

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

The End of our First Year Chapter = done ✓

Is anyone else questioning how is it the end of the academic year already? On one hand, it feels like it was September just yesterday and we were just starting the year, but then on the other, we have achieved so much across the year it makes sense that we have reached the end - time really does fly when you are having fun!

We have done it, written our first chapter of our Crown Street story, and what a wonderful chapter it has been! It all started back on Tuesday 3rd September 2024, the day Crown Street Primary School opened its doors to the first Pre-School and Reception cohort and since then our school and our community has grown and developed into a truly magical place and at the heart of it are our brilliantly amazing children, who have continued to make us all proud with the way they have adapted to life at school and embrace everything that has come their way.

They have had a phenomenal year filled with so much. We've had everything from...*learning lots of new things, our Winter and Spring Performances, welcoming in visitors to share different learning with us - including parents teaching us about their professions and sharing their religions and celebrations with us, Play & Pick-Up Sessions, visits in our local community, creating artwork, building community links, lots of outdoor play (including water, sand and mud!), growing plants,, various celebrations like World Book Day, new curriculum bookshelves, Sports Day, welcoming caterpillars and releasing butterflies, building new creations in the construction area, developing skills (like marking making, writing and Phonics), creating Pupil Profiles and as of Friday afternoon – our amazing first Summer Fair!*

And there is so much more! Although all the above have been brilliant, for me the most magical part has been watching our children grow and develop. Over the last year we have:

- witnessed their incredible **Bravery** as they stepped into school for the first time, and then stood in front of a crowd of people to perform – not once, not twice, but three times across the year developing each time (and having me in tears every time!)
- watched them developing their **Citizenship** by working within their House and Class Teams, and as a Crown Street Team within our local community by created beautiful artwork in collaboration with the National Trust
- watched their **Curiosity** spark with each new book and all the different learning opportunities they have experienced
- observed their **Gratitude** by seeing how they acknowledge, appreciate and celebrate one another and their achievements
- watched how they have learnt the value of sharing and being fair as well as making good choices and helping one another to do this too – beginning to understand the importance of **Integrity**
- seen their **Kindness** develop as they make new friendships and learn about one another – accepting and celebrating the differences between them

Thank you children – you have made Crown Street a school with such heart and we cannot wait to continue our story in September as we welcome our new cohort and see what exciting things our second year has to offer!

Another thank you needs to go to the Crown Street Team - this year would not have been the success it has been without the continued dedication and 'whatever it takes' attitude of the Crown Street Team, they are all wonderful and I am so grateful to work alongside them and for everything they do to make Crown Street the school it is.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of our parent and carers for your continued support. Thank you for trusting us with such an integral year within your child's education (and continuing to do so for next year!) Many of you applied for a place before we even had a completed building, and others may have joined since we opened, but even so we were a brand-new school meaning you all had to take quite a leap of faith and trusting us means the absolute world and we look forward to developing Crown Street with you by our side.

We wish you all a relaxing and wonderful summer with whatever fun and adventures you have planned, and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 2nd September** for the second chapter of our Crown Street story.



CHARACTER AWARD!

Last week the Character Award was given for **Curiosity** for asking insightful questions during their learning.

Well done!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

We are asking our parent and carers to fill out a short survey to let us know how we are doing and how we can make our school even better!

The survey will include some graded questions, but then a free text box at the end for any specific feedback you would like to provide. The survey will close at the end of the day on **Tuesday 22nd July**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views.

[Please click here to access the survey](#)

PLMM Class Celebration!

A huge well done to our Pre-School children who did a brilliant job last week in their Class Celebration. They wowed us with their caterpillar costumes as they re-told their favourite book of the year 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' with a song all about caterpillars and then completed their performance with a song written by Miss Mcleod Marsh called 'when we were small'. The children showed incredible **Bravery** and **Citizenship** by performing in front of their parents/carers and working as a team and supporting one another in doing so. The class then quite rightly received a whole class Character Award Certificate for displaying these traits and for being well and truly amazing!

We then completed the performance by awarding certificates to our children for completing their Pre-School year. For those of you who are continuing your journey with us in Reception – we'll see you in September. For those of you who aren't, we wish you the best of luck in your new Reception classes – we will miss you, but know you will be utterly brilliant!

End of Year – items being sent home ...

As we reach the end of the year, we have lots of things to send home. These include:

- Year Books
- Writing Books (Reception only)
- Pupil Profiles – to be read alongside your child's End of Year Report
- Crown Street Primary Bookmark – a little gift to celebrate this special year and to remind you how important reading is!
- End of Year Reports – can be found on your MCAS app under 'Reports'

In addition to the above, Reception children have been sent home with some Shared Readers (Phonics Reading books) for over the Summer. Please keep these safe and return them to us in September, as these are curriculum books and will be needed to teach Phonics again from September onwards.

No Library books have been sent home – so we encourage you to visit your local library and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge (click the poster for info) →

Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Express Uniform (one of our uniform suppliers) are extending a 10% discount on all orders placed through their website before 31st July. When you place the order, please add a note that you were at the Induction Event and the discount will be refunded to you. For more information on School Uniform visit the **'School Uniform'** page on our website.



PTA

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

As our inaugural year draws to a close and we prepare for the summer holidays, we reflect on the incredible achievements we've made together with your support. This year, we successfully obtained charity status, hosted fundraising events with teas and coffees at our class performances, organized a pre-loved book drive, launched a tea towel project, and conducted a mental health day activity with the children. Most notably, we raised enough funds to purchase the first three items on the school's garden wish list! We are concluding the year with our Summer Fair, and we hope you will all join us in celebrating and showing your support. (this was written ahead of Friday's Summer fair success!)

On behalf of the Crown Street Community – I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the PTA for their continued efforts. In their first year they have set themselves up from scratch (which involves a lot of behind-the-scenes organisation!), helped to build our school community and managed to raise funds to purchase items for our school garden! All whilst organising our Summer Fair – which was incredibly well organised, attended by lots of our whole school community and was a truly wonderful way to celebrate the end of our first year – thank you!

PACKED LUNCH OFFER – FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN ONLY ON TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Following their morning settling in session on Tuesday 2nd September (where they do not stay for lunch), Dolce are offering to provide a Packed Lunch that can be taken home with Reception children when they are collected at 12pm. If you wish to collect and take home a Packed Lunch, you will need to select 'Packed Lunch' option on School Grid for Tuesday 2nd September. The rest of the week will then be hot lunches that are provided in school. Please note this is for Reception children only, Year 1 children will be having lunch in school as usual.

EXPANSION OF OUR PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION – SCHOOL-BASED NURSERY GRANT

Back in April, we shared the news that we had been successful in a bid and have received a grant to expand our Pre-School provision to offer additional Pre-School places, giving more Pre-School aged children the opportunity to join our Crown Street Primary family and be provided with 'education on another level, where possibilities are endless'.

Over the last couple of months, work has been happening behind the scenes and we are pleased to announce that plans have been confirmed and work on our new Pre-School space – a larger classroom, is now confirmed to happen over the Summer Holidays.

To allow for us to offer additional Pre-School places, we need a larger classroom which is exactly what we are going to get! We are reconfiguring some space on our ground floor, just beyond where our current Pre-School classroom is, to become a larger, open plan classroom space. This new classroom will be set up in a similar way to our current Pre-School classroom – just in a larger space – with a carpet / whole-class teaching space and various different areas to provide different learning opportunities (E.g. Reading area, Home Corner, Construction Area, Creative Station etc). It will also have a cloakroom space and toilets in a bathroom space within the wider classroom. The classroom will also have direct access to the Early Years outside area, which will continue to be shared with Reception.

Although the work is set to be completed by the end of August, to give us a safety net (incase of any issues – because you never know), and to give us time to set up the new classroom in a way that will work for our children, and ensure that all furniture and resources are in place, we will not be using this classroom space until after October half-term.

So, for September this means nothing will change – our new Pre-School children will continue to use the current Pre-School classroom. Then during the first half term we will ensure we provide opportunities for our Pre-School children to visit the new classroom space, ensuring a smooth transition as they then hopefully move into it after half-term.

In addition to our Pre-School moving into a new classroom, we are hoping that we are able to do a bit more reconfiguration and then utilise the current Pre-School classroom as additional space for our Reception class – but more to come on this in the Autumn term.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

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

[50 things to do in and around Manchester \(Manchester Evening News\)](#) | [Free things to do in Manchester over Summer \(Loads To Do\)](#) | [Z-arts – Summer Holidays](#) | [Little Home Family Festival \(2nd & 3rd August\)](#) | [National Play Day in Manchester \(6th August\)](#) | [Kids Eat Free during Summer Holidays Offers](#) |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 22nd July – Last day of our first year! School closes for Summer!

Mon 1st Sept – Inset Day, School closed to all children

Tues 2nd Sept – School Open, first day of Autumn 1

Pre-School and Reception settling in sessions begin

Year 1 children in as usual

An additional reminder letter will be sent to all new Pre-School Parents and new Reception parents detailing information ahead of September – including the timings of the Settling in Sessions.

Please click '[Term Dates](#)' for the term dates for 2025-2026 academic year

