

We hope you have a lovely half term, and we will see you back on Monday 23rd February.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 13TH FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE 09/02/26 – 13/02/26

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	96.1%	5
Clover bee	98.5%	13
Honeybee	85.8%	2
1A	98%	2
1B	92.3%	2
2A	93.3%	2
2B	92%	8
3A	97.9%	6
3B	94.3%	6
4A	95.7%	6
4B	98.5%	0 😊
5A	95.2%	3
5B	98.6%	3
6A	92.9%	10
6B	95%	11

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	23
Tuesday	13
Wednesday	16
Thursday	15
Friday	12
Total Lates This Week	79

Lateness has a massive impact on children's learning. Not only on the children that are late, but also on the children in the classes being disrupted. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.

97% and above Excellent
95% to 96% Attendance is slipping and will be closely monitored
95% or below Poor (high numbers of children are persistently absent)

EARLY LEAVERS

Day	Early Leavers
Monday	6
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	6
Thursday	4
Friday	8
Total this week	30

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground

8.40am – Pupils enter school

8.50am – Gates shut & registration

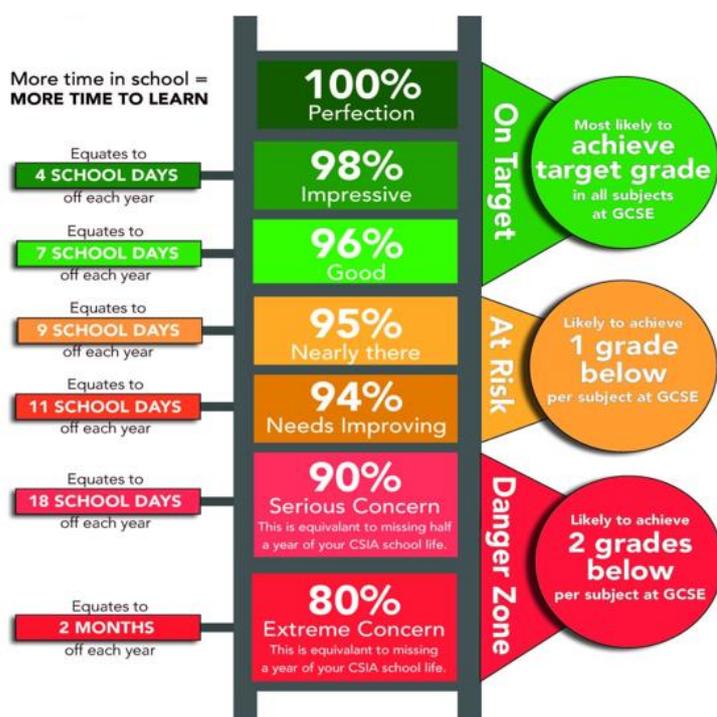
11.45am – KS1 Lunch

11.50am – KS2 Lunch

12.35pm – Afternoon session begins KS1

1.05pm – Afternoon session begins KS2

3.15/3.20pm – End



For every day your child is absent from school over 6 hours of instruction time is lost

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Spring Half Term
Thursday 26 th February	3B Lowry
	Droylsden Vocal Concert
Friday 27 th February	5A Class Assembly
	3A Lowry
Monday 2 nd March	High School Offer Day
	Year 5 Jorvik
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 6 Bridgewater Hall
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day

CHANGES HAPPENING WITH MCAS REQUESTED BY OUR TRUST

From Spring Term

Data Collection

- Parents NI numbers to be collected to support FSM and PP checks via online systems.

- Contact information to be updated in case parents change phone numbers or emails.

Please email office@mrpa.org.uk with these details.

THE LEARNING HERO

1B	Kayden
2A	Emilia for super resilience, especially in English. A great half term! Well done!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a sandbox title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and gammas, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefters and more. The in-game chat isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not be comfortable with others talking to them about what's on the server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's on the server – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
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