

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

ARTWORK AROUND SCHOOL

This week we were very excited to welcome in Hazel, an artist based in Greater Manchester, to inject some colour around school and design some amazing artwork for our walls. Firstly, Hazel set to work creating a map in our entrance. It was important for us to recognise our place within Manchester and our local community so we chose just a few key locations more local to us to be identified on the wall. Some of these locations will be known and used by our children, some we have already developed links with and others will become places we visit to further develop our learning and enhance our curriculum.

Next, Hazel created a piece outside our new Pre-School classroom. This was inspired by the book 'All Our Welcome', a book which celebrates cultural diversity and belonging something which we too wish to continue to celebrate.

We love the pieces and cannot wait to get Hazel back throughout the year to help us fill more walls with colour and artwork that means something to our children and our school.



MYSTERY READERS



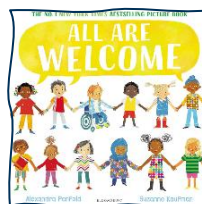
Guess what? We are talking about books/reading – again! But this time we are asking for your involvement ...

We would like to start our 'Mystery Readers' again! This is an exciting opportunity where we invite parents/carers to become 'Mystery Readers' in our classrooms! This is a fun and interactive opportunity to engage with your child's reading journey, be that reading role-model and help foster a love for books. As a Mystery Reader, you'll surprise the class by reading aloud a loved story of yours from home to the whole class in the classroom. Your participation will not only encourage your child, but also promote a reading-for-pleasure ethos! It is a great way to show how exciting books can be, creating a supportive, enthusiastic environment for all our young readers here at Crown Street.



Our Mystery Reader sessions will initially run every Tuesday at 2.45pm, from 4th November until the end of term in each of our classes. If you are interested in joining us, please complete our **Mystery Reader form** by **Friday 31st October** and select the sessions you are available.

If we are lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers, we will select names at random and then get in touch to confirm. If you are unable to join in this time round, we will run this again in the new year.



You can check out more of Hazel's work on her Instagram page [@happychalk.hazel](https://www.instagram.com/happychalk.hazel)

ACADEMY COMMITTEE

Next week we are hosting our first Academy Committee meeting of the academic year. The **Academy Committee** of a school is responsible for ensuring that the school is doing all it can to provide a high-quality education for all pupils. Our Governors will meet at our Academy Committee Meetings three times a year, as well as organise visits into school to meet with leaders and children about different areas of school life. We are keen to recruit Parent Governors to be part of our Academy Committee to ensure we can work together to provide the very best education possible for our children. You can find more information about what being a governor entails by clicking [here](#)

If you would like more information, or to express your interest in becoming a Parent Governors, please email admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk or by popping to see Mrs McGowan in our School Office.

CHARACTER AWARD!

This week our Character Awards were awarded for **Bravery** for choosing challenging learning in Maths, for **Kindness** within the classroom and **Citizenship** for always showing respect to all. Well done everyone!



Here are our achievers from last week:



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Parent/Carer Online Workshop – Digital Safety

Monday 24th November, 7.30pm, Zoom
smoothwall

Manchester Local Authority are running an hour-long workshop dedicated to helping parents of pupils understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. It will be delivered by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at **Smoothwall**. This workshop is aimed at Primary School aged pupils, so although some content may not be as relevant for our younger children, it is important to understand the importance of digital safety. Please click [here to register for this online session](#).



– ORDERING LUNCHES

If your child is having a school lunch, then please make sure you order it in advance. These choices need to be done before 8am on the day, however you can make the lunch selections in advance – whether that a week in advance or for the whole term.

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Term days for next academic year, September 2026 – August 2027, can now be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Please make a note of our inset days, which are school specific and half term dates which fall in line with other Manchester Schools. Please note in 2027, we finish for Summer on Thursday 22nd July 2027.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 23rd Oct – Academy Committee Meeting

Fri 24th Oct – Last day of Autumn 1 term

Fri 24th Oct – PTA Halloween Party, 3.30pm Hall

Mon 3rd Nov – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Tues 4th Nov – School Opens, first day of Autumn 2

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please [click here](#)

NO TOYS/ITEMS FROM HOME TO COME TO SCHOOL

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.

All children need to bring into school are items of uniform (coats, scarves, hats, gloves, spares etc - making sure everything is labelled!), water bottles and their school bag with their book/s (Library books, Phonics book and Reading Records). Thank you for your support with this.

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

Applications for Reception Admissions for September 2026 are now open. Please note being part of our Pre-School does not guarantee you a place within our Reception.

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 our website by clicking here – [Crown Street Primary Admissions](#)

School Tours for prospective parents happen every Monday morning and are an opportunity to learn more about what life at Crown Street Primary is like. For more information click here – [Book a School Tour](#)

PRE-SCHOOL 2026 ADMISSIONS

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will be eligible to start in our Pre-School from September 2026. If you are interested in applying, we will begin to offer tours for prospective parents from January 2025 through to March 2026. The Admissions form will be available from mid-December and be open until Mid-March 2026. For more information on our Pre-School please visit the '[Pre-School](#)' page of our website. To book onto a Pre-School tour then please click here – [Book a tour for Pre-School](#)