



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 10TH MAY

ATTENDANCE 07/05/24 – 10/05/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	98.1%	4
Clover bee	100% 😊	5
Honeybee	94.3%	6
1A	93.2%	3
1B	98.4%	6
2A	95.9%	2
2B	92.4%	0 😊
3A	92.2%	7
3B	96.8%	4
4A	89%	4
4B	95%	2
5A	92.9%	5
5B	97.6%	7
6A	93.1%	3
6B	90.9%	4

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)

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground
8.40am – Pupils enter school
8.55am – 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

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	
Tuesday	18
Wednesday	13
Thursday	9
Friday	23
Total Lates This Week	63

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 4 Llandudno
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports Day

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly on the following dates.

Class	Date	Time
5A Miss Jones	Friday 17 th May	9am
4B Mrs Welsh	Friday 21 st June	9am
1A Miss Boardman	Thursday 27 th June	2.30pm
2B Mrs Hunter	Thursday 4 th July	2.40pm
3B Ms Hepburn	Friday 12 th July	9am

Please note: these dates could potentially change. If they do, we will inform you.

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
1B	Zakir for trying hard in English lessons and writing some super sentences for his recount.
2A	Daisie fantastic resilience and working independently
2B	Hannah for a great start at MRPA and putting 100% effort into their learning

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and teachers with the information to take an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many children's online safety risks and should be used as a starting point for further guidance from your school.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's a way to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

PENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 80%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussion groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Meet Our Expert
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YEAR 6 SATS

SATS tests are taking place next week. The timetable for these have been sent home with your child. During this week children are welcome to arrive in school from 8.30am where we will provide breakfast for those children who would like it.

We sent out a message on 16th April asking parents if they would like to send in a photograph of their child so we can use them during the leaver's assembly. So far, we have only received three. If you would like to send in a picture, can this please be done asap and sent to office@mrpa.org.uk.

Tickets will be available to purchase from next week. There are a limited number per show of 80 for fire regulations. Can you please email office@mrpa.org.uk including which show you would like to attend, and the number of tickets required. We can only offer two tickets per child and one show first, but if there are tickets left once everyone has had chance to purchase them, we will offer you the opportunity to purchase more. We will let you know when this happens.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND COMMENTS
1.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
2.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
9.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
15.7.24	Reports out to parents	
16.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
18.7.24	Parents Drop in	3.30-5.30pm
22.7.24	Y6 Dress Rehearsal for KS2	1.30pm
23.7.24	Y6 Performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
24.7.24	Gold Card Assembly for children	9.15-10am
24.7.24	Y6 performance for EY/KS1	2pm
25.7.24	Bouncy Castle for House Point Winners	9am-11.30am
25.7.24	Y6 performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
26.7.24	EY graduation for parents	9.15-9.45am
26.7.24	Y6 Graduation for parents and pupils	4.30-6pm

UNIFORM

There are a lot of children with incorrect uniform, this includes ties not being worn. If your child does not have a tie, these can be purchased via MCAS. Uniforms include:

BOYS UNIFORM

- Grey trousers/ Shorts
- White shirt with collar
- School Tie
- Navy Blue V neck jumper (plain navy V neck can also be worn)
- Grey/black/white socks
- All children should wear black school shoes.

GIRLS UNIFORM

- Grey skirt/ trousers/ pinafore
- White shirt with collar
- School Tie
- Navy Blue V neck Jumper/ Cardigan (plain Navy V neck can also be worn)
- Grey or White socks.
- Blue School Summer dress – White socks.
- All children should wear Black school shoes.