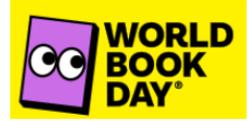


Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



You know how much we love books here, and although we celebrate all year round – we love World Book Day! It was wonderful to see the amazing costumes and the effort put into them by children and families, so thank you for your support with costumes. Thank you to our staff team too who all looked wonderful!

The children took part of a variety of activities across the day, including a WBD Quiz, designing bookmarks and a shared reading session where each House team got together (Pre-School to Year 1) to share stories – it was so lovely to see the joy of reading shared between all our children! We ended the day by having the teachers swap around the classes to read the book 'The Bridges' by Tom Percival – a beautiful book celebrating the joy, magic and power of books and of reading!

The children have been given this years' WBD book token which they can exchange for one of the 2026 WBD books or get £1 off any other book they choose – please see the book token for more information!

We also welcomed back [Happy Chalk Hazel](#), who has been creating artwork around school - this time she was tasked with decorating our library with characters from books about books, which seemed fitting for World Book Day! And wow-oh-wow! We absolutely love what Hazel has done for us – thank you! We can't wait to welcome you back soon!



This is of course an excellent time to remind you of the importance of establishing positive reading habits at home. It's hard to overstate the significance of a regular reading slot with your child; both on an educational but also a relational and personal development level, it's absolutely pivotal to their progression as successful and happy readers. Modelling good reading (including doing the voices!) is also important so please try and find time to read aloud to/with your children. Remember - you are reading role models yourselves so you will also be helping just by showing your own love of reading. Happy Reading!



CHESTER ZOO VISIT!

On the first Friday back after the half-term break, we had our first 'big' visit as Reception and Year 1 visited Chester Zoo which was organised to bring learning to life with both classes learning about animals and habitats this term – and what a wonderful visit it was!

We packed a lot into the day and were lucky to see many different animals including elephants, penguins, giraffes, flamingoes, meerkats, spider monkeys, chimpanzees and a Komodo dragon! It is no surprise that by the end of the day we had a lot of tired children and the coach trip back to school was much quieter!

Throughout the day the children were brilliant and a credit to Crown Street, we couldn't be prouder of them! So, it was only right that each class received a whole-class Character Award!

We also handed out well-deserved Character Awards to each member of staff and the parents who came with us and supported on the visit – we really appreciate the time and support you gave to allow our children to experience this! Extra thank you to Mrs McGowan and Miss Hopkins for all the behind-the-scenes organisation of the visit – both received a very special proud postcard for their efforts!



HOUSE CAPTAINS

When children join Crown Street they are placed into one of our four houses – *Altius*, *Citius*, *Fortius* and *Magnus*. We like to think of our house teams as a community within a community – encouraging the children to collaborate and share opportunities within this group. We use our house teams within the classroom and across the school – for example, at lunchtime our children sit in their house teams with children from across the school.

As our school grows, we want our children to support with different aspects of school life and develop a sense of responsibility, so to start this we are creating House Captain roles. This role will involve:

- being an excellent role model around school
- greeting visitors
- supporting with house events
- supporting with assemblies
- recording and reporting on house points

This opportunity will be available to our Year 1 children now and each year until we are a full school. House Captains will be voted in by their peers within their house teams – allowing us to explore democracy, and they will be in post for half a year – allowing others to have an opportunity at the role, so those voted in now will be in post until the end of this academic year. We look forward to sharing our first House Captains with you soon!

CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

COFFEE MORNING, WITH OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Weds 18th March, 9am in School, Topic = Sleep

We would like to invite you to our first Parent/Carer Coffee Morning. This will be hosted by our School Nurse Jez, who will be offering information and support regarding sleep. However, it is also an opportunity for our parents/carers to come together in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Going forwards, it is our aim to create a welcoming space for all and offer these coffee mornings throughout the school year as an opportunity to grow and strengthen our parent/carers community whilst also looking to provide support and information relating to different things involved with being parents - e.g. Sleep, picky eating, toileting etc.

OTHER SAVE THE DATES:

- **TUESDAY 24th & WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH – PARENTS' EVENINGS** – specific information about this went out earlier this week, including information about us trialing offering a few appointments during the morning of each day. Booking will be available from **7pm on Monday 9th March**
- **MONDAY 30th MARCH, 9am – RSHE PARENT SESSION** (*repeat of previous content*) – Information from previous session was sent out directly to parents on 06.03.26
- **WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 9.30am – SPRING SING PERFORMANCE (all classes)** – parents/carers are invited in to watch all our classes come together for a short performance of some Spring songs. We will share booking information soon, but this will be limited to 2 tickets per family due to space.

CHARACTER AWARDS!

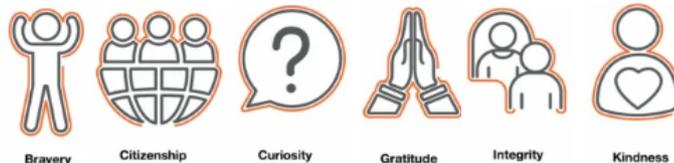
Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Kindness**
– for helping others and being patient

In RSH this was awarded for **Citizenship**
– for helping around the classroom and developing independence

In 1ND this was awarded for **Curiosity**
– for some amazing fact file writing

Well done to you all!



Bravery

Citizenship

Curiosity

Gratitude

Integrity

Kindness



ALTIUS

CITIUS



FORTIUS

MAGNUS



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

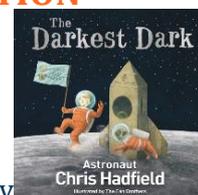
Recommendation by: Miss Hopkins

Book Title: The Darkest Dark

Author: Chris Hadfield

Character Trait Link: Curiosity and Bravery

Reason: Written by a real-life astronaut who has been to space! It has a great message about following your dreams and being who you want to be.



Parent/Carer Workshop – Digital Safety

Monday 19th March, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom Online Session

Manchester Local Authority and schools are committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of all their pupils.

As part of this, they are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. The workshop will be delivered by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at **Smoothwall**. This workshop is aimed at Primary School aged pupils, so although some content may not be as relevant for our younger children, it is important to understand the importance of digital safety. Please click [here to register for this session](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9th – Fri 13th – British Science Week!

Weds 18th March– Coffee Morning + School Nurse, 9am

Tues 24th March – Parents' Evening (+ Morning)

Weds 25th March – Parents' Evening (+ Morning)

Thurs 26th March – Academy Committee Meeting (AC2)

Mon 30th March – RSHE Parent Session (repeat), 9am

Weds 1st April – Spring Sing, 9.30am (all classes)

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please [click here](#)