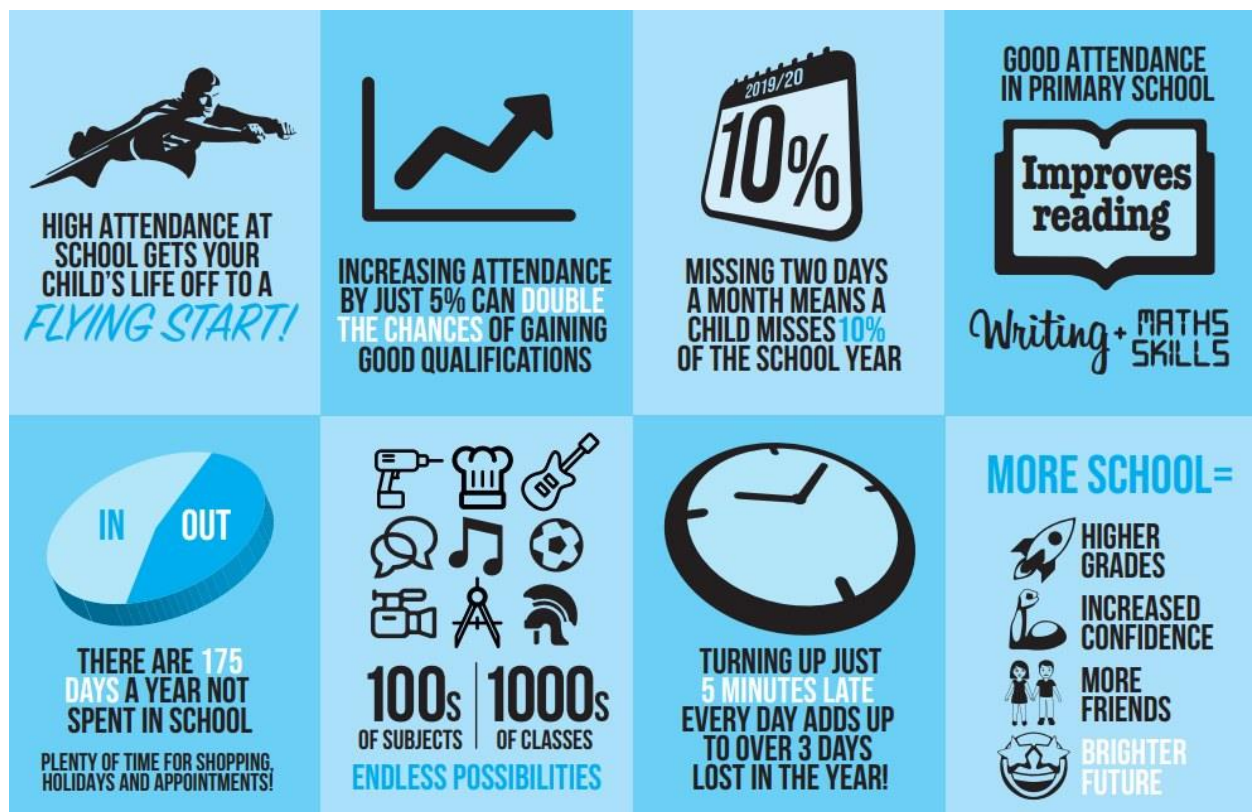




Newsletter for 14th March 2025

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 – Crimson & Ochre 100%

2nd Place – Emerald 96.6%

3rd Place – Turquoise 96.0%

Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many parents join our Year 6 SATs information meeting on Thursday; many thanks to Miss Lewis for organising the event.

Well done to our Year 3 classes who were praised by their teachers and museum staff for their behaviour during their trip to the Potteries Museum on Wednesday.

Our Year 5 children were Fraud Scene Investigators during their Natwest Money Sense workshops; these workshops help your child to gain an understanding of money and how to manage it safely.

Next week, we are excited to be welcoming Poppy Cooks, 'potato queen' and michelin-trained chef, into school to film the Services for Education Cookathon with some of our Year 5 pupils. This event aims to educate pupils as to the core skills needed to develop sustainable, healthy cooking skills.

Year 3 and Year 4 will also be taking part in Kabbadi Dance workshops and Year 1 will be visiting Aston Park to look at the signs of spring.

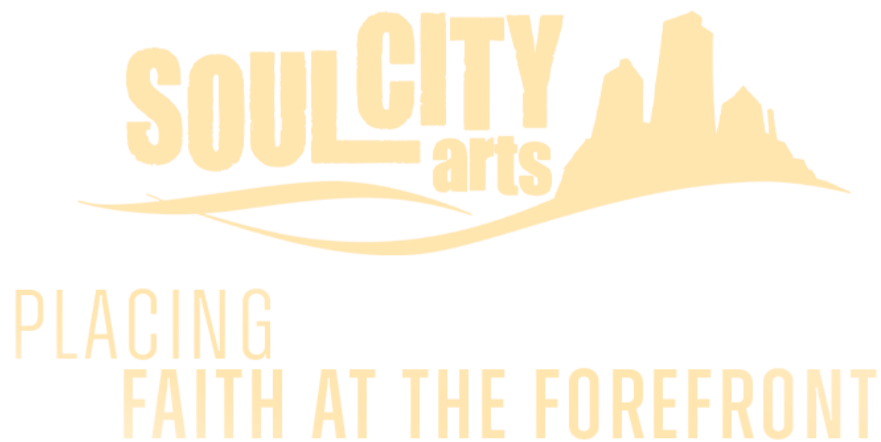
Parents' Evening letters will be coming out so please remember to fill in your preferred time slots and return to school. As your child's classteacher will be sharing your child's workbooks with you during the meeting, please bring them along with you to the appointment so that they can share the work they are most proud of! A book fair will be running during both evenings, with card payments accepted.

Our Community fair tickets will be available to buy on School Money from 21st March. Please see the Sway <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PSIMNQg1IMuXdMML?ref=Link> for further information. There will be stalls run by external companies and refreshments available to buy with cash on the day, and tickets can be bought with cash on the door. To reduce queuing, please buy tickets on School Money if possible and your child will have them ready at 1:30 pm collection time on 4th April.

Have a lovely weekend,

Christine Chapman

Ramadan Nights



There is a fantastic event taking place in Birmingham called the Ramadan Streets- night markets. It is open to all and would be a fantastic opportunity for young people and their families and friends to visit.

Here is the link below that tells you more about the Ramadan markets:

<https://www.soulcityarts.com/>

Ramadan Streets is a five-day cultural event and night market that welcomes people of all backgrounds to come together and experience the community-spirit of Ramadan. Taking place during March 12-16th, from dusk until midnight, we're taking over a car park on Coventry Road, Birmingham, and providing an opportunity for the community to break their fast together in a unique and vibrant setting.

Thoughtfully designed to foster comfort and inclusivity, and working in close collaboration with Birmingham City Council, Ramadan Streets offers an opportunity for those of all backgrounds to experience street-food favourites, from smash burgers to corn-dogs. Visitors can expect a souk

experience with vendors selling everything from street food to artisan goods, featuring well established vendors as well as local businesses.

The event is led by the creative team at Soul City Arts and supported by The Halal Food Festival.

*Ramadan is a sacred month dedicated to fasting, prayer, and contemplation for Muslims. Increasingly through public Iftars, the spirit of Ramadan has brought people of all backgrounds together. **Ramadan Streets** is a response to that interest and intrigue in what Ramadan means to much of our community.*

*Taking place March 12-16th, from dusk until midnight, it will take place in an empty car park in **Coventry Road, Birmingham**, with an opportunity for the community to break their fast together.*

*Ramadan Streets has been supported by **Birmingham City Council**.*

Spring Community Fair!



Bouncy Castle (2 tickets a turn)

Raffle (1 ticket per ticket)

Refreshments (cash)

Lots of games and prizes to be won (1 ticket a go)!

£10 for 5 tickets
£15 for 10 tickets

Tickets can be bought on School Money from 21st March

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE



As a community, we have a collective responsibility to keep our children safe. Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines and please park somewhere that is safe when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined by the council or local police. Under the Highway Code, it is illegal to park on school zig zag yellow lines.

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



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

- 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

Star of the Week



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week - this week's focus is 'Aspiration'

Nursery Mikaeel

Indigo Muazah

Copper Yazen

Gold Omaira

Aqua Wania

Turquoise Sami

Cerise Ruben

Crimson Amanuel

Ochre Rizwan

Bronze Usman

Ruby Hala

Topaz Shaheem

Teal Muiz

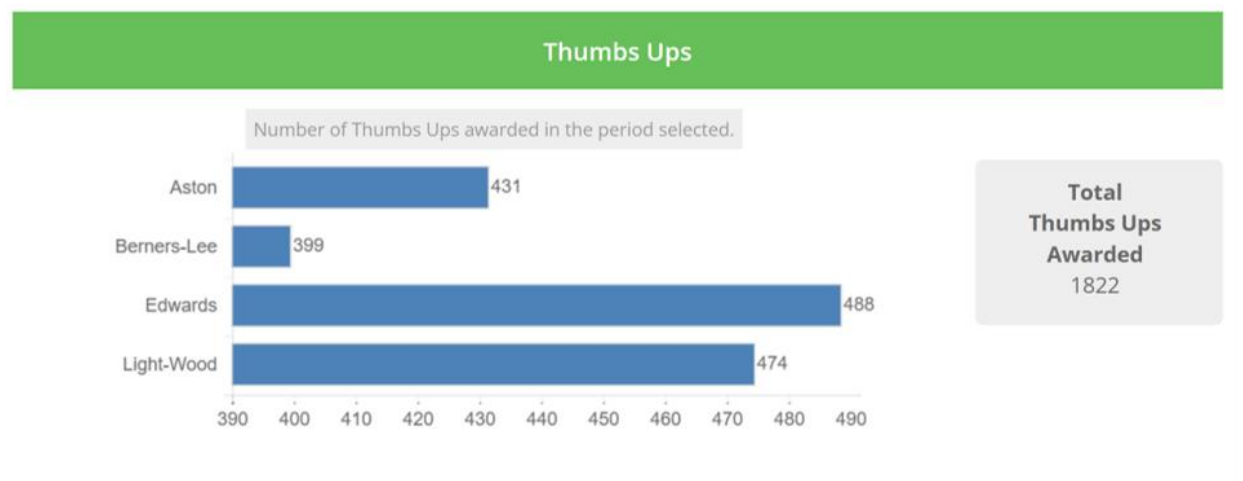
Emerald Yazmina



— AND —
THE WINNERS
are...

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 for the second week running!



Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Roblox



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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Dates for your Diary



Health for Life Cookathon - Monday 17th March

Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

Teacher Training Day School Closed to children - Monday 31st March

Spring Community Fair - Friday 4th April 1.30pm

Parents Evening - Monday 7th April and Wednesday 9th April

School Term Dates for Next 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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Apply for free school meals



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

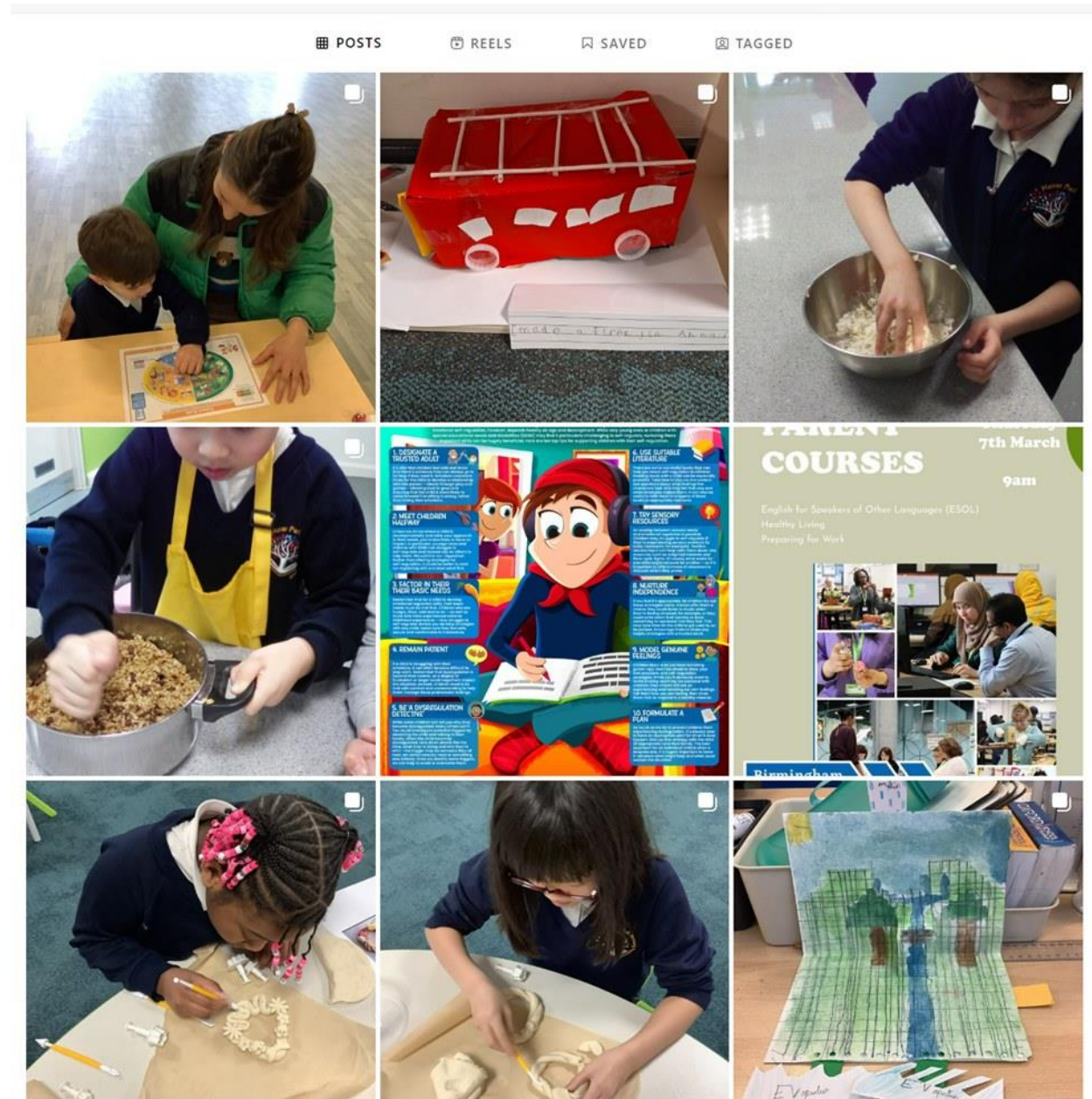
Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, you're not only ensuring they get a nutritious, hot meal every day but also supporting our school's funding? Every child who is registered for free school meals generates extra funding for the school, which we can invest directly back 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.

We are a Nut Free School!



Give us a follow on Instagram!

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



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



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 or call the school office.



**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



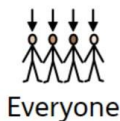
Miss Becky Lewis
Deputy
Headteacher
DSL



Mrs Natalie Brindley
SENDCo
DSL



Miss Jo Green
Lead DSL



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Please



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