

Weekly newsletter

Friday the 13th of February 2026

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A message from Mr Reed, our headteacher:

Dear families,

It has been another busy week at MCPA.

This week our Y4s had a brilliant trip to the Gurdwara. It is so important for us as a multicultural school to ensure that our pupils have these opportunities to learn about others' beliefs.

We also marked safer internet day with a special assembly, led by our community quality champions.

Today we invite our school community to wear yellow to mark children's mental health week. This isn't about raising money, it's about raising awareness, starting conversations and normalising talking about mental health.

We will see you all back at school on Monday the 23rd of February.



Have you got the Trackit Lights app? You can see all your child's points on this. You can also see what their current attendance percentage is.

Don't forget to order your child's dinner on school spider

Spotlight on: Staffing

Mrs Hall, our Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo is going off on maternity leave after the holidays. She'll be back with us in September, but don't worry, we have a fantastic inclusion team who will still be supporting your child in the meantime.

If you have any questions or queries about SEND, just drop us a line and the right person will get back to you:

pr-send@mca.manchester.sch.uk

SEND transition to Y7 will be handled by the Y6 team.

We are very pleased to share that Mrs El-Boghdadly, who many of you will know, will be taking over Y3 Silver Birch class for the rest of the year from after the holidays. We will be saying goodbye to Mr McKay who has been a temporary teacher since Mis Abdulhafeez left. Mrs El-B is a brilliant teacher who taught at MCPA for 5 years until she was promoted at another school. Luckily for us, she has agreed to come back.

Song of the week

In 2026, Mardi Gras falls on 17th February, which is also Shrove Tuesday, often called Pancake Day. It is the day before Lent begins. Lent is a special time in the Christian calendar when people spend 40 days thinking, reflecting, and sometimes giving something up as they prepare for Easter. Mardi Gras is a joyful celebration before this quieter period starts. We will be listening to "Iko Iko" by the Dixie Cups, a lively song linked to the Mardi Gras Indians of New Orleans. Mardi Gras Indians are New Orleans community groups who honor African American and Native traditions with handmade suits, music, parades, and pride each year together. The song celebrates tradition, community, and storytelling through music—along with a day of fun, music, and pancakes!



Class	This week's attendance:	This week's lates:
Y6 Elder	97.41%	6
Y6 Maple	98.35%	2
Y5 Hawthorn	91.57%	6
Y5 Aspen	94.64%	4
Y4 Ash	95.93%	6
Y4 Juniper	93.33%	7
Y3 Elm	96.30%	8
Y3 Silver Birch	96.76%	13
Y2 Oak	98.41%	0
Y2 Willow	97.32%	11
Y1 Beech	96.67%	10
Y1 Pear	93.00%	1
R Cherry	94.44%	2
R Hazel	97.08%	4
Nursery	91.04%	7



This week's best attendance:

Y2 Oak

**Class with no lates:
Y2 Oak**

Which house has the most trackits?



99762



83980



88892



75513

Our weekly winners!

	Star of the week	Trackit champ	Reader of the week
Nursery	Maddison	Kymani	Tomisa - Jay
Rec Cherry	Hassan	Clara	Fazeen
Rec Hazel	Ousman	Niamh	Hashim
Y1 Beech	Parimah	L'Reya	Madyar
Y1 Pear	Huma	Jersey-Vae	Sophia
Y2 Oak	Daniel	Assurance	Leonor
Y2 Willow	Naomi	Melody	Emmanuel
Y3 Elm	Ruba	Shouq	Maliya
Y3 Silver Birch	Iyla	Kyle	Isabella
Y4 Ash	Mila	David	Elizabeth
Y4 Juniper	Theo	Elshalom	Gurbani
Y5 Aspen	Malakai	Hasan	Murad
Y5 Hawthorn	Arthur	Lacy	Asmaa
Y6 Elder	Natnael	Yelda	Betsy
Y6 Maple	Yusuf	Destinee-Skye	Zak

Events next half term:

The first week back at school is our brilliant Scholastics Book Fair!

During the week, all of our children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair to see what books are available. On the following days, the hall doors will open for parents to come and visit, so that you can buy the books your children will love.

Remember, the more books you buy, the more support you give us to help purchase books for our class libraries!

The book fair is cashless, so please pay by card or cashless payment only.

Opening times for parents, in the school hall:

- Monday 23rd February: 3:30 – 4:00pm
- Wednesday 25th February: 3:30 – 4:00pm
- Thursday 26th February: 3:30 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 25th February - Chinese New Year themed lunch

W/c Monday 2nd March - Careers week, lots of exciting workshops and a special visit from our police and Fire Service.

Monday 2nd March - Y4 Viking workshop in school

Monday 2nd March - Year 5 - 6 Football Fixture at MCA (selected pupils)

Thursday 5th March - Year 5 Quarry Bank Mill Trip (more details to follow)

Friday 6th March - World Book Day - Come dressed as your favourite book character, prizes for the best dressed in each class

Tuesday 17th March - Year 3 and Year 4 Showcase in class - come along to see and hear about what your child is learning about this half term.

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day - We are asking pupils to wear red to show support for Red Nose Day and raise awareness for those in need.

Monday 23rd March - Eid Lunch, we welcome all our pupils to book and enjoy a themed lunch in school.

Tuesday 24th March - Year 5 and Year 6 Showcase in class

Tuesday 31st March - Reception Musical Celebration Stoller Hall

Tuesday 31st March - Year 1 & Year 2 Sing arounds Trip at Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Tuesday 31st March - Year 5 Science and Industry Museum trip

Wednesday 1st April - Year 3 & Year 4 Sing arounds Trip at Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

Wednesday 1st April - Urban Crew Enterprise day at MCA

Thursday 2nd April - Easter Fair after school (all families welcome!)

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for the Easter break at 3:20pm

Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays (2 week break)

Monday 20th April - Welcome back to school for the Summer Term