

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'



WINTER PANTOMIME

This week we welcomed in Footlights Theatre to perform their version of Snow White, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! The performance was interactive with lots of audience participation – from the traditional 'it's behind you' to various renditions of re-worked pop songs (Golden being a very popular one!). Our children were brilliant through the performance – they were engaged and joined in throughout, whilst also showing great respect to the performers. It is not an easy task to sit still for an hour, but the children did it incredibly well and all really enjoyed it.

A huge thank you – again, needs to go to our PTA who generously contributed half of the cost of this performance, meaning that we only needed to ask for a small contribution from families. Thank you – it was a wonderful way to start December!



Upcoming festive dates...

Christmas Jumper Day

Every year, [Save the Children](#) celebrate Christmas Jumper Day, we would like to join in with this initiative – however due to our Year 1 Winter Performance falling on the same day (Thursday 11th December), we are planning to move our joining in with 'Christmas Jumper Day' to **Friday 12th December**, when we will be inviting our children to come to school in a Christmas / Festive / their favourite jumper on this day – so no uniform will be required on this day. To find out more about 'Christmas Jumper Day' or Save the Children, including how to make a donation if you wish, please click [here](#).

Festive Lunch and Party Day!

Wednesday 17th December is our 'Festive Lunch' day in school (lunch provided by Dolce – please choose on School Grid as normal) and we will be having a festive party in the afternoon, so we are inviting the children to come in wearing their festive / party / favourite clothes on this day – so no uniform will be required on this day.

WINTER PERFORMANCES

Please note, tickets for the performance are free however tickets must be booked to attend the performances. Admittance without booking will not be allowed to due safeguarding reasons. The links for booking tickets can be found on the invite included:



**CROWN
STREET**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR Winter Performances

EYFS (Pre-School & Reception)
Tuesday 9th December, 9.30am start time
Refreshments by our PTA will be available from 9.15am

Tickets must be booked to be able to attend. Please book your tickets through this link:

[EYFS Ticket Booking](#)

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.
Please contact the School Office should you require any extra tickets

Year 1
Thursday 11th December, 9.30am start time
Refreshments by our PTA will be available from 9.15am

Tickets must be booked to be able to attend. Please book your tickets through this link:

[Year 1 Ticket Booking](#)

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.
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We are excited to welcome you into school and spread some winter magic with our performances

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY

As we approach the festive season, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and the adverse impact on both the child's education and their personal and social development when their attendance drops off and/or when they are arriving late to school. When attendance and/or punctuality has been noticed to be dropping, we will reach out to work with and support our families to ensure pupils are in school and get the most out of the school day.

Our pupil attendance is monitored by the local authority, who can issue fines for unauthorised absences for 5 days or more. The first time a family incurs a fine it could be up to £160 per parent per child, a second will be at least this figure and any further instances within a three-year period could result in a criminal conviction.

There are exceptional circumstances in which short term time absences can be authorised, but even these should of course be kept to a minimum. Should you need to request an absence, we ask for a form to be completed which can be requested from our School Office to admin@crownstreetsprimary.org.uk. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch in person or via email/the School Office. Thank you for your continued support.

A FEW NEW FACES ...

We are excited to announce that since September our Crown Street Primary family has grown and we have a few new faces in our Crown Street Primary team, so we thought it was only right to officially introduce them all, although you may have spotted them around already ...

We would like to welcome Mrs Parker, a Learning Support Assistant based mainly in Reception throughout the school day, but will also support in our Kids Club. Miss Sheridan has joined us recently as a Learning Support Assistant supporting mainly in Year 1 throughout the school day.



Our Kids Club team has grown too... We are delighted to welcome Mr Parker, as our Deputy Kids Club Manager. He has been with us since September and has enjoyed spending time getting to know our families who access our Kids Club. Finally, we welcome Miss Fleuret, who has joined our team as a Kids Club Activity Leader within our After-School team.



KIDS CLUB/PRE-SCHOOL FEES

Any Kids Club and/or Pre-School balances need to be cleared by Friday 12th December. If you pay via the Tax-Free Childcare service, please ensure a payment is made well in advance as there can be a delay in the monies reaching our bank account. Screenshots will not be accepted as proof of payment, and your sessions will be placed on HOLD until we have received the funds. As per our Charging Policy, you risk losing your place/s to someone on the waiting list if your payment is late.

PTA - *easyfundraising*



Ahead of any festive purchases you are making – please consider supporting our PTA for free by joining **easyfundraising** (please click the link highlighted or search Crown Street Primary School PTA). This allows for many retailers to donate to us whenever you shop with them.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN!

Our website is getting a make-over! Our Marketing Team have been busy working on a new website design which will go live at some point before our Winter break. How you access the website and the information that is on there will not change – it will just look a bit different! It will also include updated photos of our children, staff and building. We're excited for it to go live!

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

The deadline for Reception Admissions for September 2026 is **15th January 2026**. The co-ordination 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 – ***Reception Admissions***

Please note being part of our Pre-School does not guarantee you a place within our Reception.

PRE-SCHOOL 2026 ADMISSIONS

If you have a child born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, they will be eligible to start in our Pre-School in September 2026.

The Admissions form will be available from mid-December and be open until Mid-March 2026. For more information on our Pre-School please visit the '**Pre-School**' page of our website. To book onto a Pre-School tour then please click here – ***Book a tour for Pre-School***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 9th Dec – EYFS Winter Performance, 9.30am

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Thurs 11th Dec – Y1 Winter Performance, 9.30am

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Weds 17th Dec – Festive Party Day!

Weds 17th Dec – Dolce Festive Lunch (please order!)

Fri 19th Dec – Last day term – school closes

Mon 5th Jan – Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tues 6th Jan – School reopens, first day of Spring 1 term

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please ***click here***