



UNICEF UK'S RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD



We previously mentioned about UNICEF Rights of the Child and so wanted to share more information about this. Crown Street Primary School is at the beginning of our journey to become a Rights Respecting School and so are working with the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This initiative places children's rights at the very core of our school's ethos and culture, aiming to enhance wellbeing and help every child realise their full potential.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children, and in the UK, it supports thousands of schools to become safe, inspiring, and rights respecting learning environments. UNICEF UK is working with around 5,000 schools through the Rights Respecting Schools Award, so our school is joining a significant and growing body of schools changing the way children experience education and childhood.

The foundation of this award is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), adopted by governments worldwide in 1989. The Convention sets out the rights every child needs to survive, grow, participate, and thrive, therefore the Rights Respecting Schools Framework is based on a well-established and globally recognised approach to human rights education.

In a Rights Respecting School, the children and adults learn about rights as outlined in the Convention, along with how to put them into practice every day. Our children will also learn through rights and begin to take action for rights, along with realising the importance of respecting the rights of others. We know that knowledge of their rights can empower children and young people to be more engaged in school life and learning and will help to develop them as rights-respecting citizens locally and globally.

For us, the journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School is not really about doing anything too differently, but rather a re-framing of what we already do so that we can continue to embed children's human rights into the ethos and culture of Crown Street Primary. The rights already underpin lots of areas of school including our Curriculum Bookshelves, curriculum content, safeguarding practices, pupil voice, behaviour and our work on diversity and inclusion. It adds another dimension to all aspects of our school development and will continue to do so as we begin the journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. The first step of this is *Bronze: Rights Committed*, before moving onto *Silver: Rights Aware* in the next year and then eventually *Gold: Rights Respecting*.

For more information and to learn more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child, please [click here](#). You may also find [Introducing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) summary helpful. We look forward to sharing more of our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School with you.

CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

GARDENING WORKSHOPS – this week we will be welcoming in Jason Williams (Cloud Gardener UK) for some planting workshops ahead of his Sky Garden design for the **Manchester Flower Festival Floral Trail**. We are excited that local media are interested in following this story and will share more information about this following their visit and the workshops.



MYSTERY READERS – these run in each class every Wednesday at 2.45pm. If interested then please complete our [Mystery Reader form](#)

WEAR GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH DAY – Thurs 14th May – we are inviting children to accessorise with something green – whether that be socks, hair accessories, hats or maybe even shoes!

STAY & PLAY (RSH) – Stay & Play session for Reception parents/carers on **Tuesday 19th May** from 9-9.30am
STAY & PLAY (PLMM) – Stay & Play session for Pre-School parents/carers on **Wednesday 20th May** from 9-9.30am.
To confirm attendance to either of these sessions 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.

UNIFORM

A reminder that children should be coming to school in full school uniform, this includes correct school shoes. For information on what uniform is required, please see our website here - [School Uniform](#).

Return borrowed uniform/spares - if you have any of the school's spares at home (marked with a school 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 onto the School Office.

Reminder label all school uniform - please ensure that any items your child brings into school are labelled with your child's name. 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.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Hopefully by now you know we are here to support your child and yourselves, but sometimes we need to reach out to external agencies to gain more advice and provide more targeted support. One of these external supports is Wood Street Mission.

This week Victoria from Wood Street Mission attended our Staff Briefing to talk to us about Wood Street Mission and share what help and support they can offer to families in need. For more information - see the flyer below or visit their website - woodstreetmission.org.uk



WOOD ST MISSION

DO YOU NEED A BIT OF EXTRA HELP?

Wood Street Mission is a children's charity that supports families from Manchester and Salford who are struggling to make ends meet. We offer practical help with everyday items.

Whether you need practical help, advice or just a chat to see what we could do for you then get in touch. You cannot refer yourself, you need to be referred to Wood Street Mission by a professional who knows your family's circumstances well.

This could be someone at your child's school, a social worker, health visitor, midwife, or support worker. They will need to send us a form which they can find on our website. You can also find information there about what happens next. All of our services are free for your family to access.

As a charity our service relies on donations and we cannot guarantee the level of support we can offer, but we will do our best to help.

From time to time, we all need a little help and sometimes it's hard to know where to turn.

Scan the QR code using your camera phone for a quick link to our website!

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CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Integrity** - for consistently making good choices and working hard

In RSH this was awarded for **Bravery** - for settling in well

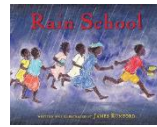
In 1ND this was awarded for **Integrity** - for working on their growth mindset

Well done to you all!



ASSEMBLIES

Our Rights Respecting Assembly was linked to Article 28 - the right to access to education. Miss Hudson talked with the children about why education is important and how education looks around the world. The children shared their favourite parts of the school day and what they enjoy learning before reading the story 'Rain School' by James Rumford.



KIDS CLUB

Kids Club Allocations for 2026-27 - Information regarding booking Kids Club sessions for Reception - Year 2 for next academic year, with the booking link, will be shared this week.

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



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 >>>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tues 12th May** - Gardening workshops + *BBC Filming*
- Weds 13th May** - **CANCELLED: PLMM 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](#)