

Weekly Newsletter



'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Autumn 2 Chapter = done ✓

In [Issue 7](#) I summarised our first half term, and now we have completed our second which means our first (ever!) Autumn term at Crown Street Primary has been completed - and what a term it has been!

Some highlights from this half term.... *Mystery Readers, visit from Castlefield Viaduct, assemblies, Busy Learning, festive jumpers, Christmas dinner day, festive parties, winter crafts, creating our PTA...* And the highlight for me - our first (ever) *Winter Performance*.

The children have transitioned to life at Crown Street in a remarkable way and we continue to be proud of them all. It has been lovely to see their development over the last 15 weeks - their personalities come through, friendships begin to form and their continued enthusiasm towards their learning.

It has also been lovely to see the relationships around our school blossom - those between school and parents, those between parents, and also developing relationships with our community - including forming our own PTA!

As we approach a new term in January, we look forward to continuing with more of the above, as well as lots of other exciting learning, opportunities and events that come our way.

On behalf of the whole team, I want to thank you all for your continued support for this term and also for all the well wishes, cards and gifts we have received ahead of the Christmas break.

Finally, a huge thank you from me to the Crown Street team - thank you for everything you do every day for our children and school, I feel very lucky to be on this journey with you all.

So that is it, term is over ... we hope you all have wonderful breaks and that you are all able to enjoy some time together with friends and families and whatever other festivities you may have planned.

We wish you all a Happy New Year, we look forward to welcoming the children back on [Tuesday 7th January 2025](#)

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

Winter Break Reading Challenge

We're talking about reading again ... what a surprise! With reading being something that is incredibly important and something we love at Crown Street; we have created a 'Reading Challenge' for over the Winter break.

This is *entirely optional*, however has been designed so that you can pick and choose the activities and engage with it in a way that works for your child. This is meant to help provide some structure, but also fun with your reading routine. We have also included a few (*optional*) Home Learning ideas for over the break. This can be found on your child's Tapestry and we will send it out alongside this Newsletter.



Mystery Readers

This week we welcomed in our final Mystery Readers of 2024.

In Pre-School 'Bun on the Run' was read by Asher's Mummy and in Reception we had 'Stick Man' read by Andrew's Mummy. A huge thank you to the two parents for giving up your time it really does mean a lot to the children and to us as a school. We will be looking to continue with Mystery Readers in Spring Term, so watch this space for comms to go out.



Birthday Books

Another December birthday has meant another generous donation of 'Birthday Books'. We really appreciate these donations and know they will be well-read and well-loved by all. Happy Birthday!

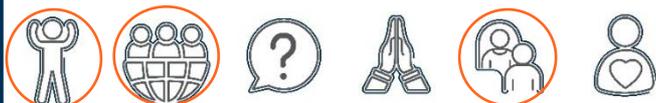
Character Award!

This week's recipients of our Character Award ...



THE WHOLE CLASS for their fabulous efforts in our Winter Performance.

They showed **Citizenship, Bravery and Integrity** by doing this – and we are so proud!
Well done PLMM and RSH.



DIGITAL WELLBEING INFORMATION

We appreciate that our children at Crown Street are still young, however we understand and appreciate that they are exposed to technology in various forms. We appreciate the benefits technology can offer, but we also appreciate the difficulties and potential risks that technology and the online-world can bring.

With this in mind, and ahead of the Winter break (a time where children may access more technology) we wanted to send out some information that may support parents with eSafety for our under 5s. Alongside this newsletter, we have attached a guide for 'Online Safety for 0-5 year olds' from internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/. Please visit the website for more information including suggested apps and guides on parental controls.

Website Information

We have many resources on our school website which some parents may or may not know about. With this in mind, we wanted to highlight a few different pages of our website which may provide support to families either on an academic or pastoral level.

Family Support and Guidance Page

This page has been constructed to support families in the home and has resources linked to a number of areas including:

- *Self-help*
- *Parenting Advice*
- *Family Support*
- *Mental Health and Wellbeing*
- *Safeguarding Children*

Should you wish to access any of the above information, we hope you will find it useful.

If you would like to discuss any issues connected to the areas above, please do contact school as we are always here to help.

Pre-School Year Group Page

This page contains information related to our Pre-School curriculum.

Reception Year Group Page

This page contains information related to our Reception curriculum.

Term Dates

This page contains our current term dates for this academic year (2024/2025) but also next academic year (2025/2026) so please do consider this if and when booking any holidays.

REMINDER - Reception 2025 Admissions

The deadline for applying for Reception places for September is 15th January 2025. You will need to apply through Manchester City Council – the information can be found by clicking [here](#). Please note that having a place at our Pre-School does not guarantee a place for Reception. For more information, please visit the '[Admissions](#)' page on our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 6th Jan 2025 – Inset Day
(School closed to pupils)

Tues 7th Jan 2025 – School reopens
– first day of term (Spring 1)

PTA News

You can support Crown Street Primary School PTA while doing your Christmas shopping online. We've partnered with easyfundraising, where you can raise free donations from over 8000 retailers!

And here's a festive bonus: for the next week, every sign-up earns us a *£1 bonus donation*. It only takes a few minutes to join and make a difference this holiday season. Sign up here:

[Crown Street Primary School PTA](#)

