

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Another half term done, where is the time going?

This has to have been the quickest half-term yet, it has flown by and yet again we have packed a lot in! What is wonderful to see is how the children have grown and developed over their time with us, and how they continue to do so. We are always incredibly proud of all our children, but each half term that seems to grow even more as they face new learning and embrace the opportunities that are presented to them with enthusiasm and a determination to do their best.

Thank you, as always, to all of our parents/carers (and wider family units) for your continued support. I hope you all (children, parents/families and staff) have a wonderful break next week, as we look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 2nd June** for our final half term of the year ...!

Pyjamarama!

Thursday was an extremely cosy day at Crown Street Primary as we all wore our pyjamas to join in with BookTrust's Pyjamarama day!

BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity with their core work focusing on supporting children and families from low-income and vulnerable backgrounds, particularly in the early years. They want all children to have access to books and to support families in reading together and building reading habits that will bring immediate and lifelong benefits to all children.

Our Pyjamarama day involved:

- A 'who is behind the story?' quiz, where the children had to guess which member of staff was disguised and hiding behind different books
- Bookmark creations and front cover redesigns
- Mystery Reader visits from some of the different adults around school
- Whole-School story sharing in the hall – we set the hall up with mats, cushions, blankets and a whole load of books for the children to share with one another and the adults in school too.

We love books and reading is an integral part of each and every day here, but to have a whole day dedicated to reading and sharing our love of books was a lovely way to end our half term.



Sharing Books and Reading Together

The first years of a child's life are critical for cognitive, emotional and physical development. As an adult, reading a story/sharing a book with a child has magical powers – I promise it does, there is research to back this up!

Shared reading helps children's emotional and social development – it can help create strong bonds, create empathy and understanding and also supports language development linked to children's thinking and emotional well-being (feelings).

Shared reading routines can help to create positive habits, providing children with a sense of security, comfort and structure. We wrap our children in a cocoon of safety and love when we bond over a book, and it's this connection (not the proficiency of the reader) that matters.

Shared reading can have a positive and lifelong impact by helping to overcoming disadvantage, as well as supporting the academic progression and the personal development of our children. There are few things more significant you can do for your child than sharing daily reading experiences.

Please find some links below (all from BookTrust) with more information and guidance to support reading at home:

- [The Benefits of Reading](#)
- [How sharing stories can help prepare your child for starting school](#)
- [Video showing how you can share stories at home](#)

Character Award!

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

ALL OF PRE-SCHOOL and ALL OF RECEPTION!

These were awarded for **Citizenship** and **Curiosity** for being so enthusiastic and amazing on our visit last week.

Well done to all of you!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Traffic / Parking Information

A letter with information and an update regarding the traffic and parking challenges outside of school has been sent out alongside this newsletter.

Kids Club Places – September 2025

The link for booking spaces for Kids Club for September 2025 is now open. 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.



PARENT COUNCIL FEEDBACK

A few weeks ago, our Parent Council Representatives shared your feedback with myself about our school year so far, so I wanted to provide a short summary to feedback to you all on points that were raised.

Playground/Equipment to play with – the children do have equipment to play with at lunchtime, but currently we do not have any larger playground equipment – like a climbing frame, this is because we have to think and plan carefully as to what equipment can go on our playground with it being on our roof. We have had some plans for our playground created and we will release some more information once these have been finalised – this includes some larger items of play equipment. We have also met with our PTA who are keen to support with some of our playground design and will share their fundraising goals with you soon, which include some more immediate purchases and longer-term goals.

After-School Club use of screen time – as a transition between the end of the school day and After-School Club we do sometimes use a limited amount of screen time. This allows for the children to reset after school before starting their time in after-school club and allows for the staff to register all children and handover from the Class Teacher. When screen time is used it is always limited and is something that is of educational nature.

As our Parent Council has only just been set up, we will hopefully look to meet again before the end of the academic year and will look to gather further feedback on our first year of Crown Street Primary School. Once dates have been confirmed, we will share them in the newsletter during Summer 2. In the meantime, please share feedback with your Parent Reps via email, but know this may not be shared until we meet. Remember that any specific concerns about your child should be shared with your child's Class Teacher.

- Pre-School Class Representative is Eiddris Fakir – parentcouncilcs@gmail.com
- Reception Class Representative is Yasmin Babiker – yasmin_updates@hotmail.com

We really value feedback from our parents/carers and appreciate the time of our Parent Reps in collating and sharing this information, so thank you to you all.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please find some links below that may be useful in finding different things that are happening across the city over half term:

[70 things to do in Manchester](#) | [National Trust - Castlefield Viaduct](#) | [RHS Garden Bridgewater](#) | [Z-arts](#) | [Manchester Library](#) | [Science and Industry Museum](#) | [Free Swimming in Manchester](#)

Home Learning + Nature Activities Grids

A reminder that Summer Term Home Learning Grids and a Summer Nature Grid are available on Tapestry and on the Year Group pages of our website ([Pre-School](#) | [Reception](#)). There is no time limit or order on the different activities and you can of course do the activities in different ways/places. Please share the outcomes with us on Tapestry.

Mon 2nd June – School reopens for Summer 2

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

