

## Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



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**No. 6 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Dear parents, carers and friends,

As the darker evenings draw in on us, it also means that lots of events around the Christmas period begin to take shape with a busy few weeks ahead! We have added the dates of upcoming events on the calendar below to help you know what is happening and when!

If your child would like to share Christmas Cards with others, then please ask them to drop their cards into the postboxes that will be in each building from Monday and then the cards will be sorted and delivered to classes by our House Captains. **Please ensure that the envelope has the recipient's first name, last name and class name** so that we ensure they arrive safely with the right person (as we have a number of children in the same year group with the same first name)! Please can we also ask that you do not add additional gifts etc e.g. candy canes, chocolate coins etc as we have several children with allergies that we need to consider!

Can I also take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the parents that continue to ensure regular attendance at Manorbrook with children that are in classrooms on time and ready to learn. This is brilliant to see and why our current attendance rate is 96.3%. It would be fantastic to see if we could continue to push this up and maybe be over 97% later in the year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.

Kind regards

**Paul Medicott**

### **Open Classrooms**

This term's open classroom days will be on the following dates. Classrooms will be open for parents to come in from 2.45pm. The teachers will spend some time sharing information about Phonics or Reading, followed by a chance to look through your child's books with them. If you need to move between classes as you have children in another year group where the open classroom is on the same day, this is fine.

Monday 8th December: Starlings(Y5), Sparrows(Y2), Swifts(Y1), Blackbirds(Y2)  
Tuesday 9th December: Robins(Y1), Wrens(YR), Chiffchaffs(YR)  
Thursday 11th December: Jackdaws (Y6) Goldfinches(Y3)  
Friday 12th December: Wagtails(Y4)

### **Jolly Jars**

Don't forget to bring in your Jolly Jars on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for donations towards the fair, such as wine, chocolates, biscuits, hamper gifts, teddies, tombola

items and unopened toiletries. We rely on these donations for some of the most popular stalls – thanks in advance for your support!

### **Commendations Assembly**

There will be no Commendations Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December as FOM will be using the space to organise and collate the donations for the Christmas Fair. Therefore, the next Commendation will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and will be for KS2.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We would be grateful if you could make your booking via Parent Pay as soon as possible when bookings become available, so we have an indication of numbers. Thank you!



### **Infant Nativity**

This year's nativity is called 'A Bundle of Joy'. There will be three performances as follows:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm

Letters have been sent out and tickets are currently being processed.

### **Christmas Parties**

Our Christmas parties will take place in the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Please can children come to school in their normal school uniform and bring their party clothes in named carrier bag to hang on their peg. The children will then get changed for their parties during the day. Please encourage them to choose clothes that they won't get too hot in and footwear that allows them to run around easily without slipping. We are really looking forward to the fun and games that these parties bring!

### **Parking**

We have had concerns raised by residents in the area surrounding Manorbrook with regards to the parking of vehicles during drop off and pick up. Please can we ask that all parents are mindful and considerate of where they park. Please ensure that you are not blocking driveways or parked on junction corners, obscuring views for other drivers and pedestrians. Please also consider parking further away from school and walking a short distance, this will support our Walk to School Wednesdays & Fridays.

### **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 Swifts class (Y1) with 75%.**

### **'Friends of Manorbrook' News**

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the **Christmas Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** from 6pm to 8pm. It is the perfect way to have some festive family fun, including games, stalls, a bouncy castle and food and drink.

Don't forget to book your **Santa's grotto** slot, which are selling fast with slots before 7pm now sold out! There are also some amazing prizes available in our **raffle**, including theatre tickets, passes to family attractions and holiday clubs. You can purchase tickets for both at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>

In the lead up to the Fair, please help us by:

- Sending in a **jolly jar** or two on **Monday 1st December!** Jolly jars are a party bag in a decorated jar filled with small toys, stationery, wrapped sweets etc. There is a competition between the classes for the coveted trophy!
- Donating wine, chocolates, biscuits, new/nearly new teddies, hamper gifts, tombola items and unopened toiletries in return for your child wearing **non-school uniform** on **Friday 5th December.**

We are still in need of **volunteers to run stalls.** Several stalls are currently at risk of closing early if more helpers don't come forward, including:

- wine and water
- Christmas biscuits
- arts and crafts.

We also need people to take payment for face painting to give the professional face painter more time to get through lots of children!

If you can't do an hour, why not share a slot with a friend? Just make it clear who you are sharing with when you sign up.

If you can help, **please sign up at**

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C094CADA0FBC25-60426013-manorbrook>

Year 1 are kindly providing the cakes for the Christmas Fair. We look forward to seeing your festive efforts!

email [friendsofmanorbrook@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmanorbrook@gmail.com)

Facebook: [friendsofmanorbrook](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmanorbrook)

Instagram: [@friendsofmanorbrook](https://www.instagram.com/@friendsofmanorbrook)

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

<b>NOVEMBER – Term 2</b>		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>		FOM Christmas Movie Night

<b>DECEMBER – Term 2</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>		Bring in your Jolly Jars
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Carols By Candlelight
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Non Uniform Day for fair donations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	14:45	Open Classrooms Y5 Starlings, Y2 Sparrows, Y2 Blackbirds, Y1 Swifts
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	14:45	Open Classrooms YR Wrens, YR Chiffchaffs, Y1 Robins
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Memory Café – Choir
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	14:45	Open Classrooms Y6 Jackdaws, Y3 Goldfinches
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	14:45	Open Classrooms Y4 Wagtails
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	18:00-20:00	FOM Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-15:00	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Last Day of Term 2