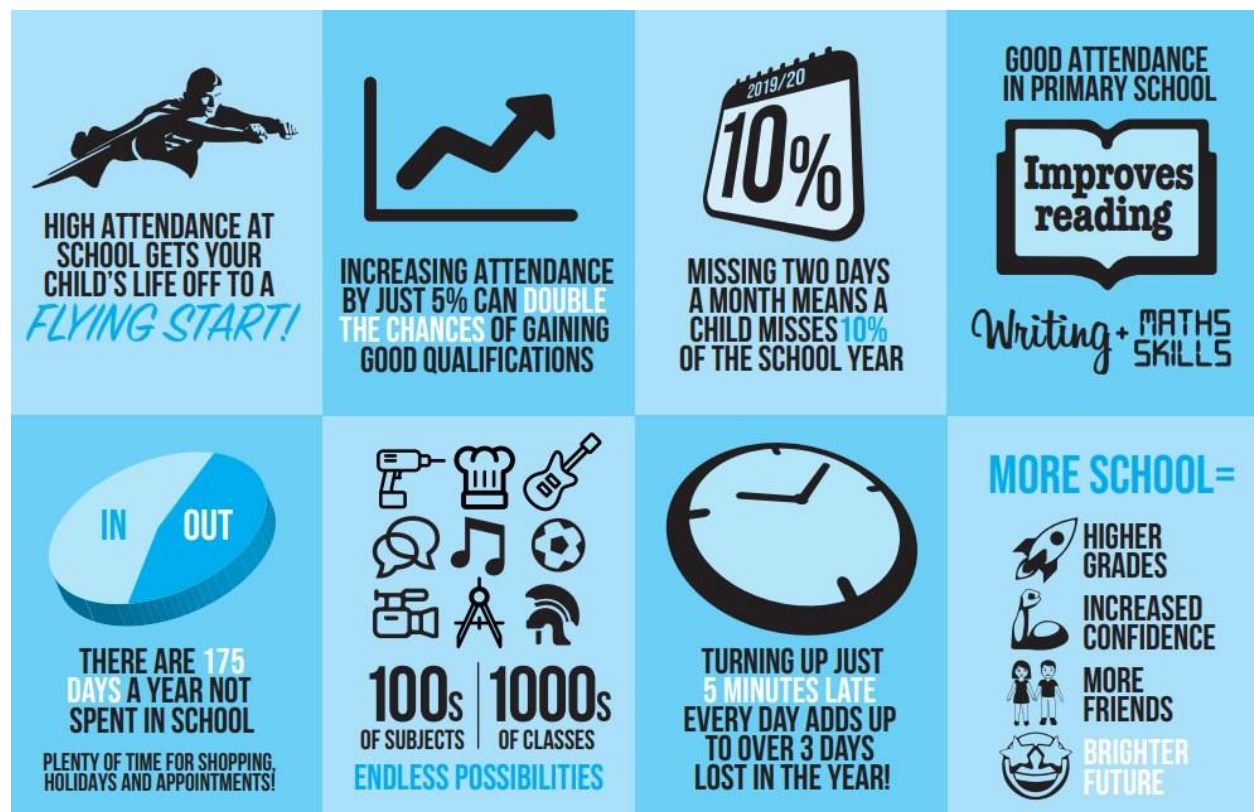




## Newsletter for 13th June 2025

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





**"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.





**1st Place – Bronze 98.2%**

**2nd Place – Emerald 97.4%**

**3rd Place – Ochre 96.9%**

**Headteacher's Message**



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*Dear Families,*

*Our Year 1 children had a great time at Think Tank on Wednesday, supporting their learning in history and science. Upcoming trips are Year 2 11BEFORE11 Hike and Horse riding, Year 4 trip to Sutton Park, Year 6 Farm visit and competitive sports events, and Year 5 visit to Birmingham Art Gallery. All of these trips support the learning which your child does in school as well as providing enrichment activities.*

*Details of the next Community Fair can be found later in the newsletter. In response to community feedback from the Spring Fair, we have reviewed pricing for tickets and introduced some new activities. Please purchase tickets ahead of the day on School Money, where possible, to reduce queuing on the day.*

*Our Year 6 pupils have filled the corridors with song and Shakespeare as they rehearse for their upcoming graduation performances of 'The Tempest'! Many of our children across school are also honing their creative skills to celebrate Windrush Day through art, so we are looking forward to sharing these with you before the end of term. You can find out more about Windrush Day at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43782241> or <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/the-windrush/>.*

*Transition Day this year is on 2nd July. Our Year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary school and children in school will get the chance to spend the morning with their new class teacher. Details of staffing and classes will be sent out by Friday 27th June.*

*As the warm weather continues, please send your child to school with a filled water bottle daily. Staying hydrated at any time of the year is good for the body, keeps joints, bones and teeth healthy, helps the blood circulate and can help children to maintain a healthy weight into adulthood. Being well hydrated also improves mood, memory and attention in children.*

*Finally, please note that the last day of school is Friday 18th July. School is closed on 1st and 2nd of September 2025 for staff training days. Years 1 - 6 will start school on 3rd September. We will send you the 2025/26 School Calendar next week and also put it onto the website.*

*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Christine Chapman*

*Headteacher*

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## Manor Park Summer Fair!



Raffle (£1 per strip)

Refreshments & Ice Cream Van (cash payments)

Lots of games and prizes to be won, including bouncy castle  
(1 ticket a go)

Create a personalised key ring or photo frame (£1 per item)

£10 for 10 tickets

£15 for 20 tickets

Tickets can be bought on School Money from 30th June

If you need someone else to collect your child...



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*We know that sometimes you may need someone else to collect your child at the end of the school day. **Please make sure that:***

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- The person collecting your child is older than 16 (if they are your child's sibling) and over 18 (if they are not a sibling)*
  - You inform the school before 2.30pm if someone new is collecting your child. Though we know other parents collect children for each other, you must let us know that you have given your permission*
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*Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe,*

*Becky Lewis*

*Deputy Headteacher*

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## Star of the Week for 'Respect'



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*Nursery Hanaan*

*Indigo Aziz*

*Copper Chimdindu*

*Gold Abdullah*

*Aqua Salaar*

*Turquoise Sharon*

*Cerise Hussain*

*Crimson Mary*

*Ochre Tanjima*

*Bronze Cairo S*

*Topaz Cameron*

*Ruby Yahyaa*

*Teal Majda*

*Emerald Nawaal*

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**Apply for free school meals - Important!**





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[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://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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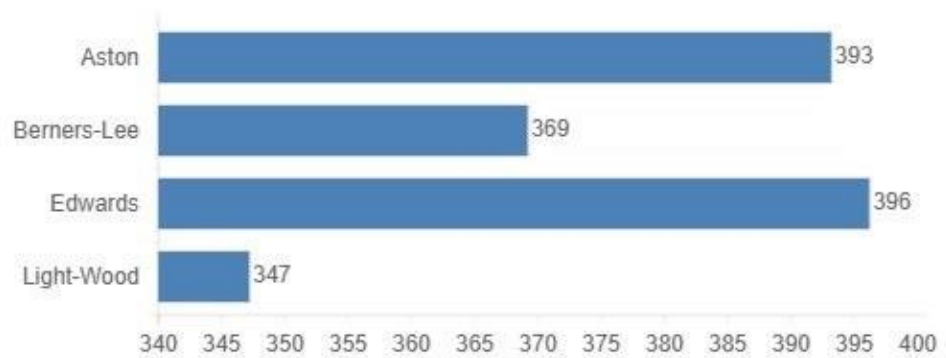
— AND —  
THE WINNERS  
*are...*

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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 winner overall is Edwards!*

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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Generative AI





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

### PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

### REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

### DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

### UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



### PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



### ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



## Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



The National College®

## Dates for your Diary



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***Stay and Play Sessions - 9.00 to 10.30am every Thursday***

***Year 6 Rounders and Wheelchair Basket Ball - 16th June***

***Year 6 Ninja Warrior- 23rd June***

***Year 2 Hike to Sutton Park - 26th June***

***Rock Steady Concert - 2.30pm 30th June***

***Transition Day - 2nd July***

***Year 5 Art Gallery Trip - 4th July***

***Year 6 Performance - 7th July 2.00pm***

***Year 6 Performance - 8th July 9.30am***

***Year 2 Horse Riding - 8th/9th July***

***Year 6 Farm Trip - 10th July***



## Year 6 Graduation -17th July

### School Term Dates for This Year - 2024/25

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



#### Manor Park Calendar 2024/25

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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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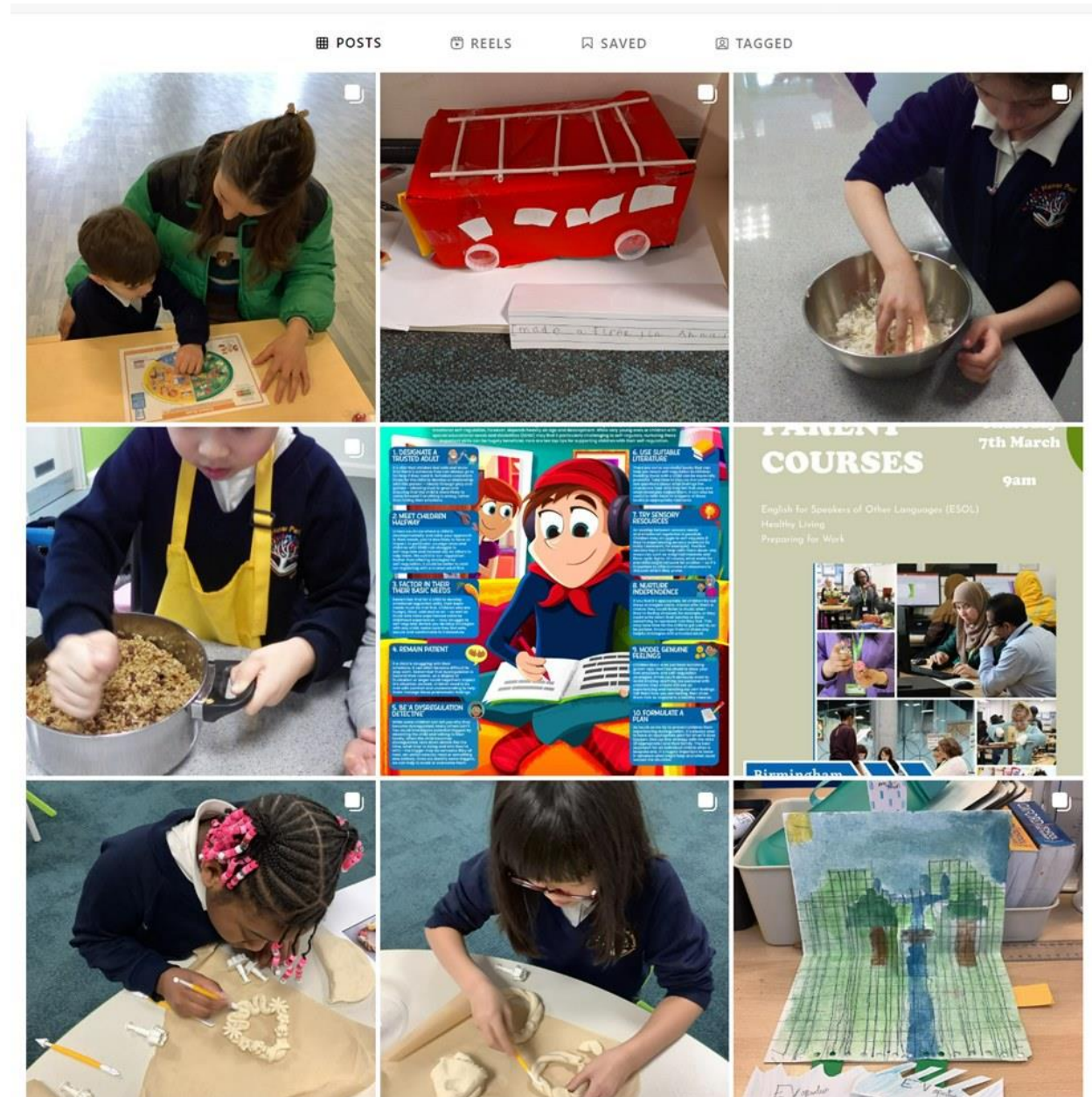


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*Give us a follow on Instagram!*

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





If you need to report your child's absence...



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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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Aspiration

Courage

Gratitude

Kindness

Resilience

Respect

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.



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DSL



Miss Jo Green  
Lead DSL



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Please



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