

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Wow, this term is already racing by and the change of temperature and slightly darker mornings are already noticeable! This week it has been fantastic to welcome our Reception (EYFS) children into school for whole days and, like all of the children throughout Manorbrook, they have made us very proud. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend...

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 20th October 2025. All of 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

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. The online booking system on the Arbor app will be open from Sunday 5th October 18:00 and will remain open until Thursday 9th October 18:00 to schedule your slot. **If your child is on the SEND register you will have had a separate longer IEP meeting and therefore do not need to book a slot for these consultations.**

Change of Menu – Census Day

Just to let know that we will be swapping the Thursday and Friday menus over week commencing 29th September, **so fish fillet will be on Thursday 2nd October.** It's school census day, and the funding we receive is directly affected by the number of children in KS1 having school dinners on that particular day. The difference between a high and a low take up on census day can make a difference of thousands of pounds, **so we would really appreciate it** if your child could have a school lunch rather than a packed lunch on that day – even if it's just for the one day! Thanks very much.

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 or 0300 1245515 for more information.

Macmillan Coffee & Cake Morning

Thank you to all who supported Macmillan by making donations at FOM's recent events. Staff have been enjoying some home baked treats today and we will announce the total raised in the

next newsletter. You can make a contribution via our fundraising page:

<https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25061434>

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 81%.

Parent WhatsApp groups

During the first few weeks of this term, we have had communication from several different parents regarding the parents' WhatsApp groups. Whilst these are not setup or managed by school, they are a useful place for parents to be able to communicate and share reminders of things that might be coming up. Therefore, we thought it helpful to post some general advice as a baseline for everyone to follow to allow these communities to be positive, respectful and helpful. Thank you to everyone that already follows these guidelines to ensure the groups are welcoming and helpful places for all.

What to do in a parent WhatsApp group:

- Stay relevant: Post messages and questions related to school events, general class information, and shared educational concerns.
- Be respectful: Treat all members with courtesy and kindness, just as you would in person.
- Promote positivity: Share useful updates and offer supportive advice to build a positive community.
- Report issues privately: If you have a concern about a teacher, pupil or parent, approach the relevant staff member directly rather than discussing it in the group.
- Respect privacy: Be mindful of members' data and personal information.
- Ask before adding: Always seek permission before adding someone to the group.
- Be a good role model: Remember that your behaviour on social media influences your child's own behaviour.

What to avoid in a parent WhatsApp group:

- Gossip and rumours: Never discuss or spread rumours about children, teachers, or other parents.
- Personal attacks: Avoid abusive, angry, or defamatory comments about members of the school community.
- Commercial posts: Do not use the group to advertise or promote your business or personal items for sale.
- Private conversations: Keep discussions relevant to the whole group and move one-on-one conversations to direct messages.
- Air grievances: Do not use the group to air complaints or grievances about a child, teacher or another parent.
- Spamming: Avoid sending unrelated content, large files or excessive messages that could overwhelm the group.
- Abusive language: Do not use offensive language, swearing or displays of anger.

Y5 Swimming

Due to the error by Eurocoaches last Friday, the missed swimming lesson will be added to the end of the sessions for Y5. Therefore, the last swimming lesson will now be Friday 5th December instead of 28th November.

House Captains

We are delighted to announce our house captains and vice captains for the coming year:

Brook: House = Thomas S
Vice = Martha

Mill: House = Sienna
Vice = William

Willow: House = Lucas C
Vice = Lydia

Quarry: House = Eira
Vice = Lucas Y



'Friends of Manorbrook' News

FOM AGM: Please come along to our Annual General Meeting next **Thursday 2nd October** at 8pm at the school to meet your new Trustees, hear more about the year ahead and share your ideas – all welcome.

Reception Welcome Event: Remember to book your tickets asap (in advance only, via the link below) for FOM's new welcome event exclusively for our **Reception starters** and their siblings! Join us at the school on **Friday 3rd October** for magic and fun with popular children's entertainer Johnny G. Doors open 4pm, show 4.30-5.30pm.

This is not a drop-off event: £5/child, adults and under-2s go free but still need to book a ticket. Refreshments included. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>

Disco: The school disco returns on **Friday 24th October** – booking open shortly. 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 will also open shortly for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – on **Friday 7th November**. Save the date!

Cake sale: Many thanks to Year 2 bakers for contributing a fabulous collection of cakes.

Picket fence: FOM was pleased to use some of the money raised from last term's events to fund the new wildflower picket fence. More spending news soon!

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Yours sincerely,
Paul Medlicott

Remaining Inset days – 3rd November, 2 April 2026, 1st May 2026

OCTOBER – Term 1		
Thursday 2 nd	20:00	FOM AGM/ Census Day Menu
Friday 3 rd	16:00	YR FOM Welcome Event
Tuesday 21 st	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Wednesday 22 nd		Y4 Slimbridge Trip
Thursday 23 rd		Y6 Lifeskills Trip
Friday 24 th	Tbc	FOM Disco / Last day of Term 1

NOVEMBER – Term 2		
Monday 3rd		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th		Pupils return to school
Wednesday 5 th		Individual School Photos
Thursday 6 th	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Friday 7 th		FOM Quiz & Chips
Tuesday 11 th	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour
Thursday 13 th	09:15	Prospective Parents Tour
Monday 17 th	13:30	Prospective Parents Tour