

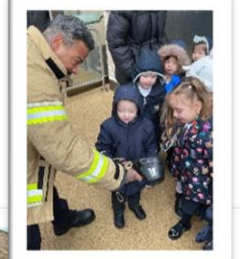
Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Fire Engine Visit!

This week we had a routine visit from Greater Manchester Fire Service to check our school systems, but when the team turned up in their fire engine - we couldn't let them leave without asking if the children (and adults!) could have a look.

So, the Fire team very kindly parked the fire engine up and opened the doors for our children to have a look inside. The children took turns sitting inside the fire engine, exploring the equipment and talking to the team about their jobs and then got a sticker too. As the team drove away, we got to see the lights and hear the siren in action. Although rather an impromptu visit, the children showed Crown Street off really well with the team commenting on how well behaved and polite the children were. This visit helps support our learning about 'understanding the world' and people and our communities.



Travel Survey

As part of our School Travel Plan, we would greatly appreciate some feedback from all parents/carers about you and your child's travel to and from school.

We have created a short survey which can be found here – [Parent/Carer Travel Survey](#)

The results of this survey will then be used to inform our School Travel Plan. It should take no more than 5 minutes, with many of the questions being 'tick-boxes'. The deadline for completing the survey is Monday 10th February, 12pm. Thank you in advance for your time in completing the survey.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

Mystery Readers

We are all so excited that Mystery Readers is back this half term! The children all love listening to stories anyway, but it is even more exciting guessing who it is and having a new face read a new story to us! A huge thank you to Lyla's Mummy who came in to read to RSH and to Noor's Mummy who came in to read to PLMM – we really appreciate the time you give and for your enthusiasm towards reading/books! Thank you again. We are taking a break from Mystery Readers next week, as we have a couple of parents in to celebrate Lunar New Year with us – but don't worry, there will still be a story involved!

Spring Term Learning

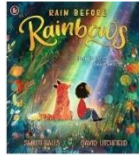
Our new term bookshelves and overviews of our learning can be found on the Year Group pages on our website - [Pre-School](#) | [Reception](#)

Lunar New Year Celebrations

On Wednesday 29th January we will be welcoming a couple of parents in to share information about Lunar New Year with us. More celebrations will continue in Manchester over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd February as the legendary Dragon Parade will return. You can find more information here – [visitManchester](#)

Assembly this week

This week we read the beautiful book 'Rain Before Rainbows' by Smriti Halls and illustrated by the amazing David Litchfield. This book tells of the journey of a girl and a fox, who have to overcome some challenges to get to their 'treasure' of light and colour. They manage to do this with the help of some friends, by being resilient and keeping going, but also by staying hopeful. We talked about how this links to our character traits of **bravery**, **citizenship** and **kindness**.



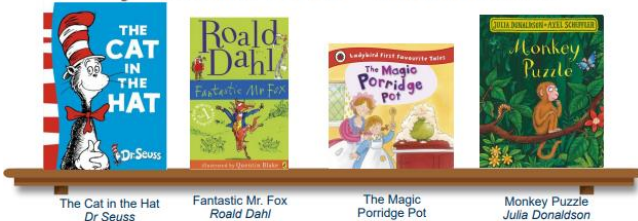
Staff Bookshelves

As you know, books are a huge part of life at Crown Street and this goes for the adults as well as our children. So, I have asked our team here to create their own bookshelf of some of their favourite children's books.

This week we will start with Mrs McGowan...



My favourite books - Mrs McGowan



Cat in the Hat - I struggled to pick my favourite Dr Seuss book; I love them all. I'd read them all cover to cover, again and again and they would be the first books I'd look for when I went to our town library.

Magic Porridge Pot - This was given to me as a present by my Nana and we'd sit and read it together whenever she came to visit. I have such good memories of her when I read this.

Fantastic Mr Fox - This is the first book that I read that made me feel a bit more grown up... there weren't pictures on every page.

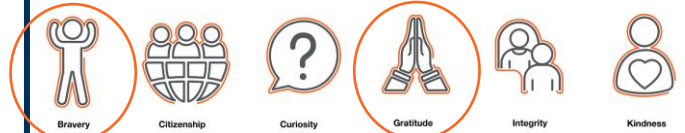
Monkey Puzzle - This was my son's favourite book when he was younger. We'd read it every night without fail, maybe two or three times a night. I'd use silly voices for each animal and even now we still quote 'no no no, that's not my mum'.

Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award this week are...



These were awarded for **Bravery** for settling in so well and for **Gratitude** for being grateful for friends and for school. Well done both of you!



CONTACTING OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Should you need to get in touch with school, please email admin@crownstreetsprimary.org.uk or call 0161 549 7150. If there is a change in collection arrangements, we ask that you either email or call before 2pm so that this message can be shared with Class Teachers/Kids Club Team. Please note our School Office is open between 8am – 4pm.

CONTACTING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



If you need to contact our After School Club after the School Office closes at 4pm, then please ring the main school number and stay on the line, this will put you directly through to After School Club. This should only be used in the case of an emergency or to inform us if there has been a delay to pick-up.

If you have any other queries about After-School Club please contact the School Office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2025

Weds 29th Jan – Lunar New Year

Mon 3rd Feb – Start of Children's Mental Health Week

Weds 5th Feb – World Read Aloud Day

Tues 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day

Tues 11th Feb – Play & Pick-up for Pre-School Parents/Carers*

Thurs 13th Feb – Play & Pick-up for Reception Parents/Carers*

Fri 14th Feb – Last day of half-term

Mon 24th Feb – School reopens - first day of Spring 2

*Details on the Play & Pick-up sessions will be sent week commencing 27th January

