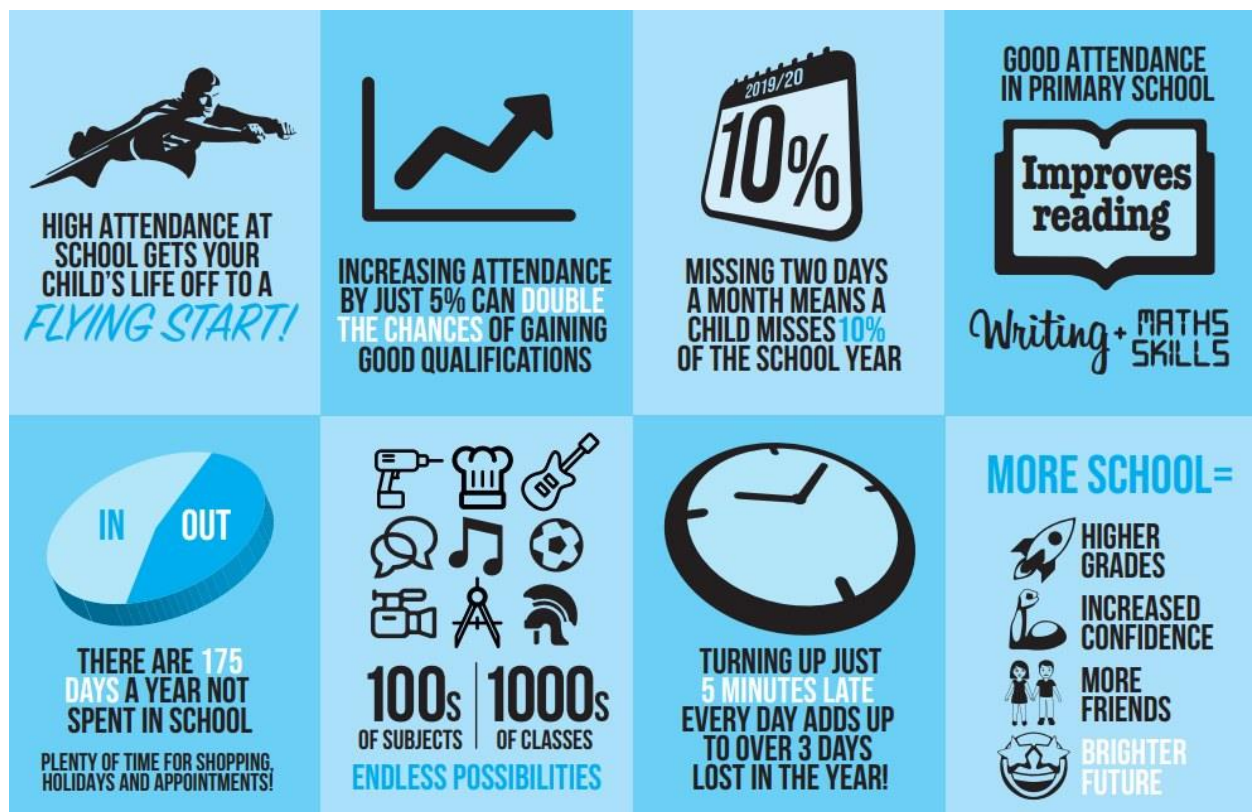




## Newsletter for 23rd May 2025

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 – Teal 99.1%**

**2nd Place – Crimson Turquoise 98%**

**3rd Place – Aqua 96.9%**

**Headteacher's Message**



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*Dear Families,*

*We celebrated the end of another successful half term with our 'Bounce and Ice Pops' event today, funded by proceeds raised at our Spring Community Fair. We are starting to plan our Summer Community Fair which will take place on 11th July, and we will be responding to parent and pupil voice from our last event.*

*Earlier this week, we welcomed some medical students from University of Birmingham into school. As part of their training to become doctors of the future, they will be spending time in classes at Manor Park in order to gain an insight into school life. This is also a fantastic opportunity for them to inspire our children to consider a future in medicine themselves!*

*All children return to school on Monday 2nd June. We would like to wish all of our children, parents and families a very happy Eid ul Adha, when it arrives. This is a very special celebration for many of our children and families and is expected to be celebrated on Friday 6th June. If your child/ren will be absent for a day for religious observance for Eid, please complete and return the form sent home this week.*

*Next half term, our Year 4 children will be showcasing their multiplication skills when they take part in the Multiplication Table Check (MTC), the purpose of which is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, an essential skill for future success in mathematics.*

*Later in the term, our Year 1 children will also be demonstrating their phonics skills in the Phonics Screening Check, a way to check their reading progress. In school, we have been preparing the children for these statutory assessments so that they can approach them with confidence, and we would like to thank parents and carers for supporting them at home too!*

*Please visit our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/> to see some lovely pictures from our weekly 'Stay and Play' sessions for Under 5s. If you know a parent or carer who has a child under 5, please encourage them to come along and join the play sessions, so they can meet other families and experience our beautiful Nursery provision!*

*Sessions run every Thursday during term-time, from 9:00-10:30 am.*

*I wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday break,*

*Christine Chapman*

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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 our value of 'Resilience'



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*Nursery Adyan*

*Indigo Ayaaz*

*Gold Ikenna*

*Copper Aisha*

*Aqua Marzia*

*Turquoise Milan*

*Cerise Vanessa*

*Crimson Zohan*

*Bronze Cisse*

*Ochre Ayham*

*Topaz Malaika*

*Ruby Areesha*

*Teal Fareed*

*Emerald Aleeza*

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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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THE WINNERS  
***are...***

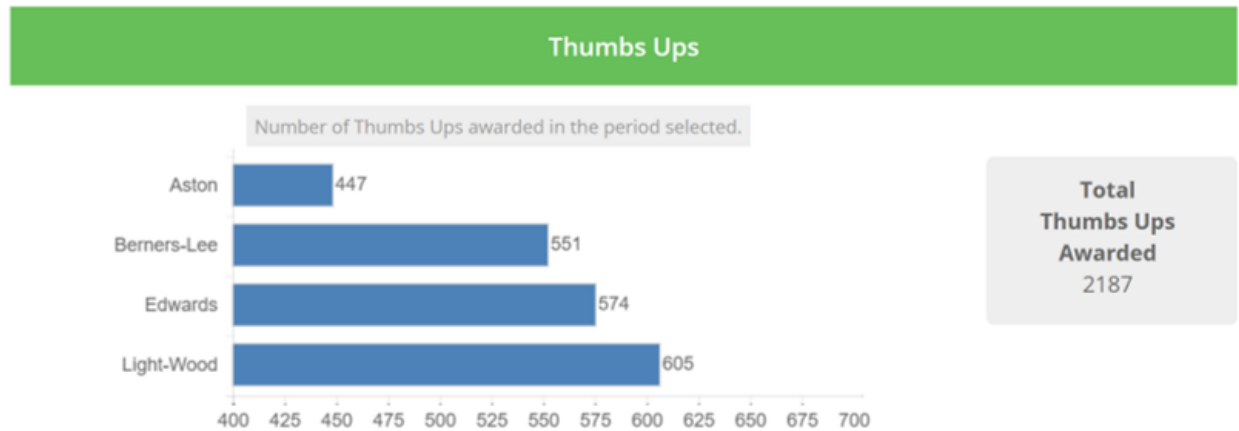


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House Points are now collected using Marvellous Me. **You can see you child's individual house points by clicking on the 'thumbs up' button.** However many 'thumbs up' they've had, this is the number of house points they have received in school!

*This week's winner overall is Lightwood!*

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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Violent Content Online



At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit [thenationalcollege.com](http://thenationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about VIOLENT CONTENT ONLINE

Around 72% of teenagers say they've seen real-life violence on social media in the past year – often from as young as primary school age. Just 6% actively seek it out, most encounter it through group chats or social media algorithms. From fights and pranks to hate speech and graphic media, exposure to violent content online is more widespread – and more harmful – than many adults realise.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA

Children and young people report feelings of anxiety, guilt, shame or fear after seeing violent content. For some, these effects may be brief, but for others, with existing vulnerabilities or prior trauma, the impact can be more severe. Many also feel pressured to 'tough off' violent content to fit in with friends, even when they find it disturbing.

#### DESENSITISATION

Older teens may become numb to violent content after years of exposure, believing they're unlikely to report it. Younger children also tend not to report it, usually because they don't believe anything will be done or because they're afraid of being labelled a 'snitch' by their peers.

#### BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

Exposure to online violence can lead to fear and avoidance behaviours – such as skipping school or staying indoors. When children see responses used to videos, it can heighten their perception that this world is unsafe and/or that it's worth becoming the character they're watching, leading to a weaponised themselves, such as a knife for protection.

#### HARMFUL IDEOLOGIES

Violent content online may overlap with racist, misogynistic or otherwise extremist ideas. These messages can be harmful to others or glorify violence as a way to gain power, popularity or respectability. Over time, this can normalise dangerous behaviours and attitudes among impressionable viewers.

#### DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT

Not all children are affected equally. Those who are excluded from school, marginalised, disabled or otherwise get hit harder by the effects of online violence. It's essential to consider these factors – including home life and access to safe spaces – when thinking about potential harm.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### CREATE SUPPORTIVE SPACES

Many children feel adults are too busy or won't understand their experiences online. Take time to build trust through one-on-one conversations about what they're seeing. If they don't want to speak to you directly, provide support towards trusted adults they can turn to for support.

#### KNOW WHAT'S ILLEGAL

Some violent content is strictly upsetting, while other examples may be criminal or a safeguarding matter that needs reporting. Help children understand the difference by sharing information about online law and reporting procedures. A useful resource is [reportonmyaccount.com](http://reportonmyaccount.com).

#### AVOID HARSH RESTRICTIONS

Fear of punishment is a major reason young people stay silent about violent content. Try not to overreact or threaten to take away devices. Instead, reassure children that they can speak openly and that asking for help won't get them into trouble.

#### UNDERSTAND TECH AND TRAUMA

Older children may already know how to block accounts or avoid triggering content. Many children or young people, however, have never been taught how to manage their online exposure. Just as importantly, teach them about the long-term effects of trauma: building resilience and emotional literacy for both online and offline life.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Power-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in digital safety, mental law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understanding of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide secure, healthy education in the digital age, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [online-mediaweb.com](http://online-mediaweb.com) for more.

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## Dates for your Diary



*Return to school - Monday 26th May*

Stay and Play Sessions - 9.00 to 10.30am every Thursday

Year 3 Trip to Cadbury World - Thursday 5th June

## 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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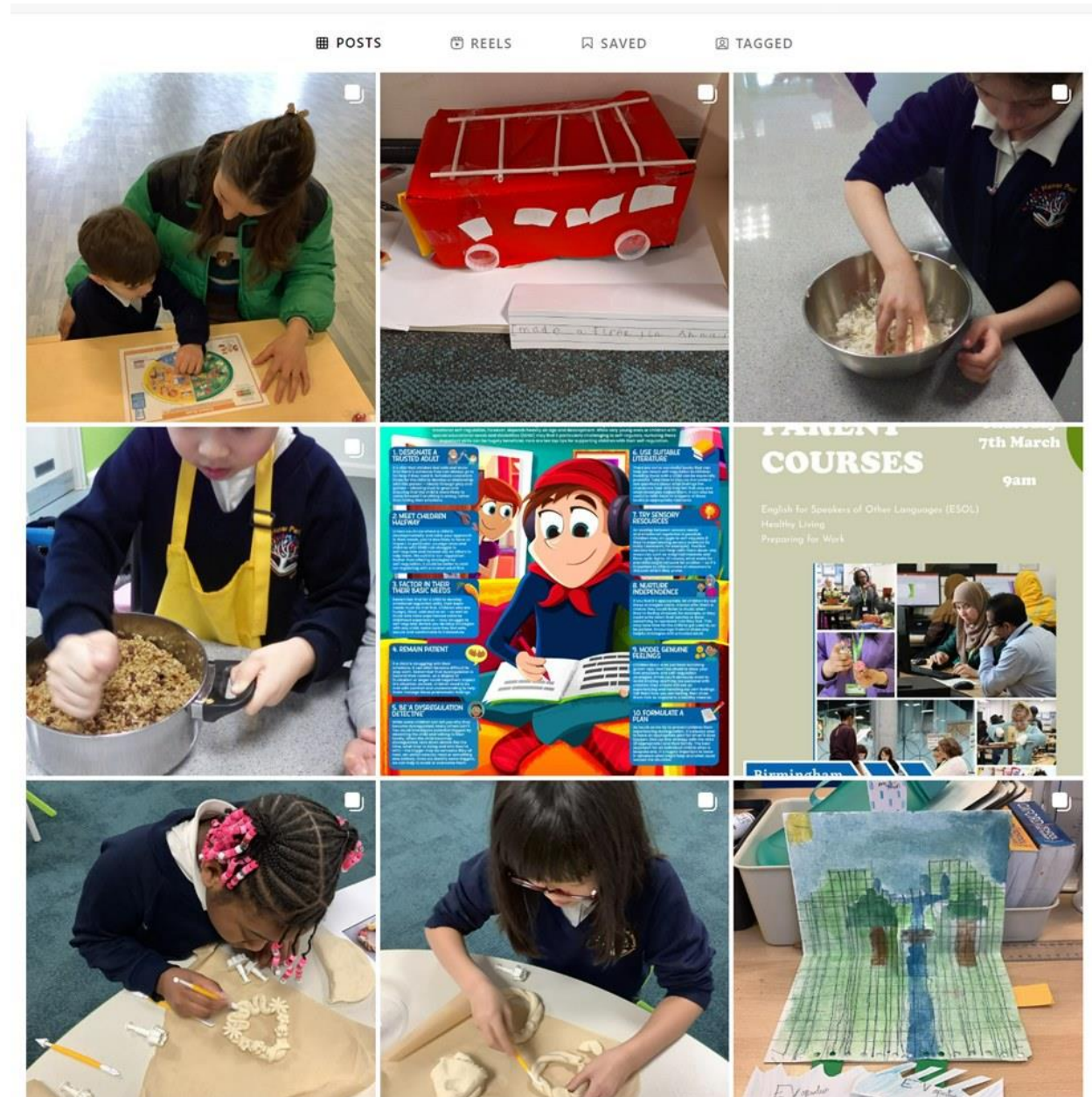


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If you need to report your child's absence...



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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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**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  
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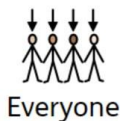
**Miss Becky Lewis**  
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Headteacher  
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**Mrs Natalie Brindley**  
SENDCo  
DSL



**Miss Jo Green**  
Lead DSL



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