



Morgans School

# MORGANS MAIL

Nurturing Life-Long Learning

02/05/2025

Last Saturday's 75th anniversary public event surpassed all our expectations. With more than 200 visitors on a lovely sunny day the school shone and gleamed. There were many tales told by past pupils and we were delighted to welcome Mrs Connelly as the first Headteacher of the amalgamated Morgans JMI. The day was a wonderful celebration of days gone by with a presentation on the history of the school. My abiding memory though is of the pride shown in the school and the friendships that have been sustained throughout the years. As one of the children said to me, "I'll definitely come back for the centenary!"

Today was another Morgans tradition with the annual Morgans Mile. Having seen the London Marathon on Sunday, I am always amazed by the sheer determination to get to the finish line. From Nursery to Year 6 the children gave 100% effort and were cheered on by peers and parents. Well done on trying to beat your Personal Best times especially in this heat! Your sponsorship in helping to raise money for FOMS in supporting school projects, including outdoor learning, is truly wonderful! A huge thank you especially to Miss Milazzo for organising the day and the unstinting support of FOMS who stood out in the heat selling drinks, uniform and merchandise all day.

With the temperature about to drop next week, I hope you all enjoy the long weekend of sunshine, whatever your plans.

See you on Tuesday!

Helen Melidoro  
Head Teacher



## Dates for your Diary

- 05/05 Bank Holiday
- 06/05 Year 2 Trip to Lea Valley
- 08/05 Class Photos
- 22/05 Year 4 Class Assembly
- 22/05 Nursery Information Meeting
- 06/06 ROSE Day
- 12/06 Whole School Photo

## Learning power of the week

**Collaboration Award**

I work and learn well with others

I am friendly

I work well in a team

I know when to speak up and when to listen

I respect other people's ideas

I know when to lead and when to follow

**COLLABORATION**

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# Dinner Menu

## WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>STEP 1</b> Choose from...					
<b>Main</b>	<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b> to go with Mixed Pasta, Sweetcorn	<b>Sticky Chicken</b> to go with Mixed Rice, Sweetcorn	<b>Roast Gammon</b> to go with Mixed Veg, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	<b>Sausage</b> to go with Carrots, Mashed potato	<b>Cod in Batter</b> to go with Chips, Peas
<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Vegetarian Bolognese</b> to go with Baked Beans, Mixed Pasta	<b>Courgette &amp; Feta Cheese Frittata</b> to go with Mixed Rice, Side Salad	<b>Cauliflower Cheese Pie</b> to go with Broccoli	<b>Roasted Veg Lasagne</b> to go with Side Salad	<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pinwheels</b> to go with Baked Beans, Chips
<b>Combo</b>	<b>Wrap</b> to go with Salad Sticks with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	<b>Pasta</b> with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato</b> to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese &amp; Beans</small>	<b>Jacket Potato</b> with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans	<b>Wrap</b> with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham
<b>STEP 2</b> ...and to finish!	<b>Apple Sponge</b> Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	<b>Cherry Muffins</b> Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	<b>Oaty Fruit Crunch</b> Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	<b>Lemon Cheesecake</b> Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	<b>Choc Ice</b> Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view [relishschoolfood.co.uk](http://relishschoolfood.co.uk) for Allergen Information

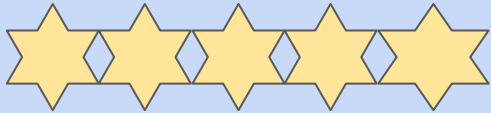
Please discuss your child's meal choice and ensure your child knows their meal choice each day. We are unable to swap for an alternative once the children are in the dining hall





## Stars of the Week

The following children were nominated by the MSAs for good manners and joined Mr Collin this week on the Star Table.



Reception- Celia  
 Year 1 - Alfie and Grace  
 Year 2 - Maddison  
 Year 3 - Monty + Stevie  
 Year 4 - Remy and Billy  
 Year 5 - Johnny and Albie  
 Year 6 - Emrah



## Celebration Awards

The following children received a Celebration Certificates for showing exceptional learning:

Reception - Izzy and Vinnie  
 Year 1 - Sienna and Max  
 Year 2 - Seb and Elliott  
 Year 3 - Florence + Talia  
 Year 4 - William and Billy  
 Year 5 - Holly, Ellie, Icen, Penny, Beckett (Elder) and Sienna WR  
 Year 6 - Oscar RA  
 Headteacher: Penny, Holly, Icen, Ellie and Alice, Y5

## Attendance



Attendance Registration	Present R/C: Marks
Nursery Oak	100%
Reception	94.14%
Year 1	89.69%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	93.16%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	93.85%
Year 6	96.9%

Well done to Year 1 for winning Attendance Alpaca and Reception Punctuality Piglet



*Who illustrated The Gruffalo, written by Julia Donaldson?*

- a. Judith Kerr*
- b. Tony Ross*
- c. Axel Scheffler*





# Morgans 75th Anniversary Celebrations





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# Year 6: K'NEX Workshop - Challenge 2025

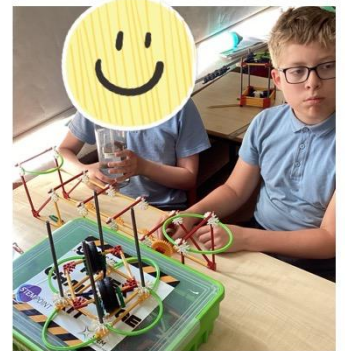
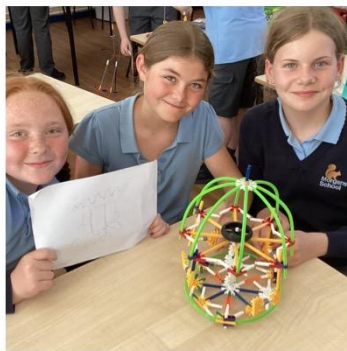
On Wednesday 30th April, Year 6 were able to participate in a K'NEX workshop. The experience was difficult! We were set the challenge to design and build a fairground ride in pairs. In Pine class, most groups built roller coasters, one group built a carousel and one group built a flying carpet

Four people from Yr6 are through to the K'NEX finals and will be competing with the whole of Hertfordshire. The experience was very fun and everyone enjoyed it.

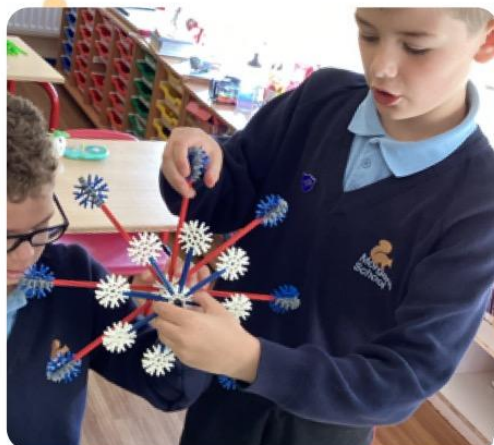
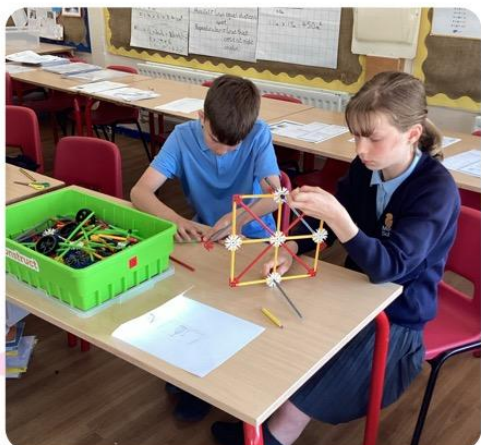
Filip and Alex

## Pine class winners

## Year 6 Knex Challenge Designing and building fairground rides



## KNEX CHALLENGE





# Year 4: Morgans Mile



Year 4  
Morgans mile



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# Year 5: Morgans Mile



**Year 5 Morgan's mile  
2.5.2025**





# Year 3: Morgans Mile



## Year 3 Morgan's mile



PIC • COLLAGE

# House Points Results: 02/05/2025

1st



210

2nd



172

3rd



139

4th



103





## Let's look at this week's story



Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11<sup>th</sup> March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



# Music News Update

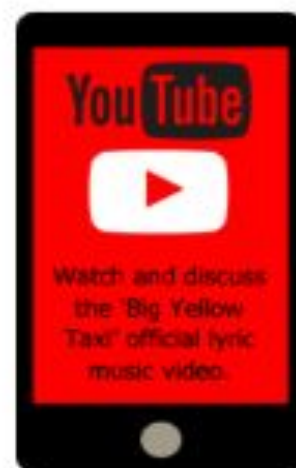


## HOME INFORMATION



### April's Musician of the Month

# Joni Mitchell



**About:** Joni Mitchell, born in 1943, is a Canadian-American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and painter. As one of the most influential singer-songwriters to emerge from the 1960s folk music circuit, Mitchell became known for her personal lyrics and unconventional compositions which grew to incorporate pop and jazz elements. She has received many accolades, including ten Grammy Awards and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

**Genres:** Folk, Pop, Jazz and Rock

**Active from:** 1964-Present

**Origin:** Fort Macleod, Canada

Books to read...



If you like Joni Mitchell, try...

- Cat Stevens (Yusef Islam)
- Joan Armatrading
- Crosby, Stills and Nash

# Attendance Matters

<b>100%</b>	<b>0 Days</b>	<b>0 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>99%</b>	<b>1 Day</b>	<b>5 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>98%</b>	<b>3 Days</b>	<b>15 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>97%</b>	<b>1 Week</b>	<b>25 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>96%</b>	<b>1.5 Weeks</b>	<b>35 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>94%</b>	<b>2 Weeks</b>	<b>50 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>93%</b>	<b>2.5 Weeks</b>	<b>65 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>92%</b>	<b>3 Weeks</b>	<b>75 Lessons Missed</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>3.5 Weeks</b>	<b>90 Lessons Missed</b>

## Attendance Matters

*Here every day*

*Here on time*

### Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year...

was 95%  
was 90%  
was 85%  
was 80%  
was 75%

Your child would have lost approximately...

9 Days from School  
19 Days from School  
29 Days from School  
38 Days from School  
48 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

50 Lessons  
100 Lessons  
150 Lessons  
200 Lessons  
250 Lessons



*Attendance Alpaca*

*Punctuality Piglet*

### Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...

5 Minutes  
10 Minutes  
15 Minutes  
20 Minutes  
25 Minutes

Your child would have lost approximately...

3.5 Days from School  
7 Days from School  
10 Days from School  
14.5 Days from School  
22 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

20 Lessons  
41 Lessons  
55 Lessons  
82 Lessons  
123 Lessons

*The year group with the best weekly punctuality and attendance will have the privilege of having 'Attendance Alpaca' or 'Punctuality Piglet' in their classrooms for a week. How exciting!*

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare pupils for life after primary school where many will have to dress smartly for their next stage of their education and then latter on in their work.

It would be fair to say that, in the last week we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for pupils and parents.

The following items are part of our **essential** school uniform:

Navy blue v-necked jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan. Hoodies are not permitted

Light blue polo shirt

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Light blue, round neck PE t-shirt

Plain navy blue PE shorts (not cycling shorts)

PE trainers (velcro unless pupil can tie laces)

Black school shoes - **trainers, boots, sandals or shoes with heels are not permitted**

Black/grey/white socks or tights (ankle or knee high not trainer socks)

## Optional school uniform

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Light blue PE t-shirt with school logo
- Plain (not branded) navy blue joggers/tracksuit for PE during winter months
- Light blue gingham summer dresses during summer term (until Autumn half term)

There are no restrictions on the colour of school coats

School bags/rucksacks should be large enough to carry school equipment e.g. reading book, pencil case, jotter, packed lunch and water bottle

Jewellery is not permitted unless it is worn for religious reasons. Pupils with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings only. Earrings must be removed for PE/sports activities

Smartwatches/Fitbits are not permitted

Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back at all times

Small hair accessories must be navy blue, black or brown

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Haircuts should be appropriate for school

Thank you for your support and understanding.

## 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

### Autumn Term 2024

**Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 20th December 2024 (1.15pm finish)**

Inset Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Inset Day 2: Friday 25th October 2024

**Half-Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024**

Inset Day 3: Friday 22nd November 2024

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025**

### Spring Term 2025

**Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April 2025 (1.15pm finish)**

**Half-Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025**

Inset Day 4: Monday 24th February 2025

**Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025**

### Summer Term 2025

**Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (1.15pm finish)**

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day)

Inset Day 5: Friday 23rd May 2025

**Half-Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025**

Occasional Day: Wednesday 23rd July 2025

### Autumn Term 2025

**Thursday 4th September – Friday 19th December 2025 (1.15pm finish)**

Inset Day 1: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Inset Day 2: Friday 24th October 2025

**Half-Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025**

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026**

### Spring Term 2026

**Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March 2026 (1.15pm finish)**

**Half-Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026**

Inset Day 3: Monday 23rd February 2026

**Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Monday 10th April 2026**

### Summer Term 2026

**Monday 13th April – Tuesday 21st July 2026 (1.15pm finish)**

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026 (May Day)

**Half-Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026**

Inset Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Inset Day 5: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Occasional Day: Thursday 23rd July 2026

# Parking Reminder

A reminder about parking:

**Please remember not to park in the school car park at drop off or pick up from the Dell. The car park is open in the morning to allow ease of access for staff parking.**

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. The Senior Leadership Team regularly monitors and reviews parking outside Morgans School. We would emphasise the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

For many years at Morgans we have always had our main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, neighbours, staff and visitors.

By following these points, you will be helping to ensure that drop off and collection times at Morgans are as safe as possible. We would like you to support us in this and ask that you observe the request so that we all do our utmost to keep everyone safe. We kindly ask you to approach the school using the following route and support us by following the important points below:

- If you access Morgans Road from Bullocks Lane, please follow the road round to the left into Highfield Road, then turn right into Queens Road which leads into Morgans Road, the school will be on your left.
- Walk to school whenever possible, including parking further from the school and walking the last part of the journey.
- Please obey all road signs on our school site, including the no entry signs on the car park gate at drop off and pick up times.
- Do not park, drop off or pick up across the yellow zig zag lines or areas for emergency access – this is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement or grass verges both on and off our school site.
- Do not block resident drives – help us to be **collaborative** with our neighbours and local residents.
- Do not park in the staff car park unless you are collecting a sick child.
- Do not park in the designated disabled bays unless you hold a valid disability parking permit.

**We thank you for your support and understanding.**

