

NURSERY

15th January 2025: Closing date for Primary School applications. Ensure you submit your 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 10TH JANUARY

ATTENDANCE 07/01/25 – 10/01/25

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	97.8%	8
Clover bee	92%	12
Honeybee	97.6%	0 😊
1A	88.4%	7
1B	97.2%	1
2A	87.3%	6
2B	90%	6
3A	88.1%	5
3B	96.7%	5
4A	91.9%	8
4B	99.5%	5
5A	87%	6
5B	94%	7
6A	93.1%	6
6B	87.3%	12

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	
Tuesday	19
Wednesday	35
Thursday	16
Friday	24
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	
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	4
Thursday	6
Friday	7
Total this week	20

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground

8.40am – Pupils enter school

8.50am – Gates shut & registration

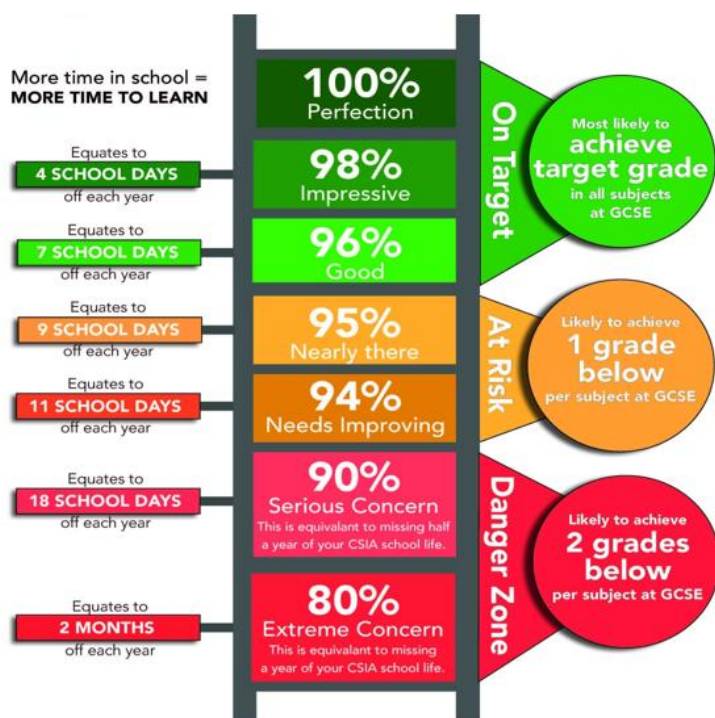
11.45am – KS1 Lunch

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

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

Day	Event
Friday 17 th January	1B Class Assembly
Friday 24 th January	Bumble Bee Class Assembly
Friday 31 st January	Clover Bee Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th February	Class 3A: Lowry Trip
Friday 28 th February	Class 3B: Lowry Trip
Tuesday 4 th March	Y6: Trip to War Museum
Friday 7 th March	Y6: Safe Squad
Tuesday 11 th March	Class Pictures
Monday 31 st March	Individual & Sibling Pictures

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 violent content if they verify games featuring violent content. It's easy to filter 18+ titles out of their list, but it can be difficult for 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 games 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. These sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they are interested in, but the attractive discounts can also encourage 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 send private messages, 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 specific topics, discussions can also be made on the profiles of other players.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS
Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict 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 User'. It also allows you to set up a Family View, which can be used to restrict what games can be purchased and limit time spent on 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 maximum 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 a second authentication via their phone or email. This computer that your child uses Steam on can be configured to prevent for each device, providing authentication for each device.

SHARE A LIBRARY
Using Family Library sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (with the user's account separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holder – 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
Modding 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 dangerous. 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 to get malware if you read the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert
Chris Goodwin from the IT Hub website, an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2005, providing valuable user review knowledge, reviews and gaming guides. He's also the author of a new book 'The Art of Gaming' – working on various gaming-themed projects including game development and testing methodologies.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	NAME
Bumblebee	Ariana for her resilience in settling into full days so well.
Clover bee	Freddie for having a fantastic first week back in school.
Honeybee	Andrew for joining in with learning and playing nicely with his friends this week.
1A	Katie for starting the New year with a wonderful positive attitude towards her learning. Well done.
1B	Cassius for showing pride and positivity in all areas of his learning. Well done!
2A	Archie resilience across all areas of learning and being a fantastic helper in the classroom.
3B	Theo for producing great work in Maths and English this week.
4B	Kenya for excellent work in maths and using links within her learning.
5A	Harper for coming back to school with a determined attitude and working hard in reading lessons.
5B	Oliver for improved attitude to his learning.
6A	Luka for excellent resilience during assessment week and being such a helpful and hardworking member of our class.
6B	Josiah for settling back into the week well and trying hard in all areas of the curriculum as well as managing his distractions.

PE DAYS

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Years 3 & 6
Wednesday	Years 1 & 4
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 (GLUTEN, MILK, SO2)	Sausage & Creamy Mash Potato with Gravy (GLUTEN, SO2)	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Pots, & Gravy (GLUTEN, SO2)	Chicken Pizza Style Pasta & Garlic Bread (GLUTEN, CELERY, EGGS, MILK, SOYA)	Fish Cake or Salmon Fish Cake & Chips (GLUTEN, FISH)
Vegetarian Main Course	Southern Style Vegetarian Burger served with Potato Wedges (GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK, SESAME, SO2)	Sweet Potato & Vegetable Pie with Gravy (GLUTEN)	Linda McCartney Sausage, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GLUTEN, SOYA, SO2)	Spanish Vegetable One Pot (MILK, EGG, SO2)	Homemade Cheese Omelette & Chips (EGGS, MILK, SOYA)
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage & Mashed Swede	Broccoli & Diced Carrots	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Vanilla Biscuit (GLUTEN, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit Pot	Orange Shortbread (GLUTEN, SOYA) Or Fruit Kebabs	Ice Cream (MILK) Or Fruit Boat	Strawberry Flapjack (GLUTEN) Or Fruit Pot	Viennese Whirls (GLUTEN, SOYA) Or Fruit boat
Selector 1	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)
Grab 'n 'Go	Cheese Layered Pasta Salad (CHEESE, EGG, MILK)		Tomato and Basil Layered Salad (GLUTEN, MILK)		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, FISH, EGG)



Fresh Baked Jacket Potato with Choice of fillings
Cheese **(Milk)** Tuna **(Eggs, Fish)** Beans available daily

Pick 'n' Mix Sandwich
Sandwich **(Wheat, Soya)**
Crudites Pot
Dessert
(See daily allergen matrix)
available daily

Fresh Bread **(Wheat, Soya)**
Cheese & Crackers **(Milk, Gluten)**
Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit and
Yoghurts **(Milk)**
available daily