

# Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Wow, the last 2 weeks have really flown by since the last Newsletter was sent out. There has been lots of exciting activities and learning taking place in the classrooms and I have welcomed the Mayor of Thornbury, Helen Ball, to Manorbrook to discuss our school and its community. It is always lovely to have visitors into school so I can share lots of information about who we are and what makes Manorbrook great!

Thank you to everyone for your efforts to ensure that the children are in school every day. Being in school ensures that the children continue to learn and don't have gaps in the delivery of knowledge to them. Whilst everybody is unwell at times and we understand this, ensuring attendance is as regular and consistent as possible really makes a difference. On this note, I was asked last week about what equates to good attendance and so thought this graphic might help to inform everyone about how many days lost learning the attendance percentage equates to over a year:

## Attendance Ladder



## Reception Class Open Days for September 2026

If you know someone who is looking for a place in Reception 2026, we have tours of the school taking place from the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025. We are now full for almost all the dates, but we do have availability on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. All the dates/times are available on our website under 'Prospective Parent Information'.

Please phone or email the office to add names to the list.

## Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The booking portal on Arbor is now closed.

## After School Clubs Next Week

A reminder that teacher-led clubs will not run next week as there are parent consultation evenings taking place. Future Stars and Forest Club will run as normal.

## Census Day School Dinners

A massive thank you to everyone who ordered a school dinner on Census Day in the infants. The vast majority of people did. This will help to generate some extra funding for us, which we particularly appreciate in these financially challenging times.

## Macmillan Coffee & Cake Morning

Our coffee morning to support MacMillan on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of our fabulous school community, we raised £88.00. A big thank you to FOM also in their support with running this event.



## Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

## Car Park Use

A polite reminder that **parents must not park in the staff car park for dropping off children before school or collecting children during the school day**, as staff are coming in steadily before school and every space is needed. Please also do not park in the space directly outside the school vehicle gates (i.e. between the vehicle gates and the road) as it narrows the entrance for other users and can block the footpath for pedestrians walking past the school gate. Please park safely and considerately on Park Road, as very many parents already do. Thank you.

## Walk to School Wednesdays and Fridays



We count Walk to School numbers on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please try and support this if you can; if you drive to school, you may be able to stop the car a distance from school and walk the rest of the way. **We award the golden trainer to the class with the highest percentage of walkers.**

**This week's winners were Jackdaws (Y6) with 91%.**

## World Polio Day



# WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER



As some of you will remember from this time last year, we worked with the Rotary Club and supported them in fundraising for one of their charities, namely End Polio Now, which has the aim of finally eradicating polio and consigning it to history.

Again, we will be participating this year by joining in with Purple Pinkie Day on 24<sup>th</sup> October. We will be introducing this to children in assembly during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October and then we will be running a fundraising day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. This will take the form of a non-uniform day, where the children are encouraged to wear something purple (please no purple hair or facepaint!) and have their finger (pinkie) dyed purple. The purple dyed finger is the method used to signal that children have received their polio vaccine in the parts of the world where the disease is still prevalent. All children can take part, and there will also be an opportunity to contribute a voluntary £1 donation on the day to support the vaccination work.

If you are interested in finding out more about Polio and the End Polio Now campaign, more information can be found on:

<https://www.endpolio.org/>

<https://www.endpolio.org/what-is-polio>

### 'Friends of Manorbrook' News

**Disco:** The school disco returns on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** and booking is now open! The Year 1 and 2 disco will take place from 5pm to 6pm and the Year 3 to Year 6 disco will take place from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. If you are able to help on the night for the Year 3 to Year 6 disco, please let your class rep know.

Please note: to manage capacity constraints and allow our youngest children the chance to settle in, this event will be open to Year 1 classes and upwards only.

**Quiz + Chips:** Booking is also open for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** from 7pm.

You can book tickets to both events at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>

**Cake sale:** The next cake sale will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** after school. This time it will be Year 6 and Year 4's turn to provide the cakes!

The **FOM AGM** was really well attended and it was nice to see some new faces. We have lots of new trustees who are looking forward to getting stuck into some more fundraising for the school this year for laptops, tech in the Key Stage 2 hall and looking for grants for a sensory pod.

There was a great turn out for the **Reception Welcome Event**, and it was lovely to see such a happy bunch of children and adults enjoying the entertainment.

Does your employer match fundraising you've helped achieve? 🌟 Many do — which could double what we raise for the school! Please check with your HR team and let FOM know.

Together we can make an even bigger difference for our children. 💛

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Yours sincerely,  
**Paul Medicott**

[Remaining Inset days – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2 April 2026, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026](#)

<b>OCTOBER – Term 1</b>		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Y4 Slimbridge Trip
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Y6 Lifeskills Trip
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		FOM Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Non Uniform/Purple Pinkie Day & Last day of Term 1

<b>NOVEMBER – Term 2</b>		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Pupils return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Individual School Photos
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	FOM Quiz & Chips
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	15:20	Y4 & Y6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour