



NOMINATE OUR SCHOOL FOR NEW BOOKS!

We LOVE books and reading here at Crown Street and have talked before about how reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children by boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills.

We want to make sure we have lots of wonderful books to do this – so we are asking for your help!

The National Book Tokens annual prize draw is back to give five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and fill their shelves with new and inspiring books.

Please nominate Crown Street Primary by [clicking here](#), and give us a chance to be one of the five winning entries. Each week until 24th June, a flash winner will be selected at random from all entries to receive a £100 National Book Token for their school.

Thank you for your continued support as our library grows.

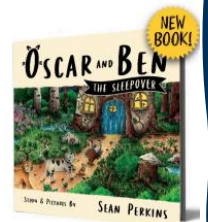


AUTHOR VISIT – SEAN PERKINS

We are delighted to share that Sean Perkins, author of the much-loved Oscar and Ben series, will be visiting Crown Street Primary to deliver a range of exciting workshops for all our children on Tuesday 2nd June!

Sean Perkins is a children's author and illustrator best known for his charming Oscar and Ben series, which follows the mischievous adventures of two lovable cats. His stories whisk young readers into the forest, where Oscar and Ben sneak out to their woodland den and meet a delightful cast of animal friends, including Mrs Hen, a tiny mouse, and even an angry frog.

There will be an opportunity to purchase Sean's book on the day/following his visit – more information will be shared this week via MCAS.



CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

GARDENING WORKSHOPS – last week we welcomed in Jason Williams who facilitated some planting workshops with each of our classes. The children explored scents, textures and colours whilst choosing different plants along with sowing some seeds that once grown, we may be able to eat – we planted some radishes, cucumber and lettuce! The children were all brilliant! They showed great **citizenship** by working together, along with **curiosity** about the different seeds and plants. A wonderful, and very messy time was had by all! Some of the pots that were designed and planted by our children will be used in Jason's design for his Sky Garden as part of **Manchester Flower Festival Floral Trail**.

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.

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING, Friday 19th June, 9.30am - We would like to invite you to our next Parent/Carer Coffee Morning which will be hosted by our SENDCo, Mrs Turrell and SEND Teacher, Miss Hudson. During the morning Mrs Turrell and Miss Hudson will be available to discuss our approach to SEND and the support we provide within school, along with answering any questions you may have. Although this Coffee Morning will have more of a SEND focus, it is also an opportunity for all 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 at different points 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 aspects of school, being parents, or information we think would be of interest within our community.

CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM two were awarded for **Curiosity**
- for showing curiosity with planting and exploring at school
and at home

In RSH this was awarded for **Curiosity**
- for trying hard with learning - especially Phonics and
Morning Challenges!

In 1ND two were awarded for **Curiosity**
- one for a brilliant fact file all about plants
- one for exploring new resources and engaging with friends

Well done to you all!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Dates for your diary / events information ...

Please note, we will share more information about the events listed below when we return after half-term (including booking links, timings etc)

We will also be sending out more information regarding the transition to your child's new year group (including Changeover Day - a day children spend the day with their new Class Teacher in their new Classroom) to our current Reception parents/carers ahead of transition to Year 1, and to our current Year 1 parents/carers ahead of transition to Year 2.

Information regarding Induction Sessions and Transition information for our new Pre-School and new Reception children has already been shared with Parents/Carers.

ASSEMBLIES

Our Rights Respecting Assembly was inspired by Mental Health Awareness Week and our 'wear green' day. It linked to Article 24 - the right to best possible health, access to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment. Miss Daniel explored the question 'what do you do for positive mental health?'. Our children had lots of ideas to share. Before taking part in a mindfulness breathing activity. This was then followed with the story 'The Grand Hotel of Feelings' by Lidia Brankovic and the children discussing what they do to feel happy and something kind for others over the weekend.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Tues 19th May - Kids Club Booking Link goes live - 7pm

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**

Tues 2nd June - Author Visit - Sean Perkins

Fri 5th June - Stay & Play for *new* Pre-School children, & parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 9.30am - 10.30am

Fri 12th June - Stay & Play for *new* Pre-School children, & parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 9.30am - 10.30am

Tues 16th June - Class Photographs

Fri 19th June - Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers, 9.30am

Tues 23rd June - PLMM Visit to Z-Arts

Fri 26th June - RSH Class Assembly, 9.15am

Tues 30th June - Reception Induction Session for new parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Weds 1st July - Pre-School Induction Session for new parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Thurs 2nd July - 1ND Class Assembly, 9.15am

Fri 3rd July - PTA Summer Fair (more info coming soon)

Fri 10th July - Changeover Day

- Stay & Play for *new* Pre-School children, & parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 9.30am - 10.30am

- Taster Session for *new* Reception children, 9.30am - 11.30am

Mon 13th July - Open Doors (for **Altius** & **Citius** children and their parents/carers), 3.30 - 4.15pm

Tues 14th July - Open Doors (for **Fortius** & **Magnus** children and their parents/carers), 3.30 - 4.15pm

Weds 15th July - PLMM Class Celebration

Fri 17th July - Stay & Play for *new* Pre-School children, & parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 9.30am - 10.30am

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

KIDS CLUB - PLACES FOR 2026/27

Information regarding booking Kids Club sessions for Reception - Year 2 for next academic year was shared last week, the booking link for sessions was in this information. The booking link will go live on **Tuesday 19th May at 7pm**.



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please find some links below that may be useful in finding difficult things that are happening across the city over the half-term break. Please feel free to update your Tapestry platform with anything you do get up to over the break!

- [Manchester Flower Festival Floral Trail](#)
- [Science and Industry Museum](#) - May Half Term
- [Z-arts](#)
- [Visit Manchester](#) - May Half Term
- [RHS Garden Bridgewater](#) - Wind in the Willows
- [Loads to Do - Manchester](#)
- [Central Library](#) - May Half Term Activities
- [Home MCR](#) - Family Events