



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Friday 26 04 24

Thank you for your recent submission, and congratulations on completing your Artsmark journey.

You've achieved an Artsmark Silver Award!

We are delighted to inform you that your setting has been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award. Congratulations!

Your Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and we're pleased to share this feedback from our assessors with you:

'It is great to see how Manby Lodge Infant School has used its second Artsmark journey to strengthen arts provision following the inevitable impact of the pandemic.

You have focused particularly strongly on Art, responding to your survey of the children's views and to their enthusiasm for creative activities. You have invested in training for staff, developed skills progression in the curriculum, introduced sketchbooks and fostered the confidence of your staff both through training and through opportunities to develop their own creative skills.

You also listened to pupil voice in removing visible 'marking' from children's art work. It will be interesting to see how you can harness your pupils' views further and perhaps you might again consider the role of an Arts Council.

You have reviewed and revised your music curriculum offering twilight sessions for Charanga music which were also attended by local schools. Music is now taught by the class teacher and your more confident staff now enjoy teaching sequenced lessons building on skills. Your school choir, which has enjoyed performing locally, is one of a number of clubs you have developed.

You have worked to ensure that vulnerable pupils are funded to attend and have increased uptake by Pupil Premium children very significantly.

Your annual international week offers performance opportunities with children participating in music and dance workshops and completing and displaying art pieces. With the strong support of senior leadership, it is clear that you value the arts and the challenge now will be to see how ambitious you can be.

Can drama and dance follow the model of your development of music and art? Can children explore digital media further? Can you use the arts to support wider learning and show how they can impact on reading, writing, speaking and listening? Might your teachers incorporate action research into developing the arts into their NPQ studies? Can you further develop your use of the arts to reflect and celebrate the diversity of society? As you extend your links to other schools, to creative practitioners and arts organisations, you will find opportunities to support CPD for staff and enrich your children's experiences further. There are many potential excitements ahead and we look forward greatly to hearing how you continue your Artsmark journey!

Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!

Your award is valid for two years and will expire on **26 April 2026**