

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this term! The last 8 weeks have really flown by, with so many things happening and I think we are at a point where the children are looking forward to a bit of a break! During this week, I have also met with the first group of prospective parents for our Reception (EYFS) intake for next September. It is always lovely to talk about our school and what it can offer to the young people and families that will hopefully join us. Thanks also goes to the year 6 children who have supported showing our visitors around our school.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our recent Parents' Evening consultations during this term, I hope that you found these useful and gained a better insight into your child/ren. The relationship between school and home is such a critical one and making the time to come and discuss your child only helps to strengthen this bond.

As we end this term in our non-uniform for Purple Pinkie Day and looking forward to the FOM discos this evening, can I take this opportunity to say thank you for the very warm welcome that you have given me since I joined Manorbrook in September. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and learning more and more about our school each and every day and look forward to the excitement that term 2 always brings!

If I don't see you at the end of today, can I wish you all a very happy break next week and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th November (Monday 3rd is an Inset Day).

Notification of Absence

Please remember that if your child is absent, we always need to be notified, and preferably before 9.00 am. You can email, or call, leave a voicemail, or leave a note or verbal message with the adult on the door (usually Mr Medicott) if dropping off another child. We will chase reasons via text initially then via phone. However, it helps our busy admin staff if they do not have to chase explanations. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Sickness Rules

Please can we remind parents that if your child has been poorly with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for at least 48 hours since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child returns to school before the 48-hour timeframe, we will request that your child is collected and returned home.

Individual School Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Friday 7th November to take individual school photographs. (Please note this date has been changed from the 5th to the 7th November). As a result there will be **no** Commendation Assembly on Friday 7th November as the hall will be in use.





Anti-bullying Week 10th - 15th November Featuring Odd Socks Day

The above week is national Anti-bullying Week. We will discuss this important subject in an assembly on Monday. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect', which fits very well with our school values.

We will also be joining in with **Odd Socks day on Monday 10th November**, so please send your children into school in uniform but with 'odd socks' if you can. This is to signify that being different/ individual is something to be celebrated. Throughout the week the children will learn to identify bullying and to know what to do if they feel they are being bullied or worried. It may be helpful for you to know that we ask them to think of 'Five Trusted Adults', namely people they can go to for help or reassurance, not only in cases of bullying, but whenever they are upset, worried or unsure. They should all also know our anti-bullying rhyme, which is: "If you think you're being bullied, here's a simple rule; tell a friend or parent, or anyone at school." this is displayed in every class and used in conjunction with the "Five Trusted Adults" messaging to remind them not to keep their worries to themselves

Keeping School Grounds Litter Free

Unfortunately we are seeing regular occurrences of lots of litter being dropped and left in and around the school grounds recently. These instances appear to occur after school when children stay to use the playground. Please can we remind parents that all children must be supervised when in the playground after school and please could we ask that any litter is placed in the bins available on the playground. If the bins are full please can we politely ask that you take your litter home with you to dispose of appropriately. Thank you for your support with this.

Car Park

Please can we remind everyone that parents are not to drive into the car park/park in the staff car park at any time during the school day, morning drop off or afternoon pick up. The car park may however be used later on in the evening for collection from MOSC. 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 Goldfinches (Y3) with 82%.

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Quiz + Chips: We are still taking bookings for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – on **Friday 7th November** from 7pm. Bookings will close on Monday 3rd November, so get in fast!

You can book tickets for this event at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>

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

The **Christmas Movie Night** will be taking place on **Friday 28th November**. The children have voted and we will be showing The Grinch! Just £3.50 for the movie and sweets, or £5 including the movie, a hot dog and sweets. Places are limited and entry is via advanced booking only. Bookings will open soon! This event is open to all year groups.

Save the date: our **Christmas Fair** will be taking place on **Friday 12th December** from 6pm to 8pm. It is the perfect way to have some festive family fun, so keep the date free! Don't forget to let us know if you or a family member have a business or work for a company that would be willing to donate a prize for **the raffle** - any donations will be much appreciated.

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,

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

NOVEMBER – Term 2		
Monday 3rd		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th		Pupils return to school
Thursday 6 th	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Friday 7 th	19:00	FOM Quiz & Chips
Friday 7 th		School Photos - No Commendation Assembly
Friday 7 th	15:20	Y4 & Y6 Cake Sale
Monday 10 th		Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour
Thursday 13 th	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Monday 17 th	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour
Friday 28 th		FOM Christmas Movie Night

DECEMBER – Term 2		
Thursday 4 th	18:00	Carols By Candlelight
Tuesday 9 th		Memory Café – Choir
Tuesday 9 th	18:00	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Wednesday 10 th	1:45/14:00 TBC	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Thursday 11 th	18:00	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Friday 12 th	18:00-20:00	FOM Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17 th		Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th	13:00-15:00	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th		Last Day of Term 2