happy to help.

Email us on admin.greatcrosby@schools.sefton.gov.uk and we will respond as soon as we can within our working hours.

If you have any issues regarding your child, in the first instance please speak to your class teacher or phase leader Mrs Long.

Thank you very much for joining us this morning!

We look forward to working together with you to help your child shine and achieve their full potential.

