

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

National Trust Castlefield Viaduct Collaboration – 'Mosschester'

This week, we enjoyed a visit from Beth from Castlefield Viaduct. She came to tell us all about 'Mosschester', an initiative the Viaduct are running at the moment to help spread the word about moss in Manchester - they describe it as 'our unsung environmental hero'. We learnt that it is one of the oldest plants on the planet! The children had the chance to look at and touch real moss, they described it as soft and bumpy. We thought it looked a bit like broccoli! Beth shared the story 'The Paper Chase' by Julia Donaldson which tells the story of how paper is made, while highlighting the importance of our environment. We then drew some 'mossy mates', the children thought carefully about the colours of moss and what it looks like. We are looking forward to a special art workshop next week to continue learning about Mosschester.

More information about 'Mosschester' can be found by clicking here – [Castlefield Viaduct Mosschester](#)



For those of you who were here last year, you will remember how Beth visited us which led to us collaborating with Castlefield Viaduct and us creating our Blossom artwork. It is really important for us to develop community relationships and we are so grateful to be working with National Trust Castlefield Viaduct again.



SAVE THE DATE – WINTER PERFORMANCE

Our EYFS (PLMM & RSH) Winter Performance is on Tuesday 9th December, 9.30am

Our Year 1 Winter Performance is on Thursday 11th December, 9.30am

REMEMBRANCE DAY



This week our assembly focused on Remembrance Day. We talked about what remembrance is and why the 11th November is a special day for this. We talked about the poppy being a symbol of gratitude towards those who work to look after us and those who have previously done this. On Tuesday 11th November each of our classes held a minute silence, they all participated really well in this – showing great respect.

CHILDREN IN NEED

It was lovely to see the children wearing their own clothes today, but what was even better was how when speaking to them they understood that the reason we were doing this was because of the charity Children in Need and how charity is about helping others, linking to our Character Traits of Citizenship and Kindness. We did not take a donation for Children in Need, however if you are able to donate and/or wish to please follow the link –



[Donate to Children in Need](#)

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

The idea for these sessions is that we welcome you into school and you can play with your child in some of the continuous provision (busy learning) areas that they love the most.

We will share a booking form with you early next week. This is needed for safeguarding reasons for knowing who is on site, and also allows us to plan space/numbers and to manage expectations of all the children. Due to space, we do need to limit this to one parent per child. We appreciate that not everyone will be able to attend, so we will look to offer these sessions again in Spring and Summer term.

Year 1 parents/carers – we are looking at holding a slightly different session for you which will be more of an insight into teaching Phonics. More information to come on this.

PARENT COUNCIL

In a couple of weeks, 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. A Parent Representative from each class will collect feedback and then discuss this at the meeting.

For this first meeting we would like to gather feedback about how your child has settled into their new school year so far, along with any feedback about the transition and/or induction events. Early next week we will share specific details about who each class representative is and how you can contact them and share your feedback.

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.

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 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](#)

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](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17th 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

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](#)

As we start a new half term, some reminders from us ...

Punctuality

Full attendance, including arriving on time, is important for your child's academic success but also for their personal and social development too. Arriving late can impact the start of the day routine and can mean important learning is missed. We ask that you support us with this and ensure your child arrives at school on time each day – the gate/door opens at 8.45am and are closed promptly at 8.55am.

Uniform

A reminder that children should be coming to school in full school uniform – including the correct colour tights and shoes. We ask where possible, that children in Reception and Year 1 use book bags as these take up less space in the cloakrooms/classrooms. Children should only be bringing their water bottle, reading records/books and possibly a lunchbox to school. For further information, on our Uniform Policy, please see our website here - [School Uniform](#).

Spare Clothes for Pre-School and Reception

Please could we ask that Pre-School and Reception parents/carers provide a bag with spare clothes in that can stay in school during the week. The children have their own box in the cloakroom where this can be kept. Should we need to use the clothes we will send them home to be replaced. Please ensure these spare clothes are labelled.

No Toys in School

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys from home into school, this also includes having large toy-like keyrings on their bags. All children need to bring into school are items of uniform (coats, scarves, hats, gloves, spares etc), water bottles and their school book/s (Library books, plus Phonics book and Reading Record for Reception children).

Thank you for your support with all the above.

KIDS CLUB CONTACT EMAIL



Going forward, if you wish to contact us about anything regarding Kids Club – request places, making changes etc, please email us on our Kids Club email:

kidsclub@crownstreetsprimary.org.uk



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness