

Weekly newsletter

Friday the 29th of January 2026

A message from Mr Reed, our headteacher:

What a fantastic week we have had in school and beyond!

My personal highlights have been:

Y3s engaging brilliantly with their ancient Egyptian workshop, making their own ancient artefacts.

Y6 Maple having a great week out with Into University and receiving two complements from members of the public on their brilliant behaviour.

Welcoming lots of guests to our school who have been really impressed with how calm and focused our pupils are.

And of course our pupils' excellent attendance, which puts us in the top 4 schools in North Manchester - please keep it up!



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: School Street

MCPA is one of the few schools in Manchester to be given School Street status. This means that our street, Parkstead Drive, is closed to vehicles at drop off and pick up times.

This closure is enforced by a traffic order, which means that by driving past the signs, drivers are breaking the law and risk a fixed penalty notice. We have asked for traffic wardens to come randomly over the next few weeks to issue them.

On average, each day, we have approximately 13 blue badge holders who park on the school street. Whilst the restrictions do not apply to blue badge holders, we would ask that only those who really need to park on the street do.

Parking close to school creates a risk of children being hurt, and increases pollution which all our children breathe in.

So please, don't drive through the signs. Park further away from school and walk in.

Song of the week



To celebrate Play Your Ukulele Day on 2nd of February, we recommend listening to “Carmen” on the ukulele performed by Taimane, a talented musician from Hawaii.

The ukulele is a traditional Hawaiian instrument, and Taimane shows just how powerful and exciting it can be. In her performance, she plays fast, slow, loud, and soft sounds that tell a story through music. Even though there are no words, you can feel the energy and emotion. Watching Taimane reminds us that music can come from different cultures and that practice and creativity can turn a small instrument into something amazing.

Class	This week's attendance:	This week's lates:
Y6 Elder	94.81%	1
Y6 Maple	97.12%	8
Y5 Hawthorn	95.24%	8
Y5 Aspen	95.40%	8
Y4 Ash	96.93%	5
Y4 Juniper	95.93%	2
Y3 Elm	95.37%	11
Y3 Silver Birch	94.91%	13
Y2 Oak	99.60%	3
Y2 Willow	98.47%	5
Y1 Beech	94.44%	10
Y1 Pear	95.73%	2
R Cherry	91.71%	7
R Hazel	100.00%	2
Nursery	94.51%	10



This week's best attendance:

Rec Hazel

Punctuality winners: None

Which house has the most trackits?



70557



62516



60911



54670

Our weekly winners!

	Star of the week	Trackit champ	Reader of the week
Nursery	Mahad	Abow	Harper
Rec Cherry	Kairo	Chay	Nayla
Rec Hazel	Sedna	Natallie	Alyaan
Y1 Beech	Hawa	Brian	Myles
Y1 Pear	Mansa	Anthony	Aaiera
Y2 Oak	Zivar	El-fatih	Ava
Y2 Willow	Poppy	Coby	Ebube
Y3 Elm	Maliya	Gul	Annelise
Y3 Silver Birch	Kealen	Elias	Anaiah
Y4 Ash	Liyana	Ayaat	Tianna
Y4 Juniper	Amaar	Aizah	Savannah
Y5 Aspen	Rhema	Asad	Maria
Y5 Hawthorn	Hamza	Asmaa	Maxwell
Y6 Elder	Raie	Jemih	Favour
Y6 Maple	Latif	Wilfania	Muiz

Blue tokens!

Mrs Riley is working hard on our Forest School area but we need some funding. So if you are shopping in Tesco Blackley and Cheetham Hill over the next few weeks, please put a counter in our box



Events this half term:

**We have had to move a couple of events,
so here are the new dates:**

Tues 3rd of Feb - Reception stay and play 3:15pm

Tuesday 10th of Feb - Y1 & Y2 showcase 3:15pm

**Thursday 12th of Feb - nursery stay and play
2:30pm**

**Friday 13th of Feb - wear Yellow for mental health
awareness and last day of half term**

**Over the half term we will be running some Y1
phonics booster sessions and some Y6 revision
sessions - please keep an eye on school spider for
sign-up.**

Monday 23rd of Feb - return to school.