

Reminder: School is now closed for the Half Term break, will re-open on **Monday 3rd November**. We hope you have a lovely break.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 24TH OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE 20/10/25 – 24/10/25

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	91.2%	7
Clover bee	99.1%	12
Honeybee	100% 😊	0 😊
1A	88.9%	5
1B	90%	4
2A	88.4%	5
2B	92%	5
3A	96.9%	3
3B	88.8%	2
4A	90.7%	10
4B	89.8%	2
5A	97.2%	10
5B	90.4%	10
6A	92.4%	8
6B	91.7%	11

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	20
Tuesday	29
Wednesday	20
Thursday	11
Friday	14
Total Lates This Week	94

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	4
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	4
Thursday	5
Friday	10
Total this week	27

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground

8.40am – Pupils enter school

8.50am – Gates shut & registration

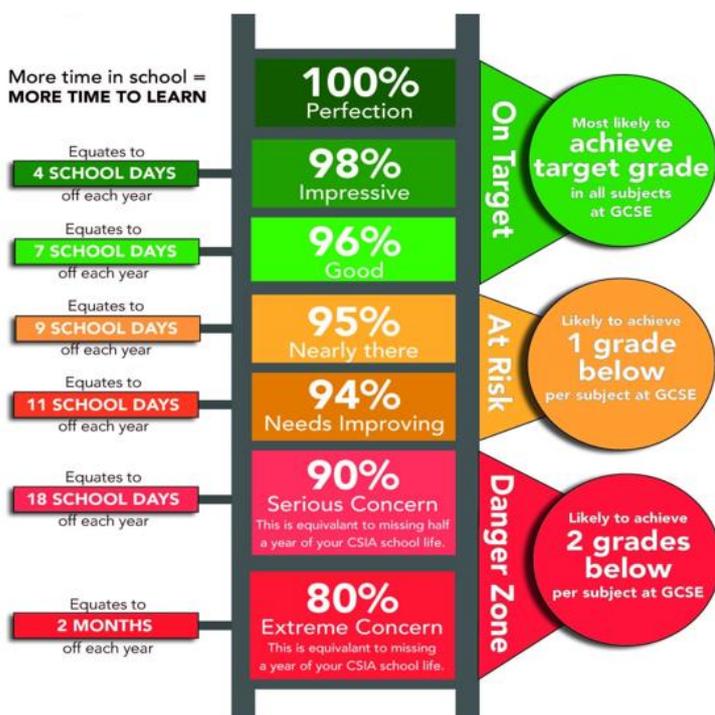
11.45am – KS1 Lunch

11.50am – KS2 Lunch

12.35pm – Afternoon session begins KS1

1.05pm – Afternoon session begins KS2

3.15/3.20pm – End



APPLYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

1 st September 2025	The online application system opens for High School places
31 st October 2025	Closing date for applications
2 nd March 2026	National offer day

APPLYING FOR RECEPTION

1 st September 2025	The online application system opens
15 th January 2026	Closing date for applications
16 th April 2026	National offer day

If you are a Tameside Resident, please use the Tameside Citizen Portal.

https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you are a Manchester Resident, please use the following link.

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2026

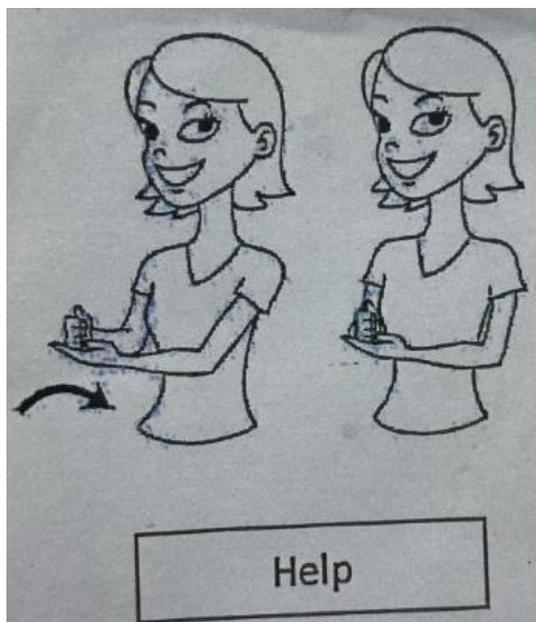
SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be introducing a new 'Sign of the Week' for the children to learn. We will share this with you so that you can practise the sign together at home and support your child's learning.

This week's 'Sign of the Week' is: *Help*.

To sign "Help" in British Sign Language (BSL):

1. Begin by holding your dominant hand palm-up in front of you.
2. Make a thumbs-up gesture with your other hand and place it on top of your open palm.
3. Move both hands slightly inward toward your body to complete the sign.



CHANGES HAPPENING WITH MCAS REQUESTED BY OUR TRUST

From October Half Term

Dinners (to align with new menu start)

- Parents to make initial meal choice – this does not include desserts, which is still at the counter
- No debt to be allowed. The maximum amount allowed is 1 week's dinner money
- Cut-off of Friday before the current week that meal choices must be made

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7 th November	4A Class Assembly
Thursday 13 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 14 th November	4B Class Assembly
Friday 21 st November	3A Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th November	Flu Immunisation
Friday 28 th November	3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 9 th December	Individual and Sibling Pictures

POPPY APPEAL

When we return, we will be offering the following items for sale. If your child would like to make a purchase, please send the correct amount of money in a clearly labelled envelope, along with a note indicating which items they would like to buy.



Price List

- Snap Bands £1.50
- Bracelet £1
- Reflector Poppy 50p
- Stickers 10p
- Poppy £ any donation.



STAR OF THE WEEK

1B	Hunter D for his never- ending effort in learning this week, he has given a presentation to the class, completed great writing and has given everything his best!
2B	Emma for being an excellent MRPA role model, with a positive attitude to learning and shows pride in her work.
3A	Imogen for growing as a person, developing self-regulation strategies and asking probing questions to further her knowledge.
3B	Muna for always working collaboratively with peers and being resourceful across all learning areas.
4A	David for a fantastic positive attitude to learning and excellent collaboration with peers, especially in English and RE this week.

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 games, 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 has some filters, but 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 necessarily be child friendly – into the private 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 OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

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