

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

People in our Community visit – Castlefield Viaduct

This week we were lucky to welcome a lovely visitor Beth from the National Trust to talk to us all about Castlefield Viaduct sky garden. Beth spent time with both Pre-School and Reception and talked to the children about what the viaduct was in the past, what it is now and how long it has been a garden for. We then talked about what gardeners do and what you'll find in the garden – including both plants and animals. We loved looking at the animal puppets and talking about the different animals that visit the viaduct. The children listened incredibly well, showed great respect and asked lots of engaging questions throughout the visit and developed their sense of community and citizenship. Thank you to Miss Mcleod Marsh who organised the visit for us.

The children came home with a leaflet all about Castlefield Viaduct and more information can be found [here](#).



Upcoming festive dates ...

On *Thursday 12th December*, millions of children up and down the country will be coming together to 'make the world better with a sweater' on Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, so we are inviting our children to come to school in a Christmas / Festive jumper (or a favourite jumper) on this day – so no uniform. To find out more about Christmas Jumper Day or Save the Children please click [here](#). Please note, children will be getting changed into costumes for our Winter Performance.

Wednesday 18th December is our 'Christmas Dinner' day in school (lunch provided by Dolce – please choose on School Grid as normal) and we will be having a festive party in the afternoon, so we are inviting the children to come in wearing festive and/or party clothes on this day – so no uniform.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School



**CROWN
STREET**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR *first*

EYFS Winter Performance

Thursday 12th December

9.30am

Winter Performance

We are asking that tickets are limited to two per family to ensure that we can accommodate all Pre-School and Reception parents in our hall.

Should you require more tickets, please contact Mrs McGowan at the School Office, these will not be allocated until we have confirmed attendance for each family.

To book your tickets, please click here – [EYFS Winter Performance](#)

(Please note, tickets are free but they do need to be booked)



We are excited to welcome you to watch our Pre-School and Reception children spread some winter magic in our very first winter performance

Please book your tickets through this link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/73014?>

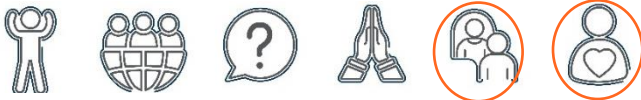
Tickets are limited to two tickets per family.
Please contact Mrs McGowan should you require any extra tickets

Character Award!

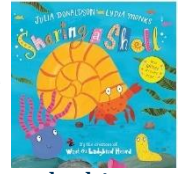
This week's recipients of our Character Award ...



These were awarded for **Kindness** by supporting a friend who needed it and **Integrity** for being a good role model for others to follow.
Well done to both of you!



Our Assembly this week ...



Both Pre-School and Reception came together for assembly in the hall this week and continuing on from the success of Julia Donaldson's Zog last week, this week we read 'Sharing a Shell' - a story all about how important sharing and friendship is. The children guessed the link to the character trait of **Kindness** and how each of the characters showed this in different ways throughout the story. But we also talked about how important **Gratitude** is within friendships and how we should be aware of and thankful for the good things that happen - and in this story the characters were able to find a very nice shell and enjoy their time together in their rockpool!

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.

Mystery Readers



Thank you to those of you who have shown interest in becoming a 'Mystery Reader' for Pre-School and Reception.

Parents who have been selected have been contacted this week to confirm the date/time - but we can't give any more information out - it is a 'mystery' after all!

We look forward to welcoming you in to school and can't wait to hear your stories!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2nd Dec - Parent Tours, 9.30am - repeated weekly

Thurs 5th Dec - Admissions pop-up at Deansgate Square, 12 - 1.30pm

Thurs 12th Dec - Winter Performance, 9.30am start*

Thurs 12th Dec - Christmas/Festive Jumper Day ([Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day](#))

Weds 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch (Dolce) + Festive Party (Festive Party Clothes!)

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*



A couple of requests ...



KIDS CLUB TOY REQUEST

If you have any pre-loved toys, games or puzzles that your child no longer plays with but are in great condition, the children in our Kids Club would love to make use of them. Please let a member of the team know in person at Breakfast/After-School Club or email admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk with 'Kids Club Tavs' in the subject line.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REQUEST

If you have any Christmas decorations that you no longer need/use, but are in great condition then we would happily take these off your hands to spread a little bit of festive cheer around Crown Street. Please let a member of the team know in person, or email with 'Christmas Decorations' in the subject line to admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk