

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Mystery Readers

What a surprise, we are talking about books again! However, this time we are asking for your help!

We are excited to invite parents to become 'Mystery Readers' in our classrooms! This is a wonderful, fun and interactive opportunity to engage with your child's reading journey, be that reading role-model and help foster a love for books. As a Mystery Reader, you'll surprise the class by reading aloud a loved story of yours from home to the whole class in the classroom. Your participation will not only encourage your child, but also promote a reading-for-pleasure ethos! It is a great way to show how exciting books can be, creating a supportive, enthusiastic environment for all our young readers here at Crown Street.

Our Mystery Reader sessions will initially run every Wednesday in December at 2.45pm in both our Pre-School and Reception classes. If you are interested in joining us, please complete our [Mystery Reader form](#) by **Wednesday 27th November** and select the sessions you are available. If we are lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers, we will select names at random and then get in touch to confirm. If you are unable to join in this time round, we are likely to run this again in the new year.

Birthday Books

We've had a few more birthdays at Crown Street over the last few weeks and with these celebrations have come some more 'Birthday Book' donations. These have been marked with special birthday stickers and will be kept in our school library to be read by all. We really appreciate these donations and know they will be well-read and well-loved by all.

Happy Birthday to these three!



Mrs Thompson, Head of School

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, our Pre-School and Reception classes came together for a special Remembrance Day assembly. We talked about what remembrance is and why the 11th November is a special day for this. At 11am we held a minute silence and all children participated really well in this – showing great respect.

In honour of Remembrance Day, our children have been creative in the classrooms creating different representations of poppies – Pre-School created some wonderful poppy collages and Reception some poppy paintings by exploring printing as a technique.





– ORDERING LUNCHES

If your child is having a school lunch, then please make sure you order it in advance. These choices need to be done before 8am on the day, however you can make the lunch selections in advance – whether that a week in advance or for the whole term.

NO TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys from home into school.

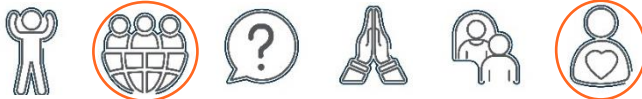
All children need to bring into school are items of uniform (coats, scarves, hats, gloves, spares etc), water bottles and their school book/s (Library books, plus Phonics book and Reading Record for Reception children). Thank you.

Character Award!

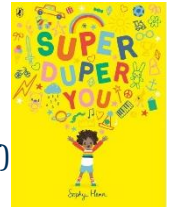
This week's recipients of our Character Award ...



Awarded for **Citizenship** and **Kindness**. A huge well to you both!



Our Assembly this week ...



This week we read 'Super Duper You' by Sophy Henn (which is a book on our Pre-School Curriculum Bookshelf) This book celebrates everything that makes us – well us! We linked the story to our character traits of **curiosity** and finding different things interesting and fascinating, and also **integrity** and how we should be true to who we are. We talked about how we are all unique and individual and how we should **'be bold'** and **'be proud'** of who we are and that, in line with our mission statement, *'possibilities are endless'*.

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.

After-School Club Pick-up Times

A reminder to parents who use After-School club, the session ends at 5.30pm so please ensure you are here to pick up your child before this.



The staff team finish at this time and our school is then closed and locked so it is important this all runs to time. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 18th 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
- Thurs 12th Dec** – Winter Performance, 9.30am start*
- 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)



**For the Winter Performance any Pre-School children who do not attend on a Thursday will be invited in to take part in the performance*