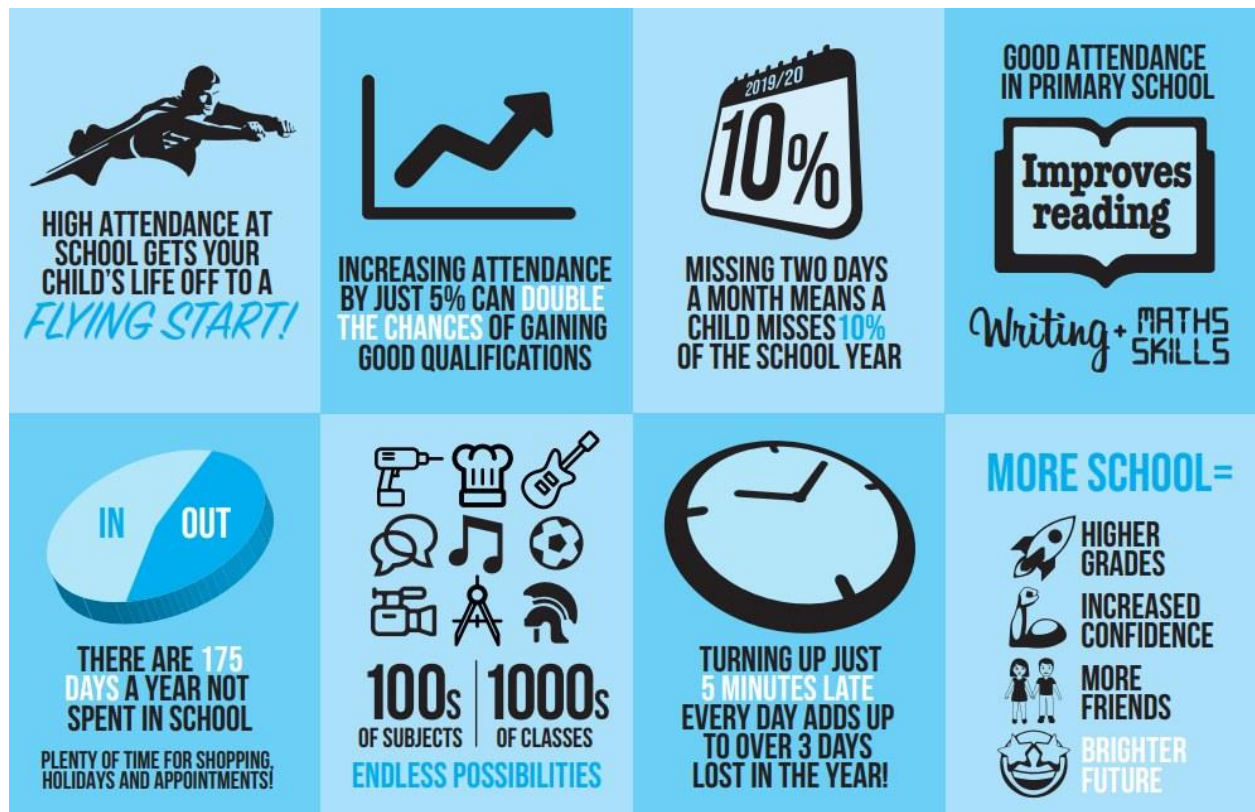




## Newsletter for 11th October 2024

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!



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***Our best attending classes this week are:***

***1st Place – Gold and Teal 100%***

***2nd Place – Aqua 99.6%***

***3rd Place – Turquoise 99.5%***

***Well done to those classes! Thank you so much parents and carers for making sure your child attends school every day!***

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**"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



## Headteacher's Message



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*Dear Families,*

*I would like to thank all of our families for supporting attendance so far this term! Although our attendance is still below the national average, it has been rising and this means that our children are missing less opportunities to learn and socialise with their friends. Please also remember to arrive on time and, if you need to take your child to an appointment during the school day, bring them to school for register in the morning.*

*Thursday was World Mental Health Day and the school was bright with yellow! Visit our Instagram page to see a wonderful video created with our Wellbeing Warriors <https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>. Here you can also see details of our upcoming Charity Bake Sale during Parents' Evenings. As well as the cake sale, we will also have a Book Stall during Parents' Evening, at which you and your children can browse and buy books.*

*Our After School Clubs got off to a fantastic start this week, including Lego, knitting, Sports, Singing and Reading. Many thanks to our wonderful staff team who have volunteered to run these and celebrate the children's interests (as well as their own!)*

*Also, this week we welcomed PDA Nutritank volunteers into school for workshops with Year 3. The children learnt about the importance of healthy nutrition as part of a healthy lifestyle. We are always so proud of the great feedback we get from visitors about the welcome they receive from the children and staff at Manor Park.*

*Next week, our Fitness sessions restart on Monday morning, led by our new coach Aneem and supported by Mrs Patrick. Anyone is welcome to come and join in, and there is time for refreshments and a chat with other parents at the end. On Tuesday, we have a Coffee and Chat session in the hall; I will be there to gather parent voice around what makes us a great school and what we can do even better, and Saima Asif will be rejoining us to share information about ESOL and Healthy Cooking classes for adults.*

*As it is October, we are celebrating Black History Month. The children have been learning about aspirational people and Years 4, 5 and 6 are preparing for a whole school assembly to celebrate this special time together. You can find out more about Black History Month with your child at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>.*

*Kind regards,*

*Christine Chapman*

*Headteacher*

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## Apply for free school meals



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[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, you're not only ensuring they get a nutritious, hot meal every day but also supporting our school's funding? Every child who is registered for free school meals generates extra funding for the school, which we can invest directly back into your child's education and wellbeing. This funding helps us provide more resources, better learning environments, and additional support for our pupils. While all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 (as well as those under the Mayor's Meals scheme in London) automatically receive free school meals, we only receive extra funding if you officially register your child. Please read the attached letter for information on how to apply.*

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## Year 5 and 6 Trip to Scout Adventures January 2025



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*Year 5 Parents,*

*We have now extended our Year 6 residential trip to include Year 5 children too!*

*Any questions, please come and see me but also look below for the presentation, video and questions from other parents that were answered during our meeting last week.*

**[Year-6-Parent-Meeting-re-Scouts-2025.pdf \(manorparkacademy.co.uk\)](#)**

*Please look at [Why choose Scout Adventures](#) website for all other information about the centre.*

*Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested.*

***Once numbers are confirmed we will set up the payment system for you.***

*Thank you and have a fabulous weekend!*

*Becky Lewis*

*Deputy Headteacher*

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## **FREE Vouchers for Milk and Food**



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### ***What is Healthy Start?***

*If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.*

*If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.*

*You can use your card to buy:*

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- *plain liquid cow's milk*
  - *fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables*
  - *fresh, dried, and tinned pulses*
  - *infant formula milk based on cow's milk*
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*You can also use your card to collect:*

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- *Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding*
  - *vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old*
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*For more information and **to apply online**, please click the link [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)*

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*We have a number of children (and grown ups!) who have nut allergies in school. With such allergies, sometimes just being around nuts (smell and touch) can trigger a dangerous allergic reaction.*

***Please do not send any products containing nuts into school.***

*Thank you,*

*Becky Lewis*

*Deputy Headteacher*

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## Safe Treat List



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*We do not want to prevent children from bringing in treats for their friends if it is a special occasion such as a birthday. This is a long standing tradition that we would like to continue but it must be safe for all children.*

*Please see ideas for safe treat options that do not contain nuts below;*

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- Cadbury Dairy Milk
  - Cadbury Twirl
  - Cadbury Caramel
  - Cadbury Wispa
  - Cadbury Eclair
  - Cadbury Fudge
  - Cadbury Crunchie

- *Cadbury Buttons*
  - *Galaxy Minstrels*
  - *Galaxy Milk Chocolate*
  - *Galaxy Caramel*
  - *Galaxy Ripple*
  - *Mars bar*
  - *Kitkat (original)*
  - *Halal Haribo*
  - *Cadbury's Heroes (but remove mini Double Deckers - they are not made with nuts but made in a factory that processes nut products)*
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## **School Term Dates for Next Year - 2024/25**

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*Please see the calendar below showing all of the school term dates, bank holidays and teacher training days for the next academic year.*

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## Manor Park Calendar 2024/25

August 2024						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa Su
31				1	2	3 4
32	5	6	7	8	9	10 11
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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January 2025						
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July 2025						
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### Bank holidays 2024/25

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

### Teacher Training Days

2 September 2024	3 September 2024	29 November 2024	31 March 2025	21 July 2025
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## Star of the Week



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*The value of the week is 'Gratitude' Here are Manor Park's Stars of the Week*

*Nursery Azrag*

*Indigo Yousef*

*Copper Hanan*

*Gold Shama*

*Aqua Pari*

*Turquoise David*

*Crimson Rayhanna*

*Cerise Darius*

*Bronze Muath*

*Ochre Riya*

*Ruby David*

*Topaz Mahira*

*Teal Arfan*

*Emerald Modou*

***Well done everyone!***

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## School Policies

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*Please find our school policies on our website by clicking here:*

*<https://www.manorparkacademy.co.uk/about-us/policies/>*

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## Have you moved house or changed your number?

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*Please let the main office know if any of your details change such as:*

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- *Your address*
- *Your phone numbers*

- *Your emergency contacts*

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*Just call 0121 3271023 or email [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org)*

*Thank you!*

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**Apply for our Nursery or Reception Classes!**



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*Do you have a child or know another parent with a child born between 01.09.2020 - 31.08.2021? We have spaces available in our lovely Nursery!*

*If you also have or know a parent with a child born between 01.09.19 - 31.08.20, we have spaces in our amazing Reception classes too!*

*Please contact the school office for a tour and a chat with our friendly team. You can also see more information here on our website: [Early Years – Manor Park Primary Academy](http://Early Years – Manor Park Primary Academy) ([manorparkacademy.co.uk](http://manorparkacademy.co.uk))*

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## **Dates for your Diary**



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***Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park Thursday 24th October***

***Parents Evening Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October 3.50pm***

***Parent Fitness Sessions Mondays in the main hall 9.00am***

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Coffee and Chat for parents and carers at Manor Park Primary Academy



JOIN US FOR

What makes Manor Park a great school?  
How can we make it even better?

Find out about ESOL and Healthy Cooking Adult  
Education Classes

Saima Asif from BAES will be joining us

Tuesday 15th October

9 AM - 10 AM



Raffle Prizes to be won!



## Attendance Procedures



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*Please call 0121 327 1023 to report your child's absence by 9.30am*

*If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact Jo Green via email at [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org) or call the school office.*

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— AND —  
THE WINNERS  
*are...*

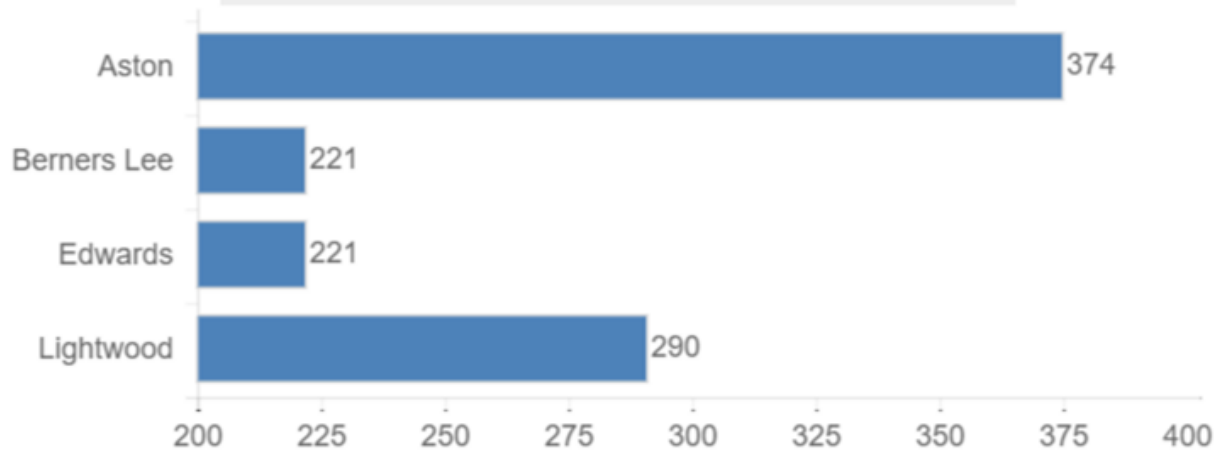
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*House Points are now collected using Marvellous Me. **You can see you child's individual house points by clicking on the 'thumbs up' button.** However many 'thumbs up' they've had, this is the number of house points they have received in school!*

*This week's winners overall are Aston...again!*

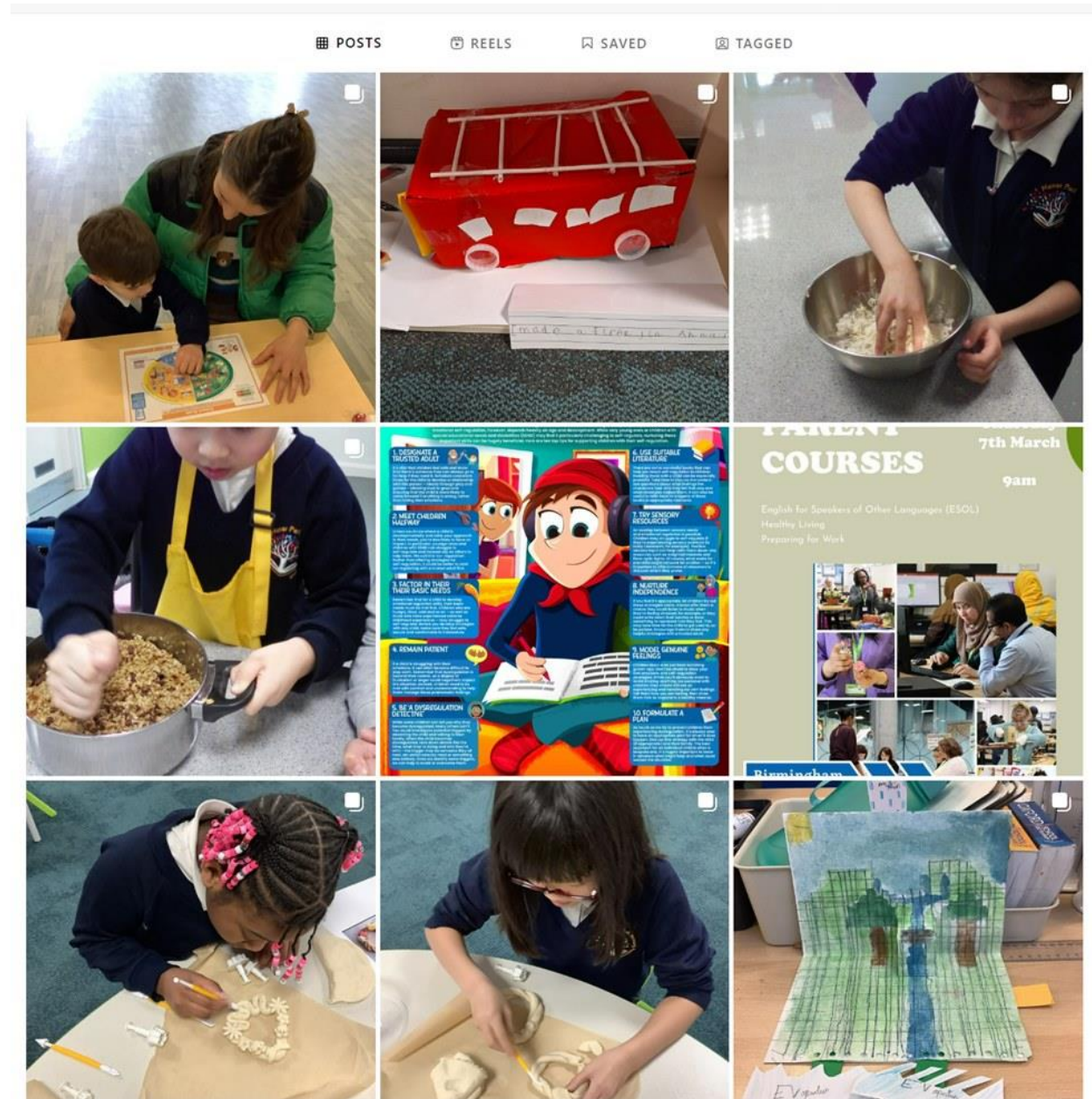
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Number of Thumbs Ups awarded in the period selected.



*Give us a follow on Instagram!*

<https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>



## Autism Support



# FREE LUNCH & WELLBEING WALK



Meet at Hay Hall Manor House,  
Redfern Road, Tyseley, B11 2BE

All are welcome to come and  
enjoy some food, some light  
exercise, the outdoors and have a  
chat

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL SO WE CAN  
LET YOU KNOW IF CANCELLED  
FOR ANY REASON.**

Please come join us on our  
wellbeing walks

- Tuesday 10th September 2024
- Tuesday 8th October 2024
- Tuesday 12th November 2024
- Tuesday 10th December 2024

Lunch @ 12:30pm  
followed by  
1 hour canal walk @ 1:30pm

For further information and  
to book on the walk please scan the QR  
Code  
or  
[CLICK HERE](#)



Contact Kelly Email: [kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk) Call: 07794230243

Please do sign up to the The Active Wellbeing Society card, which also allows  
you to attend some free and cost-effective events in Birmingham:  
<https://theaws.co.uk/join-us/wellbeing-card/>

[www.resourcesforautism.org.uk](http://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk) Charity number 1061253

Parent / Carer

# Autism & Good Sleep Workshop



Tuesday 17th September 2024

10:30am - 12:30am

@ BAYC, 581 Pershore Road, Birmingham, B29 7EL



To book onto the workshop please  
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code above

The Autism & Good Sleep Workshop

This workshop is aimed at parents/carers of children and young people to sleep educate and offer some ideas and strategies to try to help improve sleep at home

Run by Kelly Reed  
Resources for Autism  
Behaviour Manager West Midlands

Limited onsite parking, but free road parking  
and 45 & 47 Bus stops nearby

for further information please email  
[kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk)  
Kelly Bumpas  
Family Support Coordinator



## Community Support



**Come dine with us !**

**adore**  
CHURCH

**Pull up a seat, you are welcome!**

School holidays can be so much fun...but they can also be a bit of hard work! We would love to take the pressure off by giving you a really great answer to the two big questions kids have during the holidays: "what are we going to do today?" and "what's for lunch?"

At your local Make Lunch Club you'll get to meet a friendly team of volunteers, who are all safely recruited, and happy to make sure that there's plenty of food and fun activities to go around. Our sessions are free of charge.

Partnering with  
**T L G make lunch**



**Come and Join the team at:**

Adore Church, 76 Church Road,  
Aston, Birmingham, B6 5TY

**Our Lunch Club will take place:**

Wednesdays 11am-1pm  
During School Holidays  
30/10

**Additional information:**

Bring the whole family! This is a space for  
parents and children (0-18) alike.

**If you want to chat or find out more  
you can contact us at:**

[matt@adore.church](mailto:matt@adore.church)

**...we can't wait to see you!**



Scan to register  
or come along!

# SHINE A LIGHT

community event  
2nd November  
3-6pm

## SHINE A LIGHT

community event  
2nd November  
3-6pm  
76 Church Road  
Aston, B6 5TY

Games  
Challenges  
Free Food  
Prizes

Join us for an evening  
of fun, friendship and  
food!

There'll be something  
for everyone so bring  
the whole family and  
celebrate light and  
community with us!





**LivingWell**  
UK

# REACHING COMMUNITIES

Join us for exciting FREE sessions! sessions!

Sport, arts, yoga, mindfulness and workshops on a range of topics...

Sessions are opened to Children and Young People 5-17 years old

**Where:** The Chris Bryant centre, 300 Reservoir Road, B23 6DA

**When: Wednesdays**

**During School Holidays: 10am-12pm**

**During Term Time: 3pm-5pm**



Register via QR Code or walk-in on the day!

**Holiday Sessions**



**Term-time Sessions**



**Need more info?...Contact**  
**[programmesteam@livingwellconsortium.com](mailto:programmesteam@livingwellconsortium.com)**  
**for all enquiries**

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HARJEAN**



## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Fire Safety



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and **never** attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>



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**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to learn.**



**We are your Designated Safeguarding Leads.  
We can help you.**



Ms Christine Chapman  
**Headteacher**  
DSL



Mrs Saima Mahmood  
**Teacher**  
DSL



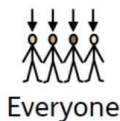
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