

Weekly Newsletter

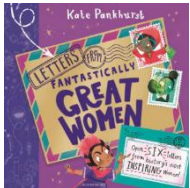
'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

At the beginning of October, we joined many other schools nationwide and celebrated National Poetry Day exploring this year's theme of 'Wonder'. We explore poetry throughout the year across the Literacy/English Curriculum, but having a day like this is great to engage, inspire and develop curiosity within something particular. We love the freedom that comes with poetry and the ability to play with words, rhythm and imagination! During the day itself our Early Years explored mini-beasts with a poem called 'Woodlice' by Simon Mole, and KS1 listened to and performed poetry from different cultures. Year 2 have since gone on to explore poetry through their next bookshelf text 'We're Going on a Leaf Hunt'.



VIRTUAL SCHOOL EVENT



Last week, KS1 had the opportunity to take part in a live online workshop with Waterstones with author and illustrator Kate Pankhurst. During the session, Kate discussed her new book 'Letters from Fantastically Great Women' and what being an author and illustrator is like. At the end of the session, she answered a few questions from the audience – and one was from one of our Year 2's about tips on drawing and illustrating!

FIRE DRILL

Last week, we completed a scheduled fire drill to ensure that our whole school community know exactly what to do in an emergency, building confidence and keeping everyone safe. To prepare the children for this we share what the alarm sounds like and share visuals/social stories of what to do and where to go. During the drill, the children were brilliant - they listened carefully, followed the instructions of the adults meaning we were able to evacuate the building safely and quickly. This drill is part of our wider safeguarding practices and is done regularly to support this routine being known by all.

MYSTERY READERS

If you are interested in joining us, please complete our **Mystery Reader form** by the end of the day on **Friday 16th October** and select the sessions you are available. These will run every Wednesday at 2.45pm from 21st October until the end of term.



ATTENDANCE - ILLNESS



As we approach winter, we appreciate that there are more illnesses about and it can be tricky to know whether to send your child to school or keep them off whilst they are unwell. Guidance for what to do with certain illness can be found here- [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

If your child will be absent from school, you must notify school by calling the School Office and letting us know the reason. If you are unsure, then please call and we can support you in making the best decision for your child based on their symptoms.

MY NATURE PLAY - PLAY & PICK-UP SESSION

Monday 19th Oct, 2-3pm (EYFS parents/carers only)

Our first Play & Pick-up session of the year will be a 'Playful Parents' session delivered by Kim ['My Nature Play'](#).

During this session, Kim will deliver a short input to parents/carers on the importance of nature play and then run a session of outdoor activities for parents/carers and children. If you are able to attend, please complete [this booking form](#) to confirm your attendance.

Please note, this session is limited to one parent/carer per family and we cannot accommodate any younger siblings.

HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE NIGHT

Message from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue

These events should be fun, but they can also bring serious fire risks. If children are dressing up for Halloween, please check costumes are UKCA or CE marked so they meet the required safety standards. Keep all costumes away from naked flames, including candles, and consider using LED candles instead.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging families to attend organised firework and bonfire events wherever possible, but if you are planning your own firework event you should follow the **Firework Code**. Please help everyone enjoy the season safely by talking to children about bonfire and firework safety, respectful behaviour and staying visible when out after dark.



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INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date for individual school photographs has been moved to Wednesday 4th November 2026. We are sorry for any inconvenience this change may cause and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Curiosity**
- for being creative within the mark making area

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

In 1ND this was awarded for **Curiosity**
- for problem solving in Maths

In 2LM this was awarded for **Citizenship**
- for writing an amazing story and sharing it with the class

Well done to you all!



Bravery

Citizenship

Curiosity

Gratitude

Integrity

Kindness

Reception 2027 Admissions

We might have only just welcomed our new Reception pupils into the Crown Street Primary family for this year, but applications for September 2027 are already open!

The co-ordination and administration of admissions is undertaken by Manchester City Council. Should you, or anyone you know be interested then you can find more information on the [Admissions](#) page of our website.

We are currently running School Tours for prospective parents. More information can be found [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 16th Oct – PTA Halloween Fair, 3.30-4.30pm

Mon 19th Oct – 'My Nature Play' Play & Pick-up
EYFS parents/carers only, 2-3pm

Fri 23rd Oct – Last day of Autumn 1 term

Mon 2nd Nov – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Tues 3rd Nov – School Opens, first day of Autumn 2

Weds 4th Nov – Individual School Photographs

Weds 18th Nov – PTA AGM – all welcome!

TERM DATES

Term dates can be found on our website: [here](#)

You can find both this **academic year 2026-27**, and next academic year **2027-28 term dates** on this page. Please make a note of our inset days, which are school specific and half term dates which fall in line with other Manchester Schools.

ALLERGY AWARENESS –

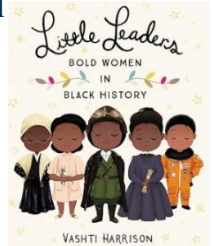
PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

ASSEMBLIES

We started our assembly with a 'laser-focus' regulation activity which followed on from our previous assembly all about regulation, we recapped what it meant and different ways to support our regulation. We then explored emotions and discussed the importance of all emotions with a particular focus on happiness. We explored different things that make us happy and how we show our happiness and how we can show it towards others.



Our Rights Respecting Assembly was about Black History Month this was linked with Article 2 – no discrimination and Article 30 about minority culture, language and religion. We discussed how it is a time to recognise, share and celebrate the impact of black heritage and culture by exploring different achievements, talents and stories different individuals who have shaped history and our world. The children then heard about Mary Seacole, a nurse who helped in the Crimean War and showed great determination in her desire to help and show kindness to those who were hurt. This story was taken from 'Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History' by Vashti Harrison.



Pre-School 2027 Admissions

If you have a child born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, they will be eligible to start our Pre-School from September 2027. If you are interested in applying, we will begin to offer tours for prospective parents from November 2026. More information and to book on please click [here](#).

The Admissions form will be available from mid-December and be open until Mid-March 2027. For more information on our Pre-School visit the '[Pre-School](#)' page of our website.

EVENTS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Below are some upcoming events at Central Library that may be of interest to members of our school community:

Mandarin Storytime (for children)

Saturday 17th October, 3-4pm, in the Children's Library
[Click here for more information.](#)

Storytime and Mindfulness (for children)

Saturday 17th October, 11am-12pm, in the Children's Library
[Click here for more information.](#)

School Holiday Activities

From Monday 26th October – Sunday 1st November
[Click here for more information](#)

Farsi Storytime (for children)

Tuesday 27th October, 11am-12pm, in the Children's Library
[Click here for more information.](#)

Once upon an Invention (hands on workshop)

Wednesday 28th October, 2– 3.30pm, Lower Ground Floor
[Click here for more information.](#)