



## CROWN STREET COMMUNITY - WE HAVE A GARDEN!!

Following the amazing [Manchester Flower Festival Floral Trail](#), where Jason Williams, Cloud Gardner UK shared his 'Sky Garden' – it has now been relocated to its new home, here at Crown Street Primary School!

I know lots of you were in awe with the gorgeous pots, flowers and plants that are now positioned at every entrance to school, which have all been carefully planted and created so that everyone is able to experience some greenery every day! But these are just the beginning ... as three floors up, on our rooftop playground is our brand new garden!

In Jason's words 'in a metropolis of glass and concrete, now lives a thriving green space' – and honestly it really does! Our vision was to create a green space where our children are able to learn about nature, get their hands dirty (quite literally) and understand how to grow different plants including ones they can harvest and eat – has truly come to life! This vision was especially important in our school – one that doesn't have natural green space and is based in the city centre. Our vision has been there since we opened in 2024, something we began to develop alongside support from Beth and colleagues at National Trust Castlefield Viaduct, and then from support from all of you and our wonderful PTA who raised funds to purchase items for our garden (some of which are now in place, others will be added as the space grows), however this was only going to get us so far ... and then in stepped Jason Williams, supported by an amazing team of volunteers and generous donations, who have enabled our garden to grow!

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May we opened school (yes on a Saturday!) and invited in an incredible team of volunteers, some who have previously worked and supported Jason, many of our team along with their partners and family members, as well as a parent representative in Ayesha – all of whom worked tirelessly to help create this wonderful space.

It began by getting two tonnes of compost, flowers, containers and equipment up to the playground – I know we have a lift, but not everything was able to go in that and a lot needed to be carried! Once up, work began building, assembling and planting. Jason was able to secure funding along with donations from VegTrug, Hillier Garden Centre, Dandy's Landscape Supplies and Dalefoot Composts – all of which have helped the vision and garden come to life!

It was a tremendous team effort and incredibly humbling that all these people came together to create something that will truly benefit our children at Crown Street Primary. This isn't even the end of it – Jason will be returning and will continue to support us in learning more about our garden and gardening along with further developing the space.

I am not sure I, or we as a school, will ever be able to thank everyone that has been involved enough, but just know you have all made an incredible difference to our school community – so thank you!



## CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

### *Recent events ...*

**STAY & PLAY for both PLMM and RSH** – Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Stay & Play sessions, we love opening the door of the classroom and welcoming you in show off our learning, share our favourite areas to explore and most of all – playing with you!

### *Upcoming events ...*

**AUTHOR VISIT – SEAN PERKINS, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - We are very excited about our author visit tomorrow! Sean Perkins, author of the much-loved Oscar and Ben series, will be visiting Crown Street Primary to deliver a whole school assembly along with an exciting 'Silly Pie' workshop for each of our classes. Following tomorrow's visit, we will share information about how to purchase copies of the Oscar and Ben series.

**PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. There is no need to book, just turn up – we hope to see you there!

## CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Curiosity**  
– for mark making and trying hard with pencil grip

In RSH this was awarded for **Integrity**  
– for persevering and trying hard with their learning

In 1ND this was awarded for **Integrity**  
– for being welcoming, kind and a wonderful role model

**Well done to you all!**



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



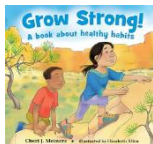
Integrity



Kindness

## ASSEMBLIES

Before half-term, our Rights Respecting Assembly was delivered by Miss Hopkins who recapped Article 24 – the right to best possible health, access to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment. The children discussed what it means to be healthy and ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy too. They then shared the story 'Grow Strong' by Cheri J. Meiners – a book all about the importance of healthy habits.



## Dates for your diary information ...

Please note, we will share more information about the events listed below over the coming weeks (*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 and our current Year 1 parents/carers ahead of transition to Year 2.



## 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!

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.



## PTA SUMMER FAIR



PTA

The PTA Summer Fair will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, from 3.30pm in our School Hall.

You are all invited to join in for an afternoon of games, prizes, food, refreshments, socializing and fun all whilst supporting our school community.

Entry at the Summer Fair will require tickets so [please click here to book tickets](#). The booking link will only be active until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, so please ensure you book tickets before then!

The PTA will be collecting donations for the tombola over the coming weeks, look out for more information about this soon.

The PTA would also really appreciate Summer Fair, so if you are able to lend a hand please email the PTA on [ptacrownstreetprimaryschool@gmail.com](mailto:ptacrownstreetprimaryschool@gmail.com)

Thank you as always for your continued support!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June – School Reopens to all for Summer 2**

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Author Visit – Sean Perkins**

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

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

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photographs**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers, 9.30am**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June – PLMM Visit to Z-Arts**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June – RSH Class Assembly, 9.15am**

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Induction Session for new parents/carers (children joining in Sept 26), 3.45pm – 4.45pm**

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

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 1ND Class Assembly, 9.15am**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July – PTA Summer Fair (more info coming soon)**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> July – Open Doors (for **Altius** & **Citius** children and their parents/carers), 3.30 – 4.15pm**

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

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July – PLMM Class Celebration**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 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](#)