

## Cramond Headteacher Weekly Update



Thursday 11th September 2025

Good afternoon parents and carers,

It has been a busy week with many shocks and surprises – not least in staffing changes. We are always so proud of staff who grow wings and fly, but always sad to say goodbye.

### Improving the Lunchtime Experience

We've listened to your feedback about lunchtimes. This will also be an agenda item at the next CPSC Parent Council meeting on Thursday 25th September, 7pm. All welcome.

Key updates:

- ✓ New leadership – Owen McLeod now leads the team daily.
- ✓ Quicker service – both sides of the servery open until last child is served.
- ✓ Clearer routines – OSCARS confirmed: no dining hall access before 2.15pm.
- ✓ Food safety – strict hygiene rules; pupils reassured at assembly.
- 🍎 Healthier eating – fruit/veg portions from mid-September; links to Snack-tember.
- 🕒 More relaxed lunchtimes – timetable flip (play first, eat after) being explored.
- 👨👩👦 Parent involvement – tasting sessions, volunteering, class project links.

Thank you for your support in helping us make lunchtime calmer, healthier, and happier for all.

### Photographs

School Families & Onlies photographs: Tuesday 8th October.

Parent volunteers needed (CPSC organising rota). Buying photos is optional.

We are planning a cheaper alternative to class photos this session. Details to follow!

### Clubs & Activities: see school website for links and details

**Boys' Brigade** (56th Edinburgh Company): Meets Monday evenings, 7–8.30pm at Davidson's Mains Parish Church.



**Daddy Daycare – October Holiday Club:**  
[www.daddydaycareedinburgh.com](http://www.daddydaycareedinburgh.com)

**Kids' Kayaking:** Tuesday sessions at Forth Canoe Club (contact club directly for sign-up). [Link Here.](#)

**Earth Calling:** Wildlife & bushcraft club, Mondays 3.15–5.15pm

(£13/session). Contact: [info@earthcalling.org](mailto:info@earthcalling.org)

**Cramond Association History Talks:** Membership £8/year; visitors welcome at £2 per meeting.

### Useful Links for Parents

BBC Bitesize Primary: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Excellent free videos & quizzes, matched to the Scottish curriculum. Ideal for self-directed learning.

### Local Job Opportunities

[Cramond Playgroup manager required:](#) see attached link to find out more.

[Crossing Patrol Guide vacancies across the city](#)

### Supports for Families

**Website with services and supports for families**

[Support for families – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

**Training calendar for staff working with parents and carers**

[Family Wellbeing Calendar 2024/25 Supporting our workforce in Edinburgh](#)

**Solihull Online courses for parents and carers with children 0-19+**

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/> enter access code TARTAN to register.

**To find out more about group parenting programmes visit**

[Parenting Programmes in Edinburgh](#)

### Dates for Your Diary

- Mon 15th Sept – Holiday Monday (school & nursery closed)
- Tues 16th Sept – All resume
- Thurs 25th Sept, 7–8.30pm – CPSC Parent Council
- Tues 30th Sept & Thurs 2nd Oct – P1–P7 Parent Appointments (note: 4C rescheduled)
- Wed 1st Oct – Mini & Big Glee at Harvest Service (volunteers needed)
- Wed 1st Oct – Restart a Heart Day (CPR training) [Restart a Heart day](#)
- Thurs 2nd Oct – Fire Brigade visit P6 & P7
- Mon 6th Oct – P7 Parents ASN session, RHS
  
- Wed School photographs – families & only's – parent volunteer rota, thanks
- Thurs 9th Oct – P5 performance (early evening)
- Fri 10th Oct, 9.30am – Thanksgiving Assembly & Farewell to Mrs Naeem at Cramond Kirk
- 13–17 Oct – Autumn Holiday

- Mon 20th Oct – Inset Day (staff only)
- Tues 21st Oct – Pupils resume (Term 2)

Phew – a busy, busy time ahead!

With warm regards and best wishes for the long weekend,

Mrs H Donaldson