

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'*

## Autumn Term Curriculum Bookshelves

At Crown Street Primary we love books and reading **quite a lot** and it is something that I will talk about **quite a lot!**

Reading is without a doubt the most important academic skill we can teach our children. But what is also important, is developing a love for books and for reading.

Books are incredible tools for learning about everything – we use books like windows and mirrors; a window to another world (real or fantasy) and a mirror for seeing ourselves and/or our qualities within a story. This is the reason we hold books at the heart of our curriculum.

Every term, every year group at Crown Street has their learning supported by an amazing selection of books, which make up what we call our Curriculum Bookshelves. Each book on the shelf is selected by our teachers to inspire and engage the children as well as supporting our focus on the character traits of **kindness, bravery, citizenship, integrity, curiosity** and **gratitude**. The Bookshelves for all year groups are available to view on the year group pages of our website.



Mrs Thompson, Head of School

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are holding Parents' Evenings on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

These meetings will be predominantly pastoral in nature and are an early opportunity for you to have a focused conversation with your child's Class Teacher. We place huge value on the parent/teacher relationships and the positive impact this has in all areas of the development of our children.

The appointments will be 10-minutes and during the meeting, your child's Class Teacher will want to hear your own perceptions of how your child has settled into their new class and then share their own thoughts on this as well as some next steps and how you can support your child with their learning at home.

### Booking an appointment

To book an appointment, open the MCAS App and select Parents' Evening (left-hand side), select your Class Teacher and then select a date and time. The Parents' Evening booking feature will go live on the App on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm**.

If you have any problems booking an appointment, please get in touch with the school office. If you are unable to make any of the offered times, please don't worry, just email the school office with your availability so we can make an alternative arrangement with your child's Class Teacher.

## CURRICULUM SESSIONS

Next week, we are holding Curriculum Information Sessions for each year group.

- **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** = Pre-School Curriculum Session
- **Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** = Reception Curriculum Session
- **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** = Year 1 Curriculum Session

Within each session we will share information about the curriculum your child will be following in their new year group and how you can support at home. We hope to see you there, however we appreciate that not everyone will be able attend at this time, so we will publish the slides and resources used on our school website afterwards for future reference.

These sessions start at 4pm and will be held in your child's classroom. Please enter through the Main Entrance at the front of school.



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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## CHARACTER AWARD!

Each week our teachers will choose a member of their class to receive our Character Award, a weekly achievement certificate linked to our character traits.

This week, the recipients were – each of our classes! They were given for **Bravery** and **Citizenship** for settling in to new classes so well! Well done all!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD

As a parent, I'm sure you will always want to ask your child about their day and want to find out what they have been up to. Below are some suggestions for more open-ended questions that may help to support conversations at the end of the school day

*(hopefully get you better answers than "yeh", "fine" or "nothing"!)*

- What made you smile / laugh today?
- Who did you play with today?
- Who did you sit with at lunch today?
- Tell me one thing you learn today
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- What did you find hard today?
- What were you proud of today?
- What was the best part of your day?

## Reception 2026 Admissions

We might have only just welcomed our new Reception pupils into the Crown Street Primary family for this year, but applications for September 2026 are already open!

The co-ordination and administration of admissions is undertaken by Manchester City Council. Should you, or anyone you know be interested then you can find more information on our website by clicking here – [Crown Street Primary Admissions](#)

We will begin to run School Tours for prospective parents in the coming weeks. This is an opportunity to learn more about what life at Crown Street Primary is like. You can find more information about these by clicking here – [Book a School Tour](#)

## PTA NEWS SAVE THE DATE



You are all invited to our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on **15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**. Time and location to be confirmed.

Last year, our PTA was set up and we are keen to build on their success and continue it this year!

So, whether you are interested in joining the PTA, keen to get involved or just want to find out more about the plans for this year – please come!

## Uniform

A reminder that children should be coming to school in full school uniform. We ask where possible, children in Reception and Year 1 use book bags as these take up less space in the classrooms. Children should only be bringing their water bottle, reading records/books and possibly a lunchbox to school. For further information, please see our website here - [School Uniform](#).

## Labelling Clothes

Please ensure that any items your child brings into school are labelled with your child's name, especially items that may be removed more regularly – like cardigans, jumpers, blazers, coats and ties (tip for the ties – if you don't have name stickers, then write your child's name on one of the white lines on the back/inside of the tie). Should your child return home with an item of clothing that does not belong to them, we would appreciate you returning this to the Class Teacher and we can make sure it finds its way back to its owner.

## Spare Clothes for Pre-School and Reception

Please could we ask that Pre-School and Reception parents/carers provide a bag with spare clothes in that can stay in school during the week. The children have their own box in the cloakroom where this can be kept. Should we need to use the clothes we will send them home to be replaced. Thank you for your support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** - Pre-School Curriculum Session,  
start time 4pm

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Reception Curriculum Session  
start time 4pm

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 1 Curriculum Session,  
start time 4pm

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** - School Tours begin, 9.30am  
(for prospective Reception parents)

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> & Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Parents' Evenings,  
3.30pm – 6pm

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – Academy Committee Meeting

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Last day of Autumn 1 term

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – School Opens, first day of Autumn 2

For 2025-26 Term Dates please [click here](#)