

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Castlefield Viaduct Visit

So today was a rather exciting day as – we went on our first educational visit to Castlefield Viaduct (*technically second, but the archaeological dig site we visited in March was only at the end of the road!*). With it being another first for us, it was always going to be special, but this was even more special because we were going to view artwork that **we** created and is now on display at a National Trust site – how cool is that?!

During our visit we were able to explore the viaduct and look at the different flowers, plants and minibeasts that can be found all around – we spotted lots of different types of bees. We got a chance to plant some wild flowers (in pots that we decorated) and were able to share our knowledge about how seeds grow – these will be coming home with the children at some point next week. And finally, we were able to see our artwork on display! Lots of children were able to spot their individual pieces and appreciated how beautiful it was as a collaborative piece.

The children were incredible throughout the morning with their safe and sensible walking and their enthusiasm and manners whilst we were there – well done to them all - we are all so incredibly proud of you! The children were sent home today with a little gift pack from National Trust which includes some wild flower seeds to plant at home! A huge thank you to the team at Crown Street Primary in their efforts in organising and supporting the visit, and also to our very kind parent helpers – we really appreciated your time and support this morning, so thank you.

We feel very honoured that Beth and her team at Castlefield Viaduct reached out to us about the opportunity to create some artwork for them, very grateful to the team at Manchester's Little Artists who facilitated such a wonderful and creative session in which our children were so engaged and inspired, and so very proud of our children who have created such beautiful artwork. Although we are still excited that our artwork is on show for all to see at Castlefield Viaduct, we look forward to it travelling to us and going up on permanent display in our school.

We highly recommend visiting Castlefield Viaduct as we are so lucky to have such a beautiful green space on our doorstep, but also to view our artwork which is on display until 31st May. The full art exhibition, including the touring piece that our children collaborated on is also there this weekend (17th – 18th), and will then travel to its final location of Dunham Massey next weekend (24th – 25th May). Your pink passes are valid until 1st June – so please use them!



'Wear it Green Day' for Mental Health Awareness Week

On Thursday 15th May we joined many organisations across the country and **wore green** to acknowledge Mental Health Awareness Week. We then had an afternoon visit from our PTA who facilitated some mindfulness crafting in which the children all designed their own rainbow clouds. This was to remind the children that after rain and difficult times come the rainbow and happy times. The PTA also provided school with additional green items for children to borrow should they have needed too. Thank you PTA!



Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award for this week are...



These were awarded for **Integrity** for developing confidence and independence and two for **Bravery** for settling into life at Crown Street Primary so well.

Well done to all of you



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Assembly this week

This week, our assembly focused on road safety ahead of our visit at the end of the week. We discussed the importance of road safety and some of the steps we need to take – including stopping before walking across/on a road, using different crossings or finding a safe space to cross, looking and listening to the traffic, and crossing with supervision from an adult. The children shared examples of how they are road aware and how they stay safe whilst walking and/or crossing roads.

Safety Drill Practice

Following our assembly last week, about the different alarms we have in school to keep us all safe and what to do if we hear them – we had a practice. When the alarm sounded, the children all listened carefully and followed the instructions of the adults. It is important for us to take time to practice these different drills, so that should we ever need to follow one the children feel familiar with what to do and confident in doing it.

School Uniform

A reminder that it is our policy that children wear school uniform when attending school. We ask that the items (and colours) specified in our Uniform Policy are the only items/colours that children wear. You can find our policy and what is included as uniform on the '[School Uniform](#)' page on our website. Please can we also ask that no jewellery, with the exception of stud earrings, is to be worn to school.

No toys in school

Please could we ask that children **do not** bring in toys from home into school. All children need to bring into school are items of uniform (including weather-specific items, e.g. sun hats and sunglasses), water bottles and their school book/s (library book, plus Phonics book and Reading Record for Reception children). Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Class Photographs – Tuesday 20th May

On **Tuesday 20th May** the children will be having class photographs taken. Please ensure they are wearing full school uniform – we will of course be on hand to help make sure all children look tidy for the photos!

Information on how to purchase will be sent out following the photos – ready to purchase before the end of the academic year.

Pyjamarama, BookTrust Event – Thursday 22nd May

On **Thursday 22nd May** we are inviting all children to come in wearing their pyjamas for a day of book and reading-related fun. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 which will go straight to [BookTrust](#) and will support their work of getting more children reading.



KIDS CLUB PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2025

You have all received a letter outlining the process for applying for Kids Club places for the next academic year. The link for booking spaces has been shared and go live on **Monday 19th May at 7pm**. Please note, if you have Kids Club places this year they are not carried over into next academic year – you must reapply, you must also ensure all debts are paid up before we can allocate any places.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 20th May – Class Photographs

Thurs 22nd May – Pyjamarama (BookTrust Event)

Fri 23rd May – Last day of Summer 1 – close for half term

Weds 11th June – Stay & Play for new Pre-School pupils

Thurs 3rd July – RSH Class Assembly, 9.30am

Thurs 10th July – Induction Morning for new Pre-School pupils and parents/carers, 9am – 10am

– Induction Morning for new Reception pupils and parents/carers, 10.30am – 11.30am

Thurs 17th July – PLMM Class Celebration, 9.30am

Term Dates for next academic year can be found on our website here - [Term Dates for 2025-26](#).

