



CROWN STREET COMMUNITY – EXCITING GARDEN DEVELOPMENT



Last term, we were contacted by Jason Williams, Cloud Gardener UK, who was looking for a school to work with. He had been told about our school by Beth (from Castlefield Viaduct – who we have built a great community link with) and he was particularly intrigued about our plans for our rooftop garden seen as he is known as being the 'Cloud Gardener' with his own Cloud Garden 18th floors up on his balcony!

At the end of May, Jason is taking part in [Manchester Flower Festival Floral Trail](#) and designing a 'Sky Garden' for the show, which he needs help with – and guess who he has asked to help?! **Crown Street Primary School!** But not just that, once the Flower Festival has finished his garden will need a home – and guess where is going to be the home?! **Crown Street Primary School!**

We are very, very excited that Jason has chosen our school to work with - to get involved in helping to create the Sky Garden for the Flower Festival, and then be the home of the garden once the show is complete! We also get the support and expertise of Jason to support in developing our garden and the outdoor spaces we have.

Jason has visited the school a few times to understand our ideas and dreams for our garden, as well as understanding logistics and what would work in the space we have so he can incorporate this into his Sky Garden design. We are excited that he will be visiting again on **Tuesday 12th May** to host planting workshops with our children ahead of his garden design. He will then visit again, following the festival, to support with re-building the garden – but more information to come about this. As of yet, there is nothing for parents/carers to do – however, due to some local media interest in following the story we will be sending out further information later this week.



For more information, visit [Sky Garden, The Manchester Flower Festival](#) or Jason's Instagram [@cloudgardeneruk](#)

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Last week...

WATCH ME TEACH MATHS – Miss Daniel opened her classroom up again for our Year 1 parents/carers, but this time for a Maths lesson! Miss Daniel taught a Maths lesson and explained different concepts of Maths whilst the children were able to show how they use manipulatives to support their Maths learning. Thank you to all the parents/carers for engaging in this session to support your child with their Maths learning and develop your own understanding. Thank you and well done to Miss Daniel for sharing this.



Coming up ...

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.

WEAR GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH DAY – Thurs 14th May – Mental Health Awareness Week is between 11th – 15th May, during the week schools and organisations across the country will be taking part in 'Wear it Green Day' and we would like to join in too. Although we would like for the children to still wear their school uniform, we are inviting them to accessorize with something green – whether that be socks, hair accessories, hats or maybe even shoes!

STAY & PLAY (RSH) – we are holding a Stay & Play session for Reception parents/carers on **Tuesday 19th May**.

STAY & PLAY (PLMM) – we are holding a Stay & Play session for Pre-School parents/carers on **Wednesday 20th May**. Both of these sessions will run from 9 – 9.30am in your child's classroom. The idea for these sessions is that we welcome you into school and you can play with your child in some of the continuous provision (busy learning) areas that they love the most. To confirm attendance, you must complete the [Stay & Play form](#), this is needed for safeguarding reasons and also to help manage children's expectations. Please note, this session will be limited to *one* parent per child, and we cannot accommodate any younger siblings.

PUNCTUALITY REMINDER

Full attendance, including arriving on time, is important for your child's academic success but also for their personal and social development too. Arriving late can impact the start of the day routine and can mean important learning is missed. We ask that you support us with this and ensure your child arrives at school on time each day – the gate/door opens at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. If children arrive past the register closing, their absence may be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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.



UNIFORM – BORROWED, SPARE, LABELLING

In School we keep some spare clothes, however this seems to be running low. If you have any of the school's spares at home (marked with a school sticker label) please would you kindly return them to us.

Request for spare uniform - if you have any pre-loved/too small/spare school uniform items (shorts, trousers, skirts, tights) that you no longer need and could donate to school, we would appreciate this. Please pass this onto your child's class teacher or into the Main Office. Many thanks.

Reminder to label all school uniform - 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. 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.

KIDS CLUB

'Flexicare' Ad-hoc Sessions – we can offer ad-hoc sessions (one-off additional sessions) but these are subject to availability. If you are interested please email kidsclub@crowstreet.org.uk to check availability and request sessions. This service is charged at **£9** per Breakfast Club and **£16** for Afterschool Club.

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.



CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Kindness**
– for spreading positivity in the classroom

In RSH this was awarded for **Integrity**
– for being more confident and trying their best

In 1ND this was awarded for **Bravery**
– for working on their growth mindset

Well done to you all!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

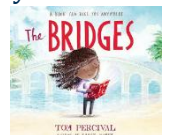
SUMMER EYFS HOME LEARNING GRIDS

Summer Home Learning Grids for both Pre-School and Reception are available. The activities suggested are to help your child consolidate the learning done in school and to use as an opportunity for your child to show you some of the things they have learnt. We ask that as you complete the activities over the Summer term you share responses via your child's Tapestry learning portal.

The Home Learning Grids can be found on your child's Tapestry learning portal and under the 'Useful Information' tab on the 'Year Group' pages of our website.

ASSEMBLIES

Last week, Mr Ives (Trust Director Primary Curriculum) led our whole-school assembly. Mr Ives introduced himself to the children and explained how he works across all our Primary Schools and will be spending some of his time with us. But most importantly, he explained one of his favourite things to do was read (it is a pre-requisite of anyone working at Crown Street Primary) and shared the beautiful book 'The Bridges' by Tom Percival with the children. A book all about how reading can connect us with others.



Our Rights Respecting Assembly was linked to Article 7 – the right to a name and Article 8 – the right to an identity. The children discussed what makes up their identity by exploring what makes each of us unique and special and how our names are part of this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thurs 14th May – Wear Green for Mental Health Day

Tues 19th May – RSH Stay & Play Session, 9 – 9.30am

Weds 20th May – PLMM Stay & Play Session, 9 – 9.30am

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](#)