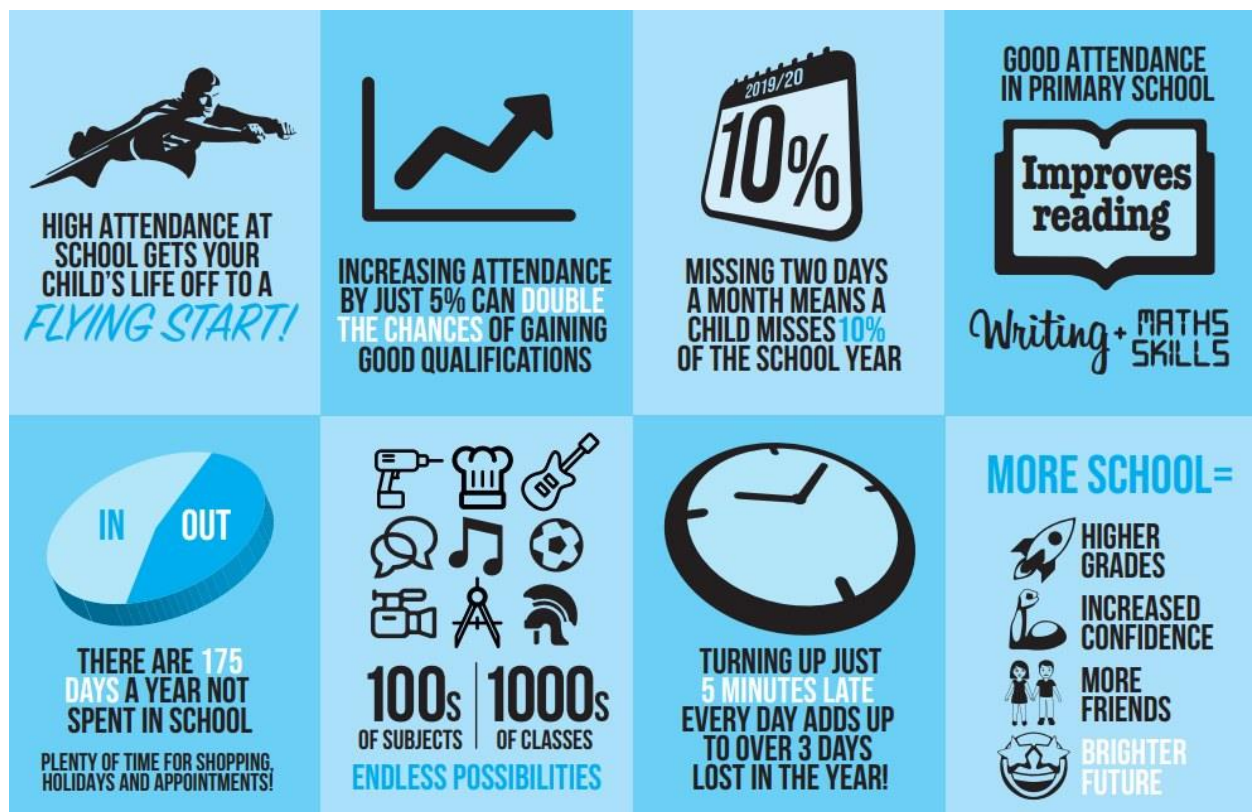




Newsletter for 7th February 2025

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.





Top Attendance for the Week

1st Place – Emerald 99.1%

2nd Place – Ruby 98.7%

3rd Place – Indigo 98.3%

Courage

Resilience

Gratitude

Respect

Aspiration

Kindness

Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

This week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and welcomed Compass Birmingham into school for assemblies and our Coffee & Chat Parent/ Carer session. Compass Birmingham

are dedicated to supporting families by providing essential mental health resources and we are delighted that they are working with our school this year.

We also welcomed into school new Teacher trainees from Newman University. Later in the term, we will also be joined by trainees from University of Birmingham and we are pleased to be playing our part in developing amazing teachers for the future!

Year 4 have been really busy this week. On Wednesday, they visited a local reservoir and today they are experiencing a live theatre show, along with children from Year 5. I hope they have a wonderful time as they complete their Culture Vulture 11BEFORE11 promise.

Next week, we have Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February, during which the children will be learning about how to stay safe online. A group of children from Year 6 will also be joining the Health for Life Awards event in Bournville, attended by the Lord Mayor and other schools who successfully participated in the project last year. Funding from Health for Life enabled us to purchase planting equipment, cooking equipment for our fantastic DT hub, apple trees, and much more!

Friday 14th February is the last day of this half term and all pupils return on Monday 24th February.

Have a wonderful weekend

Christine Chapman

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

Half Term Family Fun!

Half-Term Family Fun!



Wednesday 19th February 2025



1pm - 3pm



The Springfield Centre, Springfield Rd,
Moseley, B13 9NY

Please join Early Help, your local Children's Centre and other organisations at our Family Fun Day, where all parents can learn what support is available local to you!

Free activities available for children!



BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST



Hall Green
Families



Narthex
Journey To Change



Sparkbrook
Children's
Zone

- How can your local Family Hub support you? What resources are available?
- Are there groups you could join to link with likeminded parents?
- How can WE help YOU?

Do you have a child with Autism?

 **Communication and Autism**

 **Access to
Education**

Communication and Autism Team (CAT)
SPRING 2025 - Parent carer Advice Sessions online

We would like to invite you to a FREE one-to-one advice session alongside the Communication and Autism Team, to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

The sessions will take place online via Microsoft TEAM's and will last for 25 minutes.	Sessions are available on the following dates between 9am – 12pm 10 th February 2025 11 th February 2025 12 th February 2025
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Due to limited places, the sessions will be offered to the first families to contact us.

To reserve a place please email:

wendy.p.bantock@birmingham.gov.uk

or

joanne.clifford@birmingham.gov.uk

You will receive an email response to confirm your booking including the date and time of your session or to tell you that the sessions are full for this term.

We will be delivering more sessions online next term for parent carers too.

Please include in your email / booking that it is for the:

SPRING 2025 – CAT Parent carer Advice Sessions online

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- Your name – Parent carer
 - Your Child's name
 - Your Child's school
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- Please include in your preferred email contact for the TEAM's invite to be sent to
 - And a brief description of the things you would like to talk about in the session, so that the CAT can prepare and make sure the advice is relevant to your child.
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Jo Clifford, Wendy Bantock, Dawn Fisher, Viv Walters and Lisa Walmsley.

Further Support for Parents of Children with Special Needs

We're excited to offer a series of free webinars throughout the year from [Autism Assessment Hub](#), designed to provide valuable insights and support for anyone interested in autism, ADHD, and other aspects of neurodiversity.

Whether you're a parent, educator, or professional, these sessions are tailored to help you understand and support neurodivergent individuals.

Our first session, Information and Q&A with Our Autism and ADHD Specialists, will be held remotely/online, and we would love for you to join us Monday 24th February at 7:30 pm.

You can register for the webinar here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-and-qa-with-our-autism-specialists-remoteonline-tickets-1232811505399?aff=oddtcreator> -

Feel free to share this link with anyone who may benefit from attending.

Star of the Week



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

Nursery Celine

Indigo Kashim

Copper Salmah

Gold Aisha

Aqua Anayah

Turquoise Ali

Cerise Zara

Crimson Sayed

Ochre Cairo W

Bronze Hannah

Topaz David A

Ruby Arezou

Teal Sana

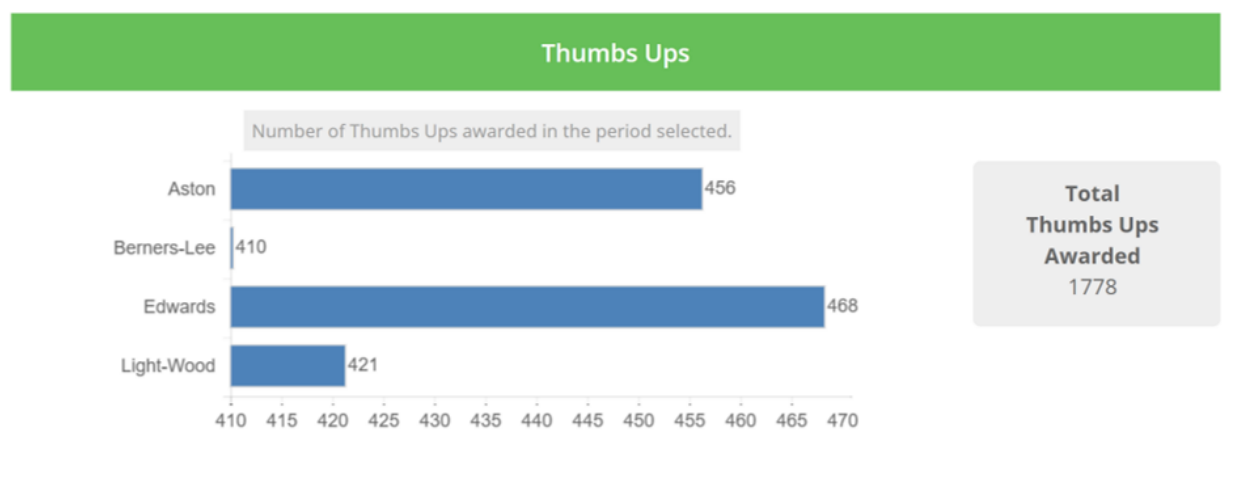
Emerald Rayann



— 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 winners overall is Edwards!



Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - Scams and Fake News



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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Dates for your Diary



Reception Eye Tests - Monday 10th February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February

End of Term - Friday 14th February

Back to School - Monday 24th February

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,

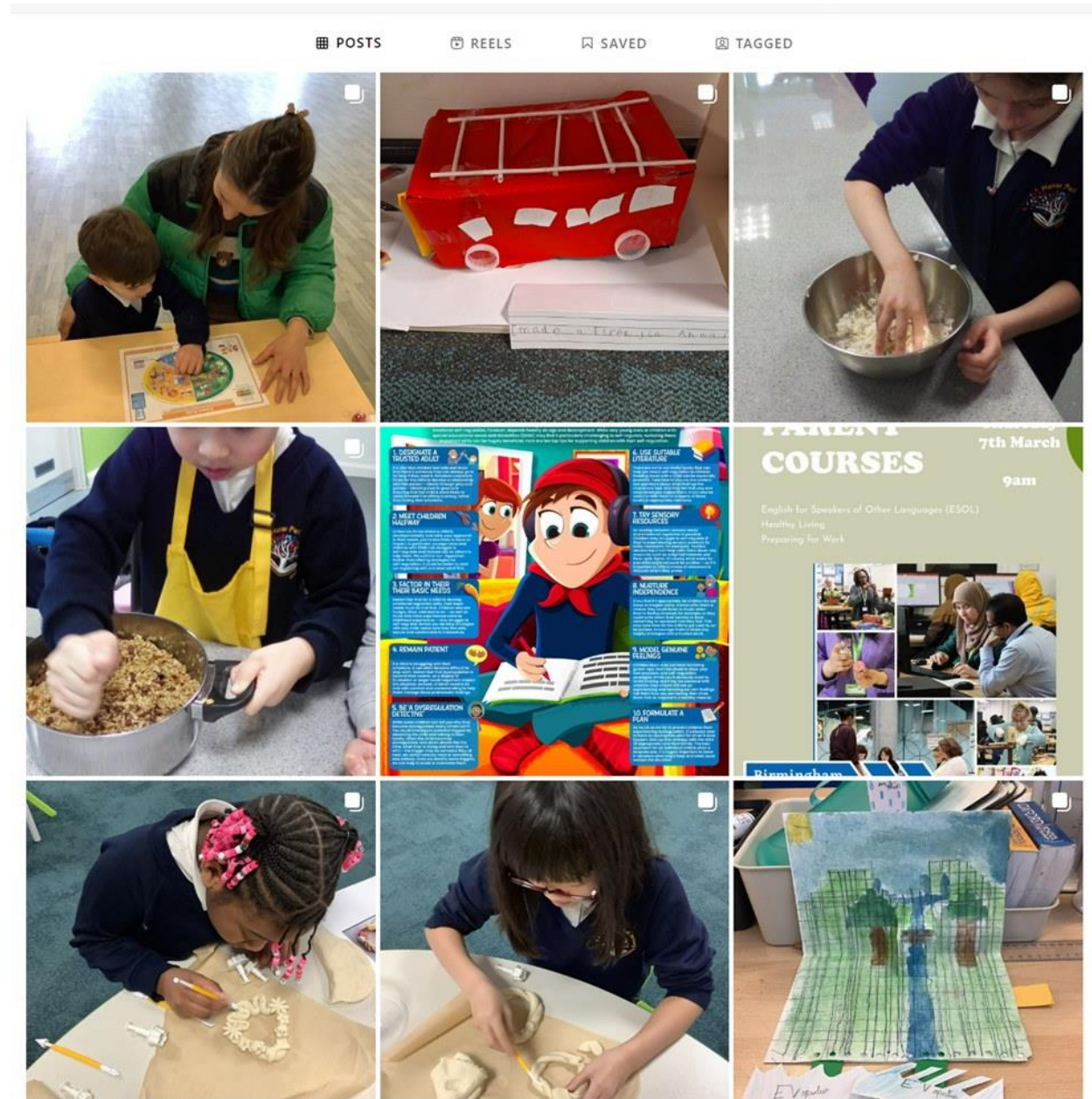
Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, you're not only ensuring they get a nutritious, hot meal every day but also supporting our school's funding? Every child who is registered for free school meals generates extra funding for the school, which we can invest directly back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



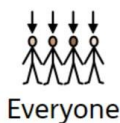
Miss Becky Lewis
**Deputy
Headteacher**
DSL



Mrs Natalie Brindley
SENDCo
DSL



Miss Jo Green
Lead DSL



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Please



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