



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

### ATTENDANCE 30/01/23 – 03/02/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Owls	76%	6
Hedgehogs	97.9%	2
Rabbits	95.5%	9
1A	94.3%	3
1B	94.4%	9
2A	94.5%	15
2B	94.4%	10
3A	93.8%	8
3B	100% 😊	3
4A	92%	8
4B	91.5%	1
5A	90.1%	2
5B	91.7%	2
6A	90.6%	3
6B	95.2%	13

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)

### THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.55am - Arrive on the school playground  
8.40am - Pupils enter school  
8.55am - Registration  
11.45am - Lunch KS1  
11.50am - Lunch KS2  
12.35pm - Afternoon session begins KS1  
1.05pm - Afternoon session begins KS2  
3.15/3.20pm - End of school day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half Term – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies begin at 9am. We hope you can make them.

- 6A (Miss Andrew) – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Rabbits (Miss Thomson) – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- 2A (Miss Lewis) – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- 1B (Mrs Simpson) – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- 3B (Miss Farrington) – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### UPCOMING TRIPS/WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Year 1 Fairfield Moravian Church
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Parents Evening for Year 6
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 going to watch Hamlet.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Parents Evening Years EY-Year 5 (Letters will go out after half term)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 Quarry Bank Mill
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: EY Blackpool Zoo
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Year 1 Manchester Airport Runway Visitor Park
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Viking Workshop
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Year 4 Chester
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 4 Llandudno
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: EY Formby Beach
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Robin Wood (Current Year 5)

## NEW CLUBS

Staff	Club	Day	Time	Availability	Year Groups
Mrs Slater/Miss Howson	Yoga	Monday	3.20-4pm	FULL	Years 1 & 2
Miss Farrington	Board Games	Monday	3.20-4pm	7 places left	Years 3 & 4
Miss McDougall	French	Monday	3.20-4pm	10 places left	KS2
Miss Andrew	Recorders	Monday	Lunch		KS2
Mr Smith	Dodge Ball £12 full term	Tuesday	3.30-4.15	N/A	Years 4,5 & 6
Miss Carney	Expression Club	Tuesday	3.20-4pm	FULL	Allocated Children
Miss Lawton	Lego	Tuesday	3.20-4pm	9 places left	Years 4 & 5
Miss Andrew/Mr Parkes	Choir	Tuesday	3.20-4pm	8 places left	KS2
Mr Smith	Athletics £12 full term	Wednesday	3.30-4.15	N/A	Years 1-6
Miss Evans/Mrs Pearson	Reading	Wednesday	Lunch		KS2
Miss Leah	Sketch Club	Wednesday	Lunch		KS2
Mr Smith	Football £12 full term	Thursday	3.30-4.15	FULL	Years 1-6
Mrs Lanigan/Mrs Taylor	Sign	Thursday	3.20-4pm	3 places left	Years 2 & 3
Mrs Sheridan/Miss Thompson	Art & Craft	Thursday	3.20-4pm	FULL	EY & Year 1
Mrs Frost	STEM	Thursday	3.20-4pm	FULL	Years 3 & 4
Mrs Brennan/Mr Belfield	Gardening Club	TBC	Lunch		KS2

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Owls	Rowan
Hedgehogs	Vingie for super improvement in her reading and writing.
Rabbits	Amaan for trying hard with his reading this week.
1A	Henry for being an all-round star.
1B	Caspar for trying his best and focusing more in small group work.
2A	Hollie for producing high quality work in all lessons.
2B	Favour for great effort in all lessons.
3A	Flynn for showing the 3P's and contributing to class discussions more as he has become more confident this year.
3B	Emily for being an excellent role model and using ambitious vocabulary in her writing.
4A	
4B	Jax for excellent learning behaviours.
5A	Ella for her resilience and hard work, as well as her exemplary attitude in all aspects of school life.
5B	Tyler for trying hard to improve his presentation and contributing more in English.
6A	Savannah for showing great creativity in writing.
6B	Alfie for resilience in maths.

## YEAR 6 BOOSTERS

Boosters for the SATS will start next week. We have highlighted mathematics as the focus, and the Year 6 teachers will be inviting children into school twice a week (Monday and Thursday) to take part in a half hour session. These sessions are to ensure the children have some small group practice and can really focus on their personal targets on the run up to the SATs. Please look out for the invites, and if your child is offered a place, do everything possible to ensure their regular attendance.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you ordered your school photos yet?

The closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



## 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, griefers 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.

#### 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.

#### ONLINE DATING

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.

#### 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 block 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.

#### Meet Our Expert

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