

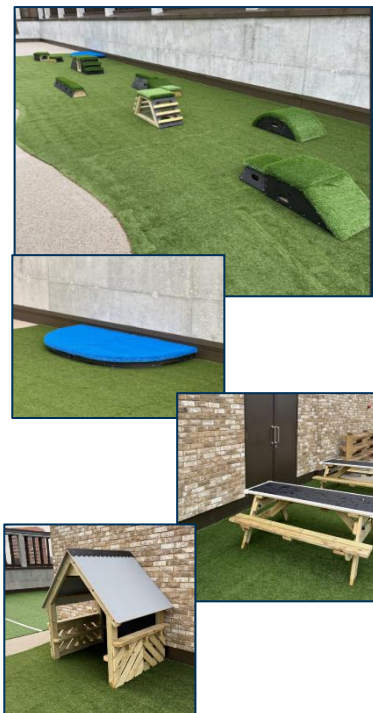
Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

As mentioned in our Issue 10 of our Newsletter, we have had some new additions to our playground which has all been well received this week by all our children, I'm just sorry I don't have more photos of our children using the equipment – but we were all having too much fun!

This phase of development has included adding some more Astro-turf to the playground, this helps to zone the playground and provides a softer surface for us to put equipment on top, but also softens the look and 'feel' of the playground. We have added a freestanding stage area – which has already had many renditions of 'Let it Go' on. Two playhouses – one of which has already been a rocket and taken some of our children to space! We have two picnic benches – which actually have a chalkboard top so can provide a place to sit and also draw and/or write and finally we have added some equipment for our children to use. As mentioned previously, because the playground is on our roof there are some added complexities to what we are able to have up there so the equipment we have chosen are freestanding, moveable pieces called 'Get, Set, Go Blocks' which can be moved and ordered based on how the children wish to use them – so the order already looks different to the photo! We have some more blocks which will be added over the coming weeks – but we thought it would be nice to slowly introduce these different parts.



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:

WINTER PANTOMIME

Next week we are welcoming in Footlights Theatre to perform Snow White – and we are all very much looking forward to it! A letter was sent out last week explaining that our PTA are very kindly funding half the cost of this, meaning we are only asking for a small contribution towards this from families. Please ensure this has been paid by Monday 1st December.



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:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FQHA>

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.

Please contact [EYFS Ticket Booking](#) for 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:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FQHD>

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.

Please contact [Year 1 Ticket Booking](#) for extra tickets

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

NEW PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOM

Next week our Pre-School children are moving into their new classroom! For those of you who are not aware, following a successful bid, we received a School-Based Nursery Grant from the Department for Education which we have used to reconfigure some space to be a larger Pre-School classroom. This will allow for us to increase our Pre-School places giving more Pre-School aged children the opportunity to join Crown Street Primary. The classroom Pre-School leave will then be able to be utilised by Reception, giving them a larger classroom space. We will be developing this space over the coming weeks ahead of the children's return following the winter break.



PARENT COUNCIL

This week, I met with our Class Representatives for our first Parent Council meeting this year. Thank you to all parents/carers who shared feedback with their Class Representative, it allowed us to have a discussion around how your children have settled in to their new school year as well as discussions around elements of the curriculum and school life. Discussions we had were around Extra-curricular clubs for the different year groups, the structure of After-School Club and what these sessions look like, and also the use of Tapestry. We will share more information about the above over the next week.

Please can I use this as an opportunity to remind you that your Class Representative is a communication link between school and parents/carers about school life. Their role will be to feedback information to school at different points throughout the year, about any queries you may have around your child's experience in school – for example, how your child has settled in, how we as a school can provide more in certain areas, how you as a parent/carer feel involved within school etc. If you should have any specific concerns relating to your child, these should be shared with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance, this is not something for the Class Representative and not feedback for the forum of Parent Council.



PTA

PTA Update

Last week, Mrs McGowan and myself met with our PTA Chairs to discuss the plan for the PTA this year – some ideas relate to activities the PTA will facilitate in school for the children, and other ideas are for our families – including culminating our year with a Summer Fair!

Our PTA are still incredibly determined to raise as much money as possible which will go towards developing our 'Rooftop Garden' something that we are keen to begin developing this academic year – especially now we have had our new playground equipment!

Please remember you can support the PTA for free by joining [easyfundraising](#) as a supporter (please click the link highlighted or search Crown Street Primary School PTA). This allows for many retailers to donate to us whenever you shop with them – this may be particularly useful ahead of any festive purchases you are making!

PLAY & PICK-UP SESSIONS

This week we welcomed in some of our parents/carers from Pre-School and Reception to attend our first Play & Pick-Up Sessions this year, thank you to those of you who were able to attend. We will look to host these again in Spring term, and will provide the dates of this ahead of the Winter break so that arrangements are able to be made.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 2nd Dec – In-School Pantomime 'Snow White'

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

Weds 17th Dec – Dolce's Festive Lunch

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

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](#)