

# YEAR 6

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2024:** Closing date for High School applications. Ensure you submit your secondary school application on or before this date. Otherwise, you will need to make a late application.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### ATTENDANCE 16/09/24 – 20/09/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	97.2%	2
Clover bee	93.3%	4
Honeybee	95.7%	2
1A	88.4%	4
1B	98.9%	2
2A	98.3%	1
2B	95.1%	4
3A	97.6%	1
3B	99.2%	0 😊
4A	92.8%	10
4B	98.7%	4
5A	97.4%	3
5B	96.3%	2
6A	97.6%	2
6B	89.8%	5

### LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	4
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	6
Thursday	7
Friday	14
<b>Total Lates This Week</b>	<b>46</b>

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

Day	Event
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Parent's Reading Meeting @ 3.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	5B Class Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	4A Class Assembly
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	3B Class Assembly
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Robin Wood
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2A Class Assembly

Please note, dates could change for class assemblies. If they do, a message will go out to inform of the new details.

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

8.50am – 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

### PE DAYS

Day	AM	PM
Monday		Year 2
Tuesday	Year 6	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 4	Year 1
Thursday	Early Years	Year 5
Friday	Year 1	

# DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 1	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Pizza Wrap served with Potato Wedges <b>(GLUTEN, MILK, SO2)</b>	Sausage & Creamy Mash Potato with Gravy <b>(GLUTEN, SO2)</b>	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Pots, & Gravy <b>(GLUTEN, SO2)</b>	Chicken Pizza Style Pasta & Garlic Bread <b>(GLUTEN, CELERY, EGGS, MILK, SOYA)</b>	Fish Cake or Salmon Fish Cake & Chips <b>(GLUTEN, FISH)</b>
Vegetarian Main Course	Southern Style Vegetarian Burger served with Potato Wedges <b>(GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK, SESAME, SO2)</b>	Sweet Potato & Vegetable Pie with Gravy <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Linda McCartney Sausage, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy <b>(GLUTEN, SOYA, SO2)</b>	Spanish Vegetable One Pot <b>(MILK, EGG, SO2)</b>	Homemade Cheese Omelette & Chips <b>(EGGS, MILK, SOYA)</b>
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage & Mashed Swede	Broccoli & Diced Carrots	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Vanilla Biscuit <b>(GLUTEN, MILK, SOYA)</b> Or Fruit Pot	Orange Shortbread <b>(GLUTEN, SOYA)</b> Or Fruit Kebabs	Ice Cream <b>(MILK)</b> Or Fruit Boat	Strawberry Flapjack <b>(GLUTEN)</b> Or Fruit Pot	Viennese Whirls <b>(GLUTEN, SOYA)</b> Or Fruit boat
Selector 1	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>
Grab 'n 'Go	Cheese Layered Pasta Salad <b>(CHEESE, EGG, MILK)</b>		Tomato and Basil Layered Salad <b>(GLUTEN, MILK)</b>		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot <b>(GLUTEN, FISH, EGG)</b>



## STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Tyler for showing excellent resilience and settling into his new class so well.
2A	Aimal displaying all learning powers and being an excellent MRPA role model
2B	Maddison for persevering in all areas of learning and making links.
3B	Molayo for being an amazing role model and such a kind and positive member of the class.
4A	Leanne for excellent collaboration and investigation all week, particularly in activities linked to the moon rocks
5A	Louie for being a kind, resilient and reflective learner. He always has a 'give it a go' attitude.
6A	Bella for showing amazing resilience in Maths and for being such a happy, helpful and hardworking member of our class! Well done!
6B	Maryam for having a great start in our class!
THE HIVE	Louie for fantastic research and role play in English.

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

If there are any school you would like to visit which are not on the list, please check the school website.

School Name	Date	Time
Denton Community College	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	6-8pm
Droylsden Academy	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6-8pm
Laurus Ryecroft	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5.30-8pm
Audenshaw school	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5-7pm
Fairfield high school	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	6-8pm

Community special schools (for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans).

Please contact the special schools direct for details of their open days.

School name	Contact details
Cromwell High School	Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield SK16 5BJ Phone: 0161 338 9730
Samuel Laycock	Ashton Campus, Broadoak Road, Ashton OL6 8RF Phone: 0161 344 1992
Thomas Ashton	Bennett Street, Hyde SK14 4SS Phone: 0161 368 6208

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# 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 easy 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.

### SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. 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 discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

### POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

### SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

### SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### 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.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Dodwin (@clare\_wanawel) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2013, providing websites with event coverage, news and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawel Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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