

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

WELCOME BACK TO SUMMER TERM

The Spring break already feels like a while ago now, but we hope you all enjoyed it. It has been wonderful to welcome back all our children and families over the last week!

Already over the last week, our Pre-School children have been inspired by 'Beautiful Oops' and turned spills, rips, smudges and stains into imaginative ideas and some wonderful artwork, along with enjoying the sunshine and exploring in the mud kitchen outside. In Reception, have been inspired by Earth Day and used 'Where's the Starfish?' to create under the sea collages using recycled materials along with creating their own 'Earths' and discussed the importance of looking after our Earth. Finally, our Year 1s have been playing around with changing the ending of a well-known traditional tale and created their own endings after reading 'Little Red Reading Hood'.

And there is so much more to come ... we cannot believe this is our last term of the academic year, but we know it is going to be a good one!

CURRICULUM BOOKSHELVES

All the children, as always, are starting the new term with new Curriculum Bookshelves. These are a selection of books hand-picked by your child's Class Teacher (and myself!) to enthuse the children in their learning, bring to life our Character Traits along with inspiring a love of reading.

Pre-School



Reception



Sensory Curriculum



Year 1



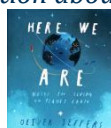
When choosing the books, we use the concept of 'windows and mirrors' – we want to use the stories as 'windows' into the outside world and experiences of others, allowing the children to see or begin to learn about different situations, as well as 'mirrors' in the sense that our children should be able to see themselves and some of their personal experiences in many of the books that we share together. All bookshelves can be found on your child's year group page on our website.

ASSEMBLIES

Each week the children participate in different assemblies. Monday is our Whole-School Assembly – this often links to our School Rules or Character Traits with stories being used to support discussions. On Tuesday, we have our Singing and Signing Assembly.

Finally, our newest assembly on Friday is our Rights Respecting Assembly. This is linked to Unicef's Rights of the Child and our journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School (*more information about this to come this term...*)

Our Rights Respecting Assembly this week was around Earth Day. The children explored questions like 'What do you, your school and your family do that helps the environment and the planet?' and 'What is and is not good for our Planet?' before reading 'We Are Here' by one of our favourite authors Oliver Jeffers.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Maintaining high levels of attendance at school is absolutely vital to your child's success both academically their personal and social development too. 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 ahead of the absence, this can be requested from our School Office or emailing admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk

Should your child be ill and not able to attend school, we ask that you notify school by telephone to inform us of their absence. This must be repeated each day your child is unable to attend school.

CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

MYSTERY READERS – We are looking to hold our Mystery Readers sessions again this term. These will run in each class, every Wednesday at 2.45pm – these will be starting Wednesday 6th May. If you are interested in becoming a 'Mystery Reader' then please complete our [Mystery Reader form](#) and select the sessions you are available.

UNIFORM – Monkhouse Sale

One of our uniform suppliers Monkhouse are selling surplus stock at a reduced rate, meaning many of our school specific items are 70% off – *whilst stocks last*.

Please [click here](#) to go to their website – or click the picture.



CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Curiosity**
– for being creative within 'Beautiful Oops' artwork

In RSH this was awarded for **Kindness**
– for sharing and being a kind and helpful friend

In 1ND this was awarded for **Bravery**
– for settling in well to new environment and class

Well done to you all!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club Charges – All Kids Club balances need to be cleared by Friday 15th May. Please ensure payments are made to secure your sessions. If you pay via Tax-Free Childcare, please ensure payment is made well in advance as there can be a delay in the monies reaching our bank account. Sessions may be placed on hold until we have received any funds. As per our Charging Policy you risk losing the place if payment is late or not paid in full.

Contacting Kids Club – Should you need to call After-School Club, please ring the school phone number and wait to be directed through to Kids Club. If you wish to contact us about anything regarding Kids Club – request places, making changes etc, please email us on our Kids Club email –

kidsclub@crowstreetprimary.org.uk

After-School Pick-up Time – After-School Club ends at 5.30pm, so please ensure you are here on time to pick-up your child. Please note that there is a late collection charge should you be late collecting your child.

Kids Club Allocations for 2026-27 – Information regarding booking Kids Club sessions for Reception – Year 2 for next academic year will be shared week commencing 11th May.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Recommendation by: Miss Hudson

Book Title: Mr Big **Author:** Ed Vere

Character Trait Link: Bravery, Kindness & Citizenship

Reason: This story is about not judging a book by its cover and celebrating people's extraordinary talent and how a community is only complete when everyone – regardless of how different they may look - is invited to participate and contribute their talents.

WARMER WEATHER

As we move into the summer months, we can be hopeful that we may begin to experience some warmer weather.



With this in mind, please can we ask that parents apply sun cream to children before the school day and provide suitable sun hats (labelled) for your children to wear during the school day. Your child can also bring in sun cream (labelled) to reapply themselves under adult supervision. Please also ensure your child has their school water bottle with them every day too.

Before sending any sun cream in with your child, please check that the ingredients/formula does not contain almond oil (or any other nut-oil) as we are a nut-free school.

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Reception places – offers for Reception places for September 2026 were shared with families by Manchester City Council on 16th April. Please note, if you did not get the school you applied for you will automatically be added to their waiting list.

Pre-School places – offers for Pre-School places for September 2026 will be shared this week with families. We ask that families check the patterns they have been allocated and get in touch with school should any changes be required, however any changes will be subject to availability.

Welcome letters, including information about starting school and the transition events, will be sent out over the coming weeks. We are excited for our Crown Street family to grow and welcome new children and families.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 30th April – 1ND 'Watch me teach Maths' Session

Fri 1st May – 1ND 'Watch me teach Maths' Session

Mon 4th May – **Bank Holiday – School Closed to all**

Tues 5th May – **School back open**

Mon 11th – Fri 15th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
+ some gardening workshops (*more info to come*)

Weds 13th May – Pre-School Visit to Castlefield Viaduct

Fri 22nd May – **School Closes for half-term break**

Mon 1st June – **School Reopens to all for Summer 2**

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