

Ducklings back on the farm

Our feathered friends have now returned to the farm and are continuing to thrive. Hatching the duck eggs every year has become a really significant event that staff and children look forward to. Learning about new life is continuing with caterpillars now, last time I checked we didn't have any butterflies but it won't be long, I'm sure!



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Mrs James & Mrs Colfer are inviting you into school for a coffee morning at 9am Friday 15th May in the conference room. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come in and find out about the RSE curriculum that will be taught in the second half of the Summer Term. They will share and explain the teaching materials and answer any questions with regards to withdrawing your child from the Sex Education lessons. [Here's the link.](#)

We will also be launching a parent consultation as we update the policy in line with changes the Department for Education are making from 1st September. [Here is the link to the revised Guidance for Sept 2026](#)

Level 2 Bikeability for Year 4, 5 and 6

We are offering your child the opportunity to attend a safe, structured and standardised Bikeability programme designed to make your child a more competent cyclist and prepare them for eventually cycling on road.

Training will be carried out by cyclinginstructor.com, the borough's cycle training provider, and will be delivered by 2 fully accredited National Standards cycling instructors with enhanced DBS checks.

All details have been emailed out to you. Please complete and sign the consent form and return it to the office by Friday 8th May.



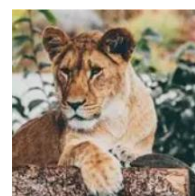
You said we did



We have gathered detailed information from the Parent Forum and from the children in school about changes we can make to Sports Week to include parents, as requested last Summer. We are still putting the final plans together. We have booked the fundraising goal shootout which was so

successful last year and are also organising a cross-class tournament to encourage healthy competition and team work. We are committed to providing opportunities to include parents whilst still being inclusive for our children who would find large scale events difficult.

We have continued to fulfil our commitment to have more trips and visitors for children. Next week Year 5 are visiting the British Library as part of their learning about Windrush. Year 4 are getting ready for London Zoo and Reception will be visiting Hertfordshire Zoo this term.



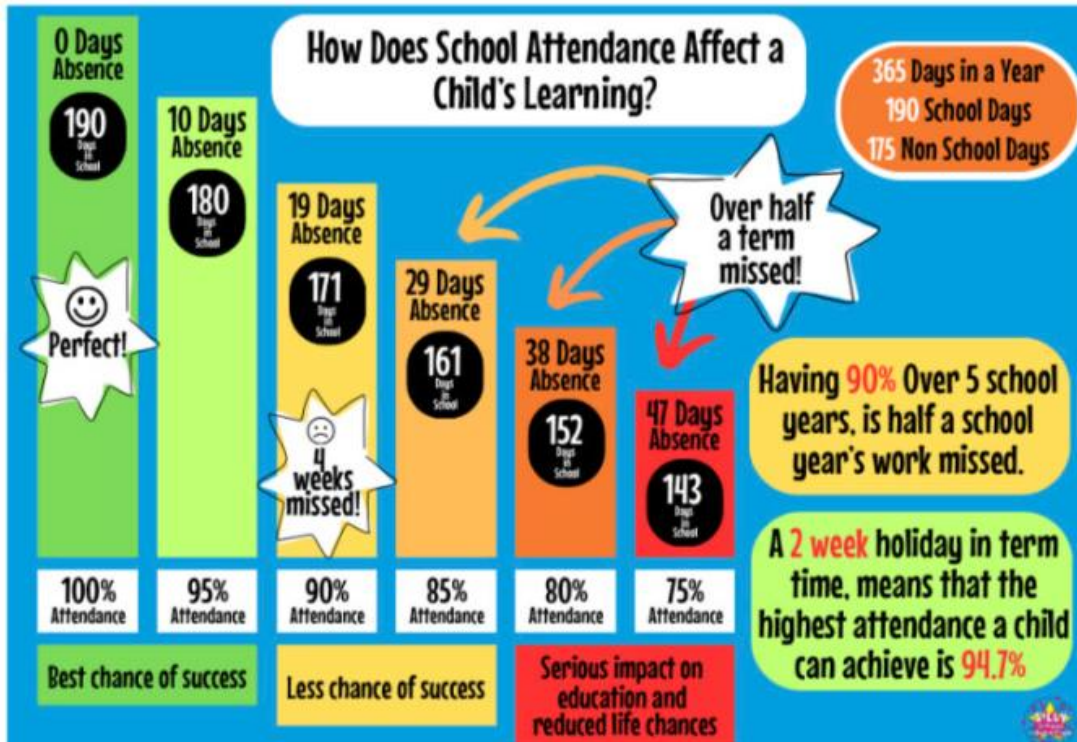
Parents Forum

Mrs Prasad is organising the next Parents Forum meeting for Thursday 11th June, more details to follow after half term. Some of our volunteer parents have also asked to organise a 'sale for someone special' linked with Father`s Day - watch this space!

Guess what...

Our focus on attendance and late gate is paying off! Many thanks for your support. Obviously, your children can't learn and follow the school curriculum if they are not in the building. We still have too many children who have less than 90% attendance and are missing too many days.

Here is a link to the [NHS guidance](#) about when children need to stay off school. Coughs, colds, sore throats and hay fever don't mean that children should stay at home. Often if you bring them in, they will feel better with their friends in class. If they are not well enough to be here, we can phone you.



Guess What...

Our plans to open the Preschool to 2 year olds continues to develop and we aim to be open to our first little children in September.



Unlike many Redbridge schools we have a full list of children who want to join our reception classes in September. When I last checked we had 60 children and 12 on the waiting list, our school remains very popular with parents.

Parent Governor

No parents attended the information session about the vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent Governor. However, one parent has expressed an interest and is considering taking on this important responsibility which directly influences your children's time at Manford.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th May - Polling Day (school closed) Preschool, Reception, Year 6 and Hatton
In school - Year 1,2,3,4 and 5 google classroom at home

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 12th May - Class 5BC visiting The British Library

Wednesday 13th May - Class 5N - visiting The British Library

Monday 18th May - Year 4 London Zoo Trip

Tuesday 19th May - Fluoride Application (2nd visit) for Preschool, Reception and Year 1

Thursday 21st May - Reception trip to Hertfordshire Zoo

Friday 22nd May - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May - HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Monday 1st June - INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Thursday 4th June - Reception Hearing and Vision with The Redbridge Team

Wednesday 10th June - Whole Class Photos with school photographer

Wednesday 10th June - Geography Competition for some Year 5 pupils

Thursday 11th June - Parent Forum (9am-10am) with Mrs Prasad (more details to follow)

Monday 15th June - 11+registration CLOSES

Monday 15th to Friday 19th June - Year 4,5 & 6 Bikeability Course (level 2)

Thursday 18th June - Sale for Someone Special (more details to follow)

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June - Year 4,5 & 6 Bikeability Course (level 2)

Monday 29th June - Arc Theatre's FREE counter hate and extremism performance programme for Years 5 & 6 - extended tour for the Mayor's Shared Endeavour Fund