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**TREETOPS - Book**

Before & After School Care here...



**SCHOOL DINNERS**

Now **£2.40** a day (£12 pw) Please pay in advance  
Via **SchoolMoney**  
Read on for menu...



## WEEKLY Roundup

In the news this week:

- We've had a wonderful first week back - the sun has been shining and so have the children! They have settled back into school very quickly and already impressed us with their positive attitudes to learning. We have also had the pleasure of giving new children and staff a very warm welcome into school.
- **Check out Page 2 for all you need to know about MINECRAFT**
- We have a **new lunch menu** - see page 7.
- Find out who last half term's trophy winners were on page 4
- We enjoyed a visit from Jemima Flintoff, Calderdale's Assistant Director of Education & Inclusion. She enjoyed a tour of the school and was very impressed with our inclusive practice, the children's behaviour and our family atmosphere.
- The football teams did us proud in their matches against Copley and Ripponden.



We have two MEGA- toasters, gallons of milk and a mountain of cornflakes ready for the launch of our new **FREE BREAKFAST CLUB** on **Monday 28th April - 8:30am.**

Here's what you need to know;

**Freetops' Breakfast Club;**

- It's **FREE!**
- **From 8:30 to 9:00am, every day, in the school hall** (children don't need to come in at 8:30 on the dot – they can arrive any time between 8:30 and 8:55)
- **Breakfast is provided** (usually toast and/or cereal)
- **Booking is highly recommended** (but not essential)
- **Treetops before school club will still run from 8:00 until 8:30am at a charge of just £2 for families that need it**

In order to help with staffing and organising breakfasts **please book your children into Freetops in advance.** You can do this via [SchoolMoney](#) or by emailing/phoning Sharon in the office.

If you already have an idea when your children are likely will use the club or if they will use it most of the time please [complete this form](#) or let us know by email and we will do a block booking to make it easier for you.

**PLEASE NOTE;**

- the **FREE club** is from 8:30 until 9:00am
- Pupils should not arrive earlier than **8:30**
- Families will be charged **£2 for pupils attending before 8:30am.**

Thank you for your patience and support whilst we get up & running with this exciting new venture. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or comments.



As you know, we work hard in school to make sure our children know **how to stay safe both in the real world and online**. You will also know that children are absolute whizzes with technology and knowing about all the latest crazes & influences. In order to help you stay two steps ahead, over the coming weeks we will be sharing these **useful parent guides** to various apps, games etc. We hope you find them useful. If there are any subjects, apps, games etc. in particular that you'd like us to cover please let us know.

All The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

**AGELIMITING 7+**

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming, still boasting over 100 million players who happily return to it at least once every month. The game has also been used in schools to teach coding, science and other skills. Encouraging creativity, Minecraft has plenty to offer, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public Minecraft server lets children potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to playing mini-games or competitive modes that pit players against each other. Anyone can join a public server and connecting to one is relatively simple. A public server's IP address is easy to find with search engines and can potentially be used to determine the host's location.

#### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creations. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying. It intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

#### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and seeing the result of hours of resource gathering and building can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

#### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's no mature content in the game. However, some enemies might prove scary for younger players. In the game, certain creatures come out at night and are accompanied by spooky audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may be unnerving. There are also enemies called 'creepers' which sneak up silently and explode, which could startle and upset young users.

#### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Additionally, Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription service that lets users run their own private server to play with their friends. Some games consoles also need a separate online subscription – such as PlayStation Plus – to enable online play, so multiplayer Minecraft can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate videos to share with children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself.

#### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is for 'levers'. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of zombies attacking you, or creepers exploding and damaging your build.

#### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. However, hosting a private server will cost a monthly fee.

#### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while a child is playing Minecraft, so remind them to take regular breaks. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

#### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. Ensure that a child knows to never tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VOXX, he has reviewed more than 90 games and products over the past year.

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## The Crossley Heath School

### TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

YOUR CHILD COULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A FULLY FUNDED TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP THEM PREPARE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2026 GRAMMAR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEST



We are delighted to offer a **fantastic opportunity** for families preparing for the **Halifax Grammar Schools' Admissions Test**. Through our new scholarship programme, selected students will receive a **full year of expert, face-to-face tuition, completely free of charge**.

This initiative is delivered in partnership with the outstanding teams at [11PlusSchool](#) and [Study Write 11+ School](#), who are both specialists in preparing pupils for the 11+ entrance exams.

This programme forms part of our mission to make **grammar school education as inclusive and accessible as possible**. We believe every child, regardless of background, should have the opportunity to benefit from the **outstanding education** grammar schools can provide.

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#### What's Included:

- Weekly face-to-face tutoring sessions, led by experienced 11+ educators
- All learning materials provided
- Support tailored to help your child achieve success in the Halifax Grammar Schools' Admissions Test

#### Who Can Apply:

To be eligible, your child must:

- Be **entering Year 5 in September 2025**, and
- Be **in receipt of Free School Meals** or classed as a **Pupil Premium student**

This programme is designed to support **dedicated learners** by giving them the tools and guidance needed to thrive in a selective school environment.

#### Important Information:

When submitting the application form, please be aware of the following conditions:

- **Limited places are available**. Completing the form does **not** guarantee a place.
- Weekly tutoring sessions will be held on **Saturdays**. Full commitment to attendance is required.
- A brief assessment will be carried out to ensure your child is at the right academic level for the programme.
- Your child's **Pupil Premium status** will be verified to confirm eligibility.
- All information will be reviewed **only by Crossley Heath School and 11PlusSchool**. It will not be shared with any third parties.
- If your child is awarded a place, they **will not be made aware** that they are a scholarship student and will be treated **no differently** from paying students.

#### What Happens Next?

By completing the form, you agree to be contacted with further details about the tutoring programme.

If you have opted in to receive more information about Crossley Heath School, we may also share relevant school updates with you.

#### Ready to Apply?

If you meet the criteria and would like to apply, please complete the form below. We look forward to hearing from you!

[Submit Your Application](#)

**It's AWARDS TIME! And the winners are.....**

**The Progress Award for Outstanding Improvement goes to.....**



**Year 6 - Harriet**

**Year 5 - Alexia-Mae**

**Year 4 - Isobel**

**Year 3 - Esmae**

**Year 2 - Dougie**

**Year 1 - Lilly**

**Reception - Scarlett**

**Nursery - Florence**

**The Outstanding Award for Outstanding PE & Sport goes to.....**

**Year 6 - Zachary & Charlie**

**Year 5 - Ollie**

**Year 4 - Sidney**

**Year 3 - Reilly**

**Year 2 - Effie & Poppy**

**Year 1 - Neveah**

**Reception - Lukas**

**Nursery - Cohen**






# TEAM POINTS

The Team Point Pixies have been flying round and adding up all the team points.

They have been counted and verified...

and the winner is...



 Diamonds	 Rubies	 Sapphires	 Emeralds

## WELL DONE TREASURES!!!



**BRILLIANT BLUE PUPILS**

**Ivy, Jack,  
Sara, Joey,  
Chester**



**Florence  
Sidney  
Edie**

Children can wear non-uniform on their special day

# This week's Gold Book Superstars are....

## Football Teams

- Boys & Girls team V Copley - Both teams lost but represented the school well. Boys were unlucky not to get a draw
- Girls V Ripponden - What a game! 2 nil down, then Indy scored a hattrick to make it 3-2. Ripponden pulled 2 back to win 4-2. The girls were incredible - determined and spirited throughout. Excellent sporting attitude.

## Oak Class

- Jersey-Leigh – for making a really good effort to complete all work independently
- Harriet – for listening well in class to important strategies for SATs in both maths and English

## Elm Class

- Alexia-Mae - for a great attitude in French and general positivity
- David - for enthusiasm and energy when reading poetry this week
- Ollie - for turning a rocky start right around by making improved choices in the classroom (also he is incredibly neat)

## Sycamore Class

- Eli – for fantastic work using psalms to show faith
- Bohdi – for showing wonderful resilience during our week of assessments.
- Effie – for a fantastic write up of her science investigation into healthy plants.

## Willow Class

- Bobby and Riley – for a super first week back working hard and trying to be more independent
- Nevaeh & Esmee – for fabulous effort in Maths counting in 2s, 5s & 10s!

## Acorns

- Arabella & Nolah - for an amazing first week in school. Well done & welcome!



**WEEKLY MEAL PLANNER:**

- All meal choices are **homemade**, from scratch by chefs using high quality raw ingredients that are unprocessed and where applicable, seasonal. All Milk products are made with organic milk
- All meat products are Red Tractor accredited
- All fish products are M.S.C accredited
- **If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please don't hesitate to get in touch**

WEEK 1	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Ham and pineapple panini pizza	Tomato and mascarpone pasta bake with herby bread	Saute potatoes Salad	Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Sausage and Yorkshire pudding	Cheese Lattice	Roast potatoes and carrots	Chocolate Sponge and Mint Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pork Gyros with Yoghurt Sauce	Veggie nuggets	Savory Rice Broccoli	Cherry Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken pasta in tomato sauce Garlic slice	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Duchess potatoes Beans	Jelly and Ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Veggie meatball melt in a flatbread	Peas & sweetcorn Chips	Carrot Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 2	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Meatballs and Pasta	Quorn Dippers	Twister Fries Salad	Jam Slice and Orange Segment Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Hot Dog	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Wedges and Sweetcorn	Chocolate and Cranberry Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Cheese and Tomato Puff	Mac and Cheese	Potato Nuggets Baked beans	Bakewell Tart and Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Minced beef and veg pie	Red Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Duchesse Potatoes Salad	Mini Donuts & Sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Quorn Southern Burger	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Chocolate and Raspberry Brownie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Main Course	Vegetarian Option	Served With	Dessert
MONDAY	Cheese and Pepperoni Panini	Pesto Pasta with Garlic Slice	Herby Potatoes Salad	Orange surprise and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Goujons	Veggie Ravioli	Cous Cous Sweetcorn	Chocolate Fudge Cake with Cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Pasta Bolognaise	Cheese and Tomato Puff	Potato Nuggets Spaghetti hoops	Marble Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll	Vegan Goujons	Criss Cross Fries Salad	Rice Pudding Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish	Pizza Twist	Chips Peas & Sweetcorn	Arctic Roll Yoghurt

*\*The supplier reserves the right to change, modify, substitute or remove, without notice, any item on this menu as deemed necessary.*