

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

End of our first half-term!

What a brilliant half-term we have had at Crown Street, although it has been a long one – we are so proud of how the children have settled in to their new classrooms and year groups. An extra well-done to our Pre-School and Reception children, some of whom stepped into school for the very first time, but are already growing in confidence and seem to be loving life here at Crown Street! Not forgetting our KS1 children, who have returned with such positivity and a curiosity for what their year ahead holds!

We hope you all have a wonderful break over half-term and look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 3rd November**

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at school is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day matters, and even small amounts of absence can add up - leading to gaps in learning, reduced confidence and missed opportunities to build friendships and develop socially.

To support us, we ask that all parents/carers help to promote the importance of good attendance and punctuality by:

- ensuring their child **arrives at school on time**
- notifying the school **each day** their child is unable to attend and providing a reason (e.g. due to illness)
- arranging medical appointments, where possible, for out of school hours and provide evidence for these
- paying attention to the school's '**Term Dates**' and avoid taking their child/children on holiday in term time
- notifying the school in writing should you need to request an absence (email admin@crownstreetprimary.org.uk)

We appreciate that children in our Pre-School are not compulsory school age, but ask that families still support us to promote the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences

We would like to remind families that Manchester City Council follows the national framework for attendance. Where a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) or more a penalty notice may be considered. Please note that absence is looked at within a rolling 12-month period, which is not always an academic year.

The first penalty notice could be up to £160 per parent, per child (it can be reduced if paid within 21 days). A second penalty notice will be at least £160 per parent, per child, and any further instances within a three-year period could result in legal action.

By working together and prioritising attendance, we can ensure that every child has the best possible chance to thrive both academically and socially.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch in person or via email. Thank you for your continued support.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC INFORMATION

A letter with information and an update regarding the increase in traffic and parking challenges outside of school will be sent out in addition to this newsletter. We appreciate your continued support with this.

Un-beet-lievable gardening!

Last week some of our Pre-School and Reception children were busy in our garden and were able to harvest some beetroot and sweetcorn! Once picked, the veg was cleaned and prepped before being delivered to Miss Lomas (School Cook) who prepared it and added it to the salad bar at lunchtime! Which meant the children got to sample Crown Street grown beetroot!

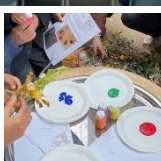
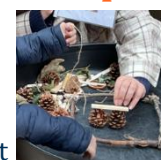


Honesty, the smiles on everyone's faces (including all the staff who have been very excited about this) means so much. This is exactly what our vision for our garden was – to grow our own food, learn about the food cycle and of course, get our hands dirty along the way! As the year progresses, all classes will get an opportunity to plant, harvest and hopefully taste some of our very own produce!



My Nature Play – Play & Pick-Up

A big thankyou to Kim from My Nature Play, our EYFS children and all the parents who came to experience our nature inspired outdoor Play & Pick up on Monday. Our parents learnt all about the importance of the outdoors and got to experience first-hand the wonderful things the outdoors can give us. We made magical wands with sticks and ribbons, we used nature paintbrushes to paint glorious pictures, we created self-portraits with natural objects and we got very messy in the Mud Kitchen! Thank you to all that came, we can't wait for our next session!



CHARACTER AWARDS!

Last week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Bravery**
- for choosing challenging learning

In RSH – this was awarded for **Integrity**
- for making good choices

In 1ND this was awarded for **Curiosity**
- for being curious and showing resilience with learning

In 2LM this was awarded for **Integrity**
- for always doing the right thing

Well done to you all!



Safeguarding Team at Crown Street Primary

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Safeguarding Governor
 Mrs H Thompson Head of School	 Miss S Hopkins Reception Teacher	 Freya Booth freya.booth@laurustrust.co.uk

Should you have a concern regarding the welfare of a child who attends our school, please ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding team – whether that is in person, via phone 0161 549 7150 or email admin@crownstreetprimary.org.uk

If the school is closed, and you have a concern regarding the safety of a child or if you wish to report abuse or neglect of a child you can contact Children's Services (AGS) for advice and guidance on 0161 234 5001 or via email mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk.

If you feel that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999.

You can find more information on the '[Safeguarding](#)' page on our school website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

ASSEMBLIES

Our assembly this week continued on our learning linked around Black History Month, where we recapped what it is, why it happens and how it started before exploring different inspirations. We shared a book called 'I'm going to be a Princess' by Stephanie Taylor and discussed who inspires us and why. We discussed different qualities of those who inspire us and how we can continue to inspire one another within our school community.



Our Rights Respecting Assembly was all about Harvest and World Food Day and linked with Article 6 – the right to life and Article 24 – the right to health, water, food and a safe environment. The children discussed the question 'what are all the things that you need to survive and develop?' and explored the importance of healthcare, clean water, food and a clean environment. They also discussed the things we do here at Crown Street that keep us healthy like growing in our garden, eating healthy snacks, playing outside, PE lessons, drinking water and much more!

NO TOYS / ITEMS FROM HOME

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys and/or items from home into school. This includes any larger keyrings/soft toys attached to school bags.

Please can we also ask, that if your child brings any toys/resources home from school (that aren't meant to be taken home), that these are returned to school. Thank you.



CROWN STREET PTA

PTA Our Halloween fair was a brilliant success! A fantastic turn out, amazing costumes and lots of money raised! A huge thank you to all of you for coming, but also to the PTA for organising another amazing event in which our children can have fun together and our community can come together.

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](#).

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.

ALLERGY AWARENESS –

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

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AROUND THE CITY

Please find some links below for different things that are happening across the city over half-term:

- [School Holidays in Manchester \(Loads To Do\)](#)
- [Things to do - October Half Term \(Family on the go\)](#)
- [Z-arts – What's on October Half Term Holidays](#)
- [Manchester Central Library – School Holiday Activities](#)
- [Science and Industry Museum - October Half Term](#)
- [£2 Family Films at Cineworld Cinemas – October Half Term](#)
- [Free Swimming in Manchester](#)
- [Manchester Bonfire Night and Fireworks](#)
- [Halloween Activities in Manchester \(Loads to Do\)](#)

Friday 30th October
Zion Centre, Stretford Rd
3pm-6pm



Come and join us for a spooky session of free festive pumpkin carving, Halloween arts and crafts, creative bakes, treasure trail. Light refreshments. Including hot dogs, pumpkin soup and chocolate fountain, first come first served basis.

THE BIG LIFE GROUP **Bridging The Gap**



Get ready for a super scary Halloween



Friday 30th October
Hulme Park, 5pm-8pm

Halloween Arts & Crafts, Edible Art, Spooky Disco, Halloween Games, Spooky Trail, Facepainters, Fancy Dress Competition and Refreshments



MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL **Hulme** Detached Team Youth and Play **K Z** arts

Access Sport

Disabled Women and Girls Multi-Sport Festival!

Monday 26 October, 10 am - 2.30 pm
 National Cycling Centre
 Stuart Street, Manchester, M11 4DQ

Join us for a fantastic day of inclusive sport and activities!

An inclusive sport festival for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent women and girls aged 5-25 years old.

All abilities are welcome and sessions are adapted to the group's needs. Sign up now to book your spot!

The event is free and welcome to all!



www.AccessSport.org.uk
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