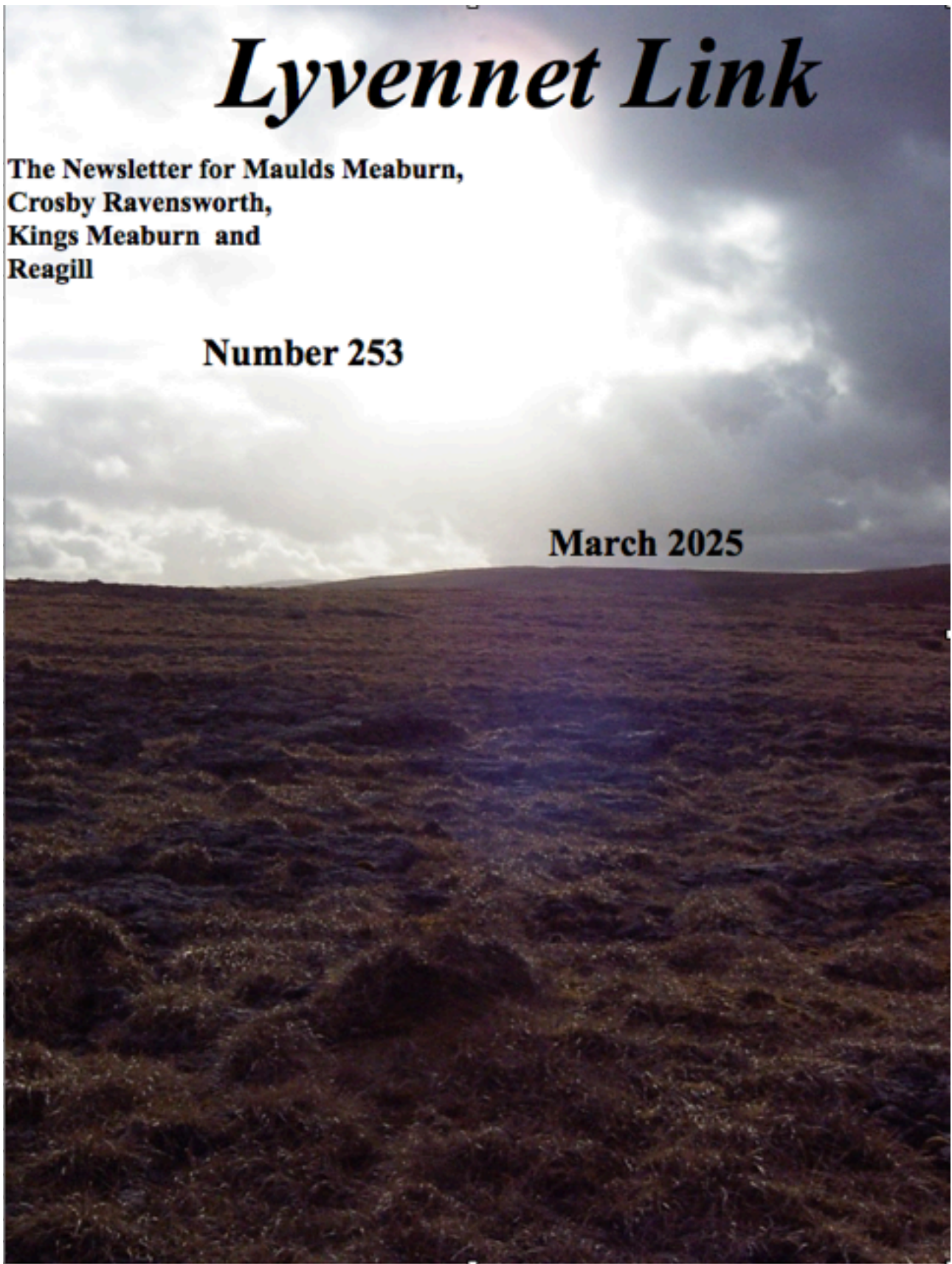


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**The Newsletter for Maulds Meaburn,  
Crosby Ravensworth,  
Kings Meaburn and  
Reagill**

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Please do not send Microsoft publisher documents as I am unable to open them.

## **Parish Council Minutes.**

Minutes of Parish Council meetings are available at:

[www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk](http://www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk)

Planning applications are available to view on the Yorkshire Dales planning portal here:

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/yorkshiredales>

and on Westmorland and Furness Council's portal here:

<https://eforms.eden.gov.uk/fastweb/search.asp>

**Please find below a link to the agenda for the next Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 at 7:00pm at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.**

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/agendas/>

**Or directly to the PDF here:**

<https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/20250303-Ordinary-Meeting-Agenda-03-March.pdf>

# Services and events at your Parish Church in March, Lent and the lead up to Easter

more info about Lent courses from [northwestmorland.church.com](http://northwestmorland.church.com)

**Sunday March 2nd** 11.00 Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell  
[Sunday before Lent]

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion/March 5th 10.00am Morland and 6pm Shap

**Sunday March 9th** 11.00 Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell [LENT I]

**Sunday March 16th** 6.00pm Evening Prayer with Rev Stephen Tudway  
[LENT II]

**Sunday March 23rd** 11.00 All -age Worship with Ruth Hutchings [LENT III]

**Sunday March 30th** 11.00 Mothering Sunday with Rev Stephen Tudway/  
posies/ pre -service refreshments  
all over by midday for your pub lunch!! [LENT IV]

## Other events in St Lawrence:

**Sunday March 30th** Stainer's 'Crucifixion' sung by the Cumbria Festival Chamber Choir 2.30pm  
Entry £10 on the door with refreshment afterwards.

**Saturday April 5th 7pm..** Service of welcome for our new Benefice Curate, Rev Chris Smith  
Bring and share savoury finger food afterwards.

## St Lawrence's Flowers



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**Would you appreciate having flowers in Church to remember a loved one or to mark the date of a significant event in your life?**

**Would you enjoy having the opportunity of arranging flowers in a beautiful setting?**

If so do contact the flower team at St Lawrence's Church

You could either arrange the flowers yourself or make a donation and we can arrange the flowers on your behalf.

Speaking personally I love being in church doing the flowers as it is so peaceful. I do a lot of private thinking (or is it perhaps a form of prayer) whilst arranging them. It has always been a privilege for me to be involved especially as St Lawrence's is such a beautiful Church.

If you love arranging flowers but feel unsure about how to do it in a Church setting we are very happy to help.

You can sign up on the notice in the Church porch or contact

Judith Harrison - 07730200320- [Judith@performconsult.co.uk](mailto:Judith@performconsult.co.uk)

or Jill Winder on 715 496 or [jillwinder01@gmail.com](mailto:jillwinder01@gmail.com)



## **WIN AN EASTER HAMPER**



If you would like to win an Easter themed hamper including a home baked Simnel cake please pop by the village shelters in either Crosby Ravensworth or Maulds Meaburn, and:-

1. Write your name and phone number on a brown envelope (which will be left on the table)
2. Put £1 in to the envelope and seal it. If you want more than one go, just fill in that number of envelopes
3. Post your envelope/s in the tub before 5pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The winning envelope will be drawn on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

(All proceeds to go to Wheels for All, Kendal, a charity whose volunteers run an inclusive cycling programme using adapted cycles, to enable all children and adults with disabilities and differing needs to participate in cycling activities. Katie has been joining them for the last year now borrowing a handbike, without which she would not be able to enjoy cycling, after her legs stopped working properly)

**GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**Katie Rogers (aged 16)**



## **Calling Residents Interested In Becoming A Parish Councillor.**

Most of us feel privileged to live in Crosby Ravensworth Parish and are passionate about where we live. One of the most important ways of managing our own affairs is through the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's logo is **Working for the Community**, that community consists of the three villages of Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill.

The Parish Council is made up of seven members with various experience and skill sets.

At present the Parish Council has two vacant seats, which can be filled by co-opting and one vacant seat which must be filled by an election.

if you are over 18 and live in the parish you are eligible to put your names forward for the Parish Council, ideally it's good to have representation for all three villages.

We are now a community where most people were born elsewhere;

it is good to have a mix of age groups, longer standing residents who have good local knowledge and others with experience they can bring to the table of ideas that have worked elsewhere.

You don't have to commit yourself until the next election, give it a try for a year and if it's not for you at least you will have contributed.

You may be surprised by the various roles that the PC members cover.

Don't ignore it – It could just be the job for you!

If you are interested or require more information please send an email to the clerk of the parish council.

[clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk).

# **Maulds Meaburn Village Institute**



## **Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Regular Activities**

**Mondays...**

9.30-11.30am Badminton in the main hall. Newcomers of all abilities including beginners, are always welcome. Coffee and a chat afterwards.

2-4pm (apart from public bank holidays) the Post Office provides an outreach service, saving you a trip to Appleby/ Penrith.

Tuesdays...

On the second Tuesday of the month, Book Club meets between 10.30am and midday.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, Yarn Group meets between 10.30am and midday. Bring along your latest project whether that be knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidery, tapestry, whatever your craft may be.

Wednesdays...

The first **WEDNESDAY** of the month is Coffee Morning, 10.30am- midday. All welcome.

If you have bits to sell etc and you would like a table in the main hall please contact Karen to arrange.

We currently host a youth group after school on a Wednesday.

Thursdays...

Meeting of the Wine Group (meets bi-monthly) 7pm onwards. New members always welcome- come along to see what it's like. Please contact Philippa on [philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk](mailto:philippa.cordingley@curee.co.uk)

Fridays...



The Gather Inn occasionally happens on the **second** Friday of the month, (please check with Karen if there is nothing specific advertised). The bar will be open for all Gather Inn's. If nothing is happening you are welcome to hold your own 'Gather Inn' free of hall fees if proceeds are for the village hall.

Maulds Meaburn WhatsApp Group/email contact

Maulds Meaburn has a very successful Whats App group. It's a good way to keep in touch with things that are going on, ask questions and ask for help etc. It is not 'just for Meaburn residents'.

If you would like to join the group and are happy to put up with the occasional message not meant for the group... please email me with a mobile number and I will add you.

Alternatively, if you would like to receive a personal email outlining events at MMVI this is also an option.

Karen Asquith

[hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto:hollyhowe15@me.com)

On Monday March 24th there will be a conversation with Tom and Demi, the chef and front of house manager of the fabulous White Horse in Kings Meaburn, in MMVI. There will be delicious White Horse nibbles too! Tom and Demi joined us from afar, so come and find out about what they are enjoying about local produce as well as local challenges and what they and we are doing to create a great hospitality hub! Here is an opportunity to learn from bringing fabulous skills and produce together with a willingness to try and enjoy new things!

All welcome to  
Maulds Meaburn Coffee Morning  
Please join us in the Village Hall for coffee  
or tea and a chat on the first Wednesday  
of the month  
The next one is on  
March 5th



Donations welcome!  
10.30 'till 12 noon  
**New... POP UP CRAFT STALLS**

Please contact Karen on [hollyhowel5@me.com](mailto:hollyhowel5@me.com) if you would like a table to sell produce. \*

# Build your own cigar box guitar

with blues guitar maestro



## Howlin' Mat

[www.cigarboxsocial.com](http://www.cigarboxsocial.com)

*Tickets for the workshop Just £40  
[plus booking fee] and give free  
entry to the evening performance -  
[3 to 5pm] available at  
[wegottickets.com/event/646641/](http://wegottickets.com/event/646641/)*

*Tickets for the evening concert [7 to 9pm] are £10 plus booking  
fee available at [wegottickets.com/event/646645/](http://wegottickets.com/event/646645/)*

**MAULDS MEABURN VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**Saturday 8th March 2025**





MAULDS MEABURN  
VILLAGE INSTITUTE  
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR

# CRAFTS & GIFTS FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

10.30AM TO 3.30PM

FREE ENTRY

QUALITY, LOCAL CRAFTS AND GOODS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

Treat yourself or find the perfect gift!



# **MMVI** **Spring Ceilidh**

**with the fabulous**

## **EDEN VALLEY Ceilidh Band**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7pm to 10pm**

**Bar open from 6.30pm**  
**finger nibbles available**



**Tickets £15**

Booking via [hollyhowe15@me.com](mailto:hollyhowe15@me.com)  
or book online – follow links from [mmvi.org](http://mmvi.org)



**LYVENNET ART GROUP**  
**EXHIBITION**

**AT KINGS MEABURN  
VILLAGE HALL**

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**FRIDAY 1PM – 4PM**

**SATURDAY 10AM – 4PM**

**SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM**

**TEA & CAKES AVAILABLE**

**FREE ENTRY**

CHARITY

# SHED SHOWDOWN

AT  
MIDTOWN FARM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH CA10 3JP

24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY 2025

BANK HOLIDAY

Raising money for RABI (Mental Health in Agriculture)  
& Royal Lancaster Infirmary Neonatal Unit

**RABI**  
helping farming people

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2PM - LIVE MUSIC, HOG ROAST 6-8PM  
SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2PM LIVE MUSIC, BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & DRINKS  
CASH ONLY. BAR, RAFFLE & KIDS TUCK SHOP BOTH DAYS.  
(NO DOGS)

**SATURDAY TICKET ONLY EVENT - SUNDAY ENTRY DONATIONS**

SATURDAY £20 ADULTS | TEENAGER /PRIMARY £7 | UNDER 5s FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM KITTY E: [kitty.s65@btinternet.com](mailto:kitty.s65@btinternet.com)

OR MICHELLE E: [michellefisher097@gmail.com](mailto:michellefisher097@gmail.com)



## A Look in the Past

Following on from our previous delve into the book 'Some Westmorland Villages', published in 1957 by members of the Women's Institute throughout the county, a little bit of an update.

The book obviously gave a glimpse into not just the past as it was in 1957, but also what those members of the Crosby Ravensworth WI knew of the history of our group of villages.

However, it threw up the odd question, such as, where is 'Liquorice Hill', who was the lady who had provided the drawings used in the book and a few other questions besides.

One of those questions was relating to this passage:

*"Not so attractively named as some roads, but interesting in its implications, is Corpse Road, a track almost lost sight of now, but evidently at one time it led from Brackenslack by fields to Meaburn and then to Crosby church.*

*It was the custom for a funeral coming this way to **stop in Meaburn, by the cross there** whilst the mourners, with heads uncovered, sang a hymn before finishing the journey to the church and cemetery."*

My question was if anyone knew anything about this cross, but needless to say no-one ever got back to me!

But sometimes the answer is right under your nose or indeed, hidden in plain sight!



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Darren Rogers

## **NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL**

Well there are signs of spring what with the lighter evenings; the school planters at the entrance doors refilled with brightly coloured primroses and the bulbs popping up through the grass in the school grounds.

Love was also in the air, last month with our first ever school's Valentines' disco organized by the Friends of School and with the support of CR Village Hall Committee. The children LOVED it!

The children continue to enjoy a wide range of activities alongside their usual lessons. We were very proud last month to be the first school in Cumbria, to host a full day's visit from 'Mobius Loop Media'. If driving past, you may have seen a dark coloured lorry parked in front of the gates, but this was no ordinary lorry. It was a mobile state of the art studio enabling media production and education to be brought to our doorstep.... yes, here in Crosby Ravensworth. With virtual headsets on, the children were soon experiencing 360 degree virtual worlds, exploring outer space, deep oceans and safari grasslands. The Herons class even recorded their own Tudor drum and bass mashup, and then got to experiment with cutting edge sampling and looping technology to produce their own track, along with a professionally shot video to go with it! Comments from the children included "this was the best surprise", "this was the best day of school ever...ever". There are some great photos and videos on our facebook page-please take a look. The children's faces say it all....they definitely enjoyed the experience. On 6<sup>th</sup> March we celebrate World Book Day. The children (and staff too) are coming to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book and the Heron Class is joining the lunch club at the Butchers' Arms for a special quiz. Also, first thing, parents and grandparents can come in to school too and take part in the book swap and read with their child. So it's going to be a fun day.

The Herons have a fun action packed morning of animal adaptation and climate change fighting innovation planned for 12<sup>th</sup>, when we link in with the NFU live online farming Day.

The older children in years 5 and 6 are also looking forward to their residential trip to Liverpool for three days, alongside children from Asby Endowed School. The three days will soon go quick what with all the activities planned.

We also need to tell you about our next 'Pop in and Play' session which is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. All children currently not in school or pre-school, from birth up to 5 years are welcome to join us from 9.30am until 10.30am for fun and games. Please phone on [01931 715265](tel:01931715265) to let us know if you'd like to come. Parents must accompany children. Please do pass on the message to anyone who you think might also like to know. This session gives you the opportunity to visit our fantastic school and meet the staff and pupils, whilst taking advantage of our terrific early years provision and your little ones can enjoy fun filled activities.

Until next month.....

## **FELLRUNNER EXCURSIONS 2025**

For the people living in the North Westmorland Group of Parishes and surrounding areas, The Fellrunner Village Bus Company have again kindly offered to provide a 16 seater bus for community use this year. A list of the proposed trips is given below and if you would like to make a booking please contact Mike Roulson on 01931 714457 to enquire if seats are available. Please note that for some visits there will be an entrance charge payable as well as the bus fare.

March 1st....Boundary Mill, Colne, a favourite for shoppers. Top brands represented with lots of discounted goods for sale.

April 5th....Salts Mill, Saltaire, Shipley, Nr Bradford. Another visit to this interesting area with a village built by Titus Salt for his workers. The large Grade 2 listed mill building houses a David Hockney exhibition and numerous independent retail outlets, cafes and restaurants.



May 10th....Holehird Gardens, Windermere. A 10 acre garden managed by the Lakeland Horticultural Society with magnificent views to Lake Windermere and beyond. Entrance by donation.

June 7th....Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott. Situated on the banks of the river Tweed and set in magnificent formal gardens. A self guided house tour will be arranged.

July 5th....A visit to Haworth, the hillside home of the Bronte family. Visit the Parsonage that echoes with the legacy of its famed sisters and walk the steep cobbled streets of the village.

August 2nd....A visit to Dumfries in the south west area of Scotland. Walk along the river at The Sands or visit the many shops in the town. Coffee en route will be taken at Powfoot a small village near Annan on the Solway coast.

September 6th....A visit to Fleetwood a town which had one of the largest fishing fleets in the UK, home to the “Fishermans Friend “. There is a covered market and independent shops, parks and gardens, or take a walk on the promenade.

October 4th....Raby Castle, park and gardens ,Staindrop nr. Darlington. One of England’s finest medieval castles. Explore these wonderful surroundings at your leisure.

November 1st....Ripon in Yorkshire. A cathedral city steeped in history and home to many magnificent historical buildings. There is a small Saturday market and independent shops...something for everyone.

November 22nd.....

(date to be confirmed ) Ulverston Dickensian Festival. A favourite destination before Christmas to enjoy a town full of wonderful stalls, street entertainment and costume parades through the historic town streets.

December 6th....Gretna Gateway and Houghton Hall retail outlets. A visit to popular places to top up your Christmas shopping.



# Crosby Preschool

## Pop in 'n Play



We offer parents and children aged 0-4 yrs a monthly opportunity to visit our fantastic preschool. Come and meet the staff and pupils, take advantage of our terrific early years provision and enjoy fun-filled activities!

**9.30 –10.30am at Crosby Preschool**

**Please let us know you're coming.**

- 14th Oct 2024
- 9th Dec 2024
- 3rd Feb 2025
- 24th Mar 2025
- 12th May 2025
- 7th July 2025



*"Teaching staff take good care of children in the early years. They get to know these children well. Teachers build good relationships with children and their parents and carers."*

**OFSTED**



## Crosby Preschool:

### Small Steps Towards a Big Future

For any more information please call school on: 01931 715265  
[admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk)

*A love of learning for life in all its fullness John 10:10  
Courage, Compassion, Community*

# Admission to Crosby Preschool April 2025 (Summer Term)



If your child was born between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022, they will be eligible to receive 15 hours free universal nursery education from April 2025. Some children may be entitled to 30 hrs per week, depending on family circumstances. To find out more visit: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).



More information and an SA13 application form is available on the [council website](#). Forms should be returned to school, together with a copy of a birth certificate and utility bill as proof of address.

**Preschool hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-3.30pm**

*Choose your 15 hours from within this or pay to top-up.*

*Children may bring their own packed lunch or stay for a school dinner.*



For more information or to arrange a visit please contact the school office:

Phone: 01931 715265 or email:

**Crosby Preschool:**

[admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk)

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a Big Future**

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# Toad

by William Wood

A young prince came to the door.

“Are the boys there?” he asked.

“No, they are away on holiday,” I replied.

“Oh dear. I wanted to come back and play with them.”

“Right. I’ll tell them you called. Who are you?”

“I’m Prince Toad. They may not recognise me now, though.”

“Oh?”

“Well, I was their pet toad, you see. Then their daddy set me free.

Everything was fine at first. Then *she* came along.”

“She?”

“Yes, a young princess. She came down the footpath and spotted me beside a clump of nettles. ‘Oh, what a lovely toad,’ she said, picking me up. I’m not much used to girls, especially of the beautiful princess variety. Anyway, she kissed me and I turned into a prince.

Embarrassing or what!”

“Perhaps,” I said, “but normal.”

“Amazingly she was horrified herself. Obviously her mother, the queen, had not read her any fairy tales. She was revolted by me in fact. ‘I hate boys,’ she told me. ‘In particular I hate princes.’ Well, I said, please, turn me back into a toad then.”

“How?”

“Kiss me again,” I said, enfolding her in my princely arms. But she kicked my shins and pushed me off. ‘Don’t you dare,’ she screamed, ‘or I shall have you arrested for harassment. She ran off. I followed her but she turned and added, ‘and stalking. Stay right there.’ With that she ran off down the path. Well, there’s not much work for princes these days, so I thought I would come and play with the boys.”

“Good,” I said. “I’ll tell them you called. As you say, they may not recognise you as their pet toad.”

“Perhaps not, but will they believe my story?”

“Well, I do.”



## **GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE BUS SHELTER COLLECTIONS HAVE STOPPED.....BUT.....**



We are no longer running the 'Bus stop' collections from your village on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, so please don't leave any donations there.

The GREAT news is we have now employed a driver that lives very close to you. This means we can collect your donations for us ANYTIME you wish. You no longer have to wait until the Bus Stop run!

Just contact us to make your collection appointment.

Complete an online form -

<https://www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk/support-us/fundraising/recycle/clothing-collections/>

Or call us on 01325 308139 to arrange a collection. We love to accept any clean clothing, coats, belts, shoes (in pairs) and handbags.

Unfortunately we're UNABLE to collect any household textiles such as towels, bedding, curtains and table cloths and books/bric a brac



as these cost the charity to be taken away which isn't great for our funds.

We employ all of our drivers and own all of our vans so you know that ALL of your donation come to us direct. We receive no Government grants, we totally depend on your donations to keep saving lives in your area.

We haven't put bags out door to door for a year now in order to save plastic waste.

All of our donations are by pre-arranged collection only.

Thank you for your donations in advance!