

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Messy Mossy Art Workshops

Continuing on from last week, Beth from Castlefield Viaduct visited us again this week for more moss-related fun, but this time it was for an exciting art workshop. As part of the 'Mosschester' community project, Beth and Jess facilitated an art-based session for each of our classes where our children were able to explore moss in many different ways and create some fantastic artistic pieces. Lots of photos of the session will be shared on Tapestry and we will continue to share more information with you over the coming weeks. More information about 'Mosschester' can be found by clicking here – [Castlefield Viaduct Mosschester](#)



PLAY & PICK-UP SESSIONS

Next week we are offering two 'Play and Pick-up' sessions for each of our EYFS Classes:

- **Monday 24th for Reception** – starting at 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 26th for Pre-School** – starting at 2.30pm

A booking form has been sent out to parents this week. Please ensure you do book ahead of attending. This is needed for safeguarding reasons and also helps us to manage expectations of all the children. Due to space, this is limited to one parent per child.

WINTER PANTOMIME

It's behind you – oh no it isn't – but one is coming to Crown Street! We are excited to be welcoming Footlights Theatre in during the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd December to perform a fun and interactive pantomime of Snow White.

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA who have generously agreed to fund half of the cost of this for all our children, meaning we are only asking for a small contribution from parents for each child for this exciting event. You can find more information in the letter that was sent out earlier today.

WINTER PERFORMANCES

Please note, tickets for the performance are free however tickets must be booked to attend the performances. Admittance without booking will not be allowed to due safeguarding reasons. The links for booking tickets can be found on the invite included:



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR Winter Performances

EYFS (Pre-School & Reception)

Tuesday 9th December, 9.30am start time

Refreshments by our PTA will be available from 9.15am

Tickets must be booked to be able to attend. Please book your tickets through this link:

[EYFS Ticket Booking](#)

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.

Please contact the School Office should you require any extra tickets



Year 1

Thursday 11th December, 9.30am start time

Refreshments by our PTA will be available from 9.15am

Tickets must be booked to be able to attend. Please book your tickets through this link:

[Year 1 Ticket Booking](#)

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.

Please contact the School Office should you require any extra tickets



We are excited to welcome you into school and spread some winter magic with our performances

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Since opening the school last September, something that we have been working on developing is our rooftop playground. We want the space to be an inviting space where our children are able to play and enjoy their time together at playtime and lunchtime.

Despite it being our playground, it is not necessarily the 'usual' school playground and with it being on the roof there have been some additional complexities to what we can have within the space and how it can be fitted. So, we have been working with Pentagon Play UK (who previously fitted our astro turf) to make the space a bit 'greener' and add some equipment that works within the space and that we are sure our children will love to use.

I am excited to share that this work was completed today! So next week we will be able to share the new play space and the new equipment with the children. We will share some photos and more details of the different parts of it next week, but for now here was the initial design from Pentagon Play UK to give you an idea ...

RECEPTION 2026 ADMISSIONS

The deadline for Reception Admissions for September 2026 is **15th January 2026**. The co-ordination 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 – [Reception Admissions](#)

Please note being part of our Pre-School does not guarantee you a place within our Reception.



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 in September 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](#)

PARENT COUNCIL

Next week, we will be holding our first Parent Council meeting this year. The purpose of Parent Council is to provide a constructive forum for sharing feedback about what's gone well, and also any suggestions for what could be better in the future.

For this first meeting we invite you to share feedback with your Class Representative about how your child has settled into their new school year so far, along with any feedback about the transition and/or induction events. A message was sent out earlier today detailing who your class representative is and how to contact them. Please pass your feedback onto the Parent Representative of your child's class, who will share the feedback at the meeting.

Please note, that any specific concerns relating to your child should be shared with your child's Class Teacher, and not shared in this forum.



KIDS CLUB CONTACT EMAIL

If you wish to contact us about anything regarding Kids Club, like requesting places or making changes etc, please email us on our Kids Club email: kidsclub@crownstreetsprimary.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 24th November – School Tour

(for prospective Reception parents/carers)

Mon 24th Nov – RSH Play & Pick-up, 2.30pm

Mon 24th Nov – Digital Safety Online Workshop

(hosted by Smoothwall, on Zoom) Please click [here to register for this online session](#).

Tues 25th Nov – Parent Council Meeting, 4pm

Weds 26th Nov – PLMM Play & Pick-up, 2.30pm

Weds 3rd Dec – EYFS Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal to 1ND

Tues 9th Dec – 1ND Winter Performance Dress Rehearsal to PLMM & RSH

Tues 8th Dec – EYFS Winter Performance, 9.30am

Thurs 10th Dec – EYFS Winter Performance, 9.30am

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

Healthy Eating Guidance for Pre-School and Reception

There has been an update to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework Nutrition Guidance that applies to school meals, snacks and food in Kids Club for both Pre-School and Reception classes. Our catering partner, Dolce, has updated menus to reflect updated standards. Key changes include:

- Reducing added sugars (e.g., plain yoghurt instead of sweetened)
- Using wholemeal bread for sandwiches
- Updating staff on portion sizes

These changes help us provide healthy, balanced options for meals, snacks, and drinks for our youngest pupils.