

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

First Chapter = done ✓

I'm not quite sure I can quite believe that our first half term at Crown Street is done! I feel like it was just yesterday that we opened our gates for the first time and saw a sea of smiling faces eager to start their new chapters at school.

We've packed a lot into the last seven weeks – exploring our classrooms, making friends, shoebox sharing, pebble families, family dining, curriculum sessions, a story teller visit, singing, our grand opening, self-portraits, Phonics, Busy Learning, a visit from Granada reports, lots of steps (up and down our many stairs), school library visits, Parents' Evenings, assemblies, Play and Pick-up...could go on!

A huge thank you needs to go out to the Crown Street Primary team – without whom the first half term wouldn't have been as successful as it was. They go above and beyond every day and I am incredibly proud to work alongside them.

Thank you also to you, our parents/carers, for your continued support and for helping us to build our school community. This week we welcomed in some parents who have shown an interest in forming our PTA. The next step is to hold our inaugural PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) where members will be voted in – all are welcome to attend, please save the date – Thursday 21st November at 9am. We also welcomed many parents/carers in for our Play and Pick-up sessions. We hope you enjoyed the chance to see the children within their classroom and have fun playing with some of their favourite Busy Learning activities. For anyone that wasn't able to join, we will look to host these again in the Spring and Summer terms.

Finally, a huge well done to our fabulous children. Starting Pre-School/School is a huge step and one they have all taken in their stride. We are proud of how they have settled into life at Crown Street and how their enthusiasm for learning has already begun – long may this continue!

Whatever your plans over the half-term break, we wish you all a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 29th October.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School



Home Learning Grids

The team have created Home Learning Grids for both Pre-School and Reception for the next half term. The activities included are all suggested to help your child consolidate the learning done in school and for you to use as an opportunity for your child to show you some of the things they have learnt to do.

The idea of the grid, is that you can pick and choose the activities and engage with it in a way that works for your child.

We ask that as you complete the activities over the next half term, please share responses via your child's Tapestry learning portal.

The Home Learning Grids can be found on your child's Tapestry learning portal and under the 'Useful Information' tab on the 'Year Group' pages of our website:

- [Pre-School](#)
- [Reception](#)

TERM DATES FOR 2025-26

Term dates for the next academic year, September 2025 – August 2026, 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.

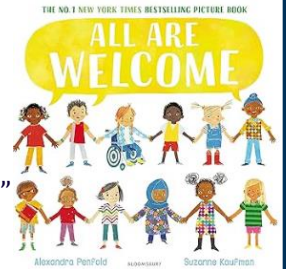
THINGS TO DO IN HALF TERM

Please find some links below that may be useful in finding different things that are happening across the city over half term:

- [Z-Arts](#)
- [Manchester Library](#)
- [Museum of Science and Industry](#)
- [Loads to do - Manchester](#)
- [Visit Manchester](#)

Our Assembly this week...

This week we read the book 'All Are Welcome' by Alexander Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman. This is a beautifully illustrated book which highlights the importance of celebrating cultural diversity and belonging with the message being "all are welcome here". Once we had read the book, we explored the line "our strength is our diversity" and linked this to the character trait of **Citizenship** and how we are all different, in many ways, but we are all part of the Crown Street Primary community and that is something to celebrate and be proud of. We also talked about **Curiosity** and how being curious and taking an interest in one another's differences can help us to learn and understand more.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

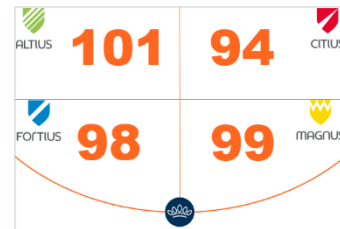
Reception 2025 Admissions

Admissions for Reception places for September 2025 are now open. You will need to apply through Manchester City Council – the information can be found by clicking [here](#)

The deadline for applying is **15th January 2025**. Please note that having a place at our Pre-School does not guarantee a place for Reception. For more information, please visit the '[Admissions](#)' page on our website.

House Point Total

Reception started collecting House Points a couple of weeks ago, currently the totals are:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 28th Oct – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Tue 29th Oct – School reopens – first day of term (Autumn 2)

Mon 4th Nov – Parent Tours, 9.30am – repeated weekly

Mon 18th Nov – Start of UK Parliament Week

Thurs 21st Nov – Inaugural PTA AGM – all welcome, 9am start

Thurs 28th Nov – Flu Vaccinations for Reception

Week commencing 9th Dec – Winter Performances (more info to be shared after half term)

Fri 20th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan 2025 – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Tues 7th Jan 2025 – School reopens – first day of term (Spring 1)

