

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

It has been a busy few weeks here at Manorbrook with lots going on. Since the last newsletter, a few of the activities that have been going on include Year 1 visiting the SS Great Britain and Year 5&6 competing in the finals of the County Athletics. Very positive reports about our children have been received from these events which is always lovely to hear!

As you know, as a school we want to encourage children to be active and enjoy walking, cycling or scooting to school where possible. This helps the children enjoy an active lifestyle and also helps to reduce the traffic/parking around our school, which is something that we are all very aware of. As part of our commitment to active travel, we have engaged with Modeshift Stars to help support us on our journey. Please do take some time to look at the Active Travel part of our website (available under 'Parents'). Several parents have also mentioned recently about how to best help children with road safety and so the following link may be of use to you:

<https://www.rosipa.com/siteassets/pages/road-safety/road-safety-resources/free-road-safety-information/parents/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Paul Medlicott

Open Classrooms

A reminder that this term's open classroom days will be held next week. Classrooms will be open for parents to come in from 2.45pm. The focus will be the PSHE curriculum with Y4/5/6 sharing the lessons on Puberty and Sex education, followed by plenty of time 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 9 th February:	Wagtails (Y4) & Sparrows (Y2)
Tuesday 10 th February:	Starlings (Y5)
Wednesday 11 th February:	Goldfinches (Y3) Wrens & Chiffchaffs (YR) Blackbirds (Y2)
Thursday 12 th February:	Jackdaws (Y6) Swifts & Robins (Y1)

Teacher availability in the morning

Please could we remind you that teachers are not available to meet with you before/at drop off time in the mornings, as they are preparing the classroom and welcoming the children into school. If you need a message to be given to them, please speak to the person on the door or leave a message in the office. If you require a discussion with the teacher, please contact them through the office to arrange a convenient date for the meeting. Thanks for your support with this.

County Indoor Athletics Finals

A huge congratulations to our Y5/6 athletics team that came an amazing third place in the County Indoor Athletics final at City Academy last week! This was a wonderful achievement for the children who were up against the 8 best schools from across the region. The children took part in a number of track and field events individually and as part of a team to score points for our school. The events included: sprint relays, an obstacle course, long jumps, triple jumps and the javelin, plus many more.

Two weeks previous to the finals, we took part in the South Glos qualifying rounds with 10 other local schools. Only the top two schools qualified for the County finals, so we were overjoyed to learn that we finished runners-up. To then go onto the finals and come third overall was a fantastic achievement. Each of the children should be very proud of their efforts; their teamwork, talent and desire to succeed shone through in every event and enabled us to keep scoring highly throughout the afternoon. As a school, we are very proud of you too!

Congratulations: Sam C, Lucas C, Archie L, Jack M, Ephraim S, Teddy G, Callum M, Sienna SI, Eira V, Anna B, Martha P, Lydia M, Ashley T & Zoe B



Break The Rules Day

With Break the Rules Day coming up on Friday 13th February, we would like to remind parents to consider the following when deciding on which rules to break –

Weather/School appropriate – please ensure that children are dressed in appropriate clothing for school and for the weather at this time of year.

For the younger children please ensure that the clothing they wear does not restrict them from being able to go to the bathroom etc - no onesies.

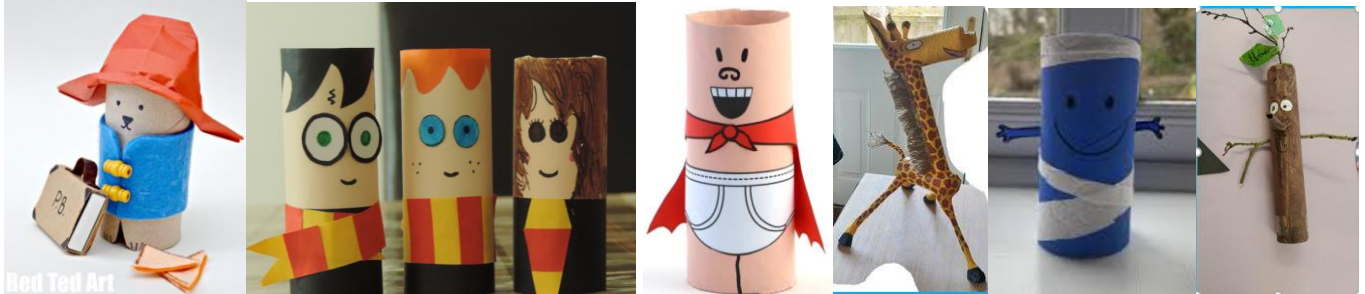
Y3 – as these pupils have swimming lessons on this day, please refrain from using any hair dyes/sprays in their hair or any face paints.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and we will be celebrating at school. We would love it if the children could dress up as a book character and, if possible, bring in the book to share their love of the story. It could be an animal from 'Dear Zoo', a character from Harry Potter or Horrid Henry, a super hero from their favourite comic, a fairy tale princess or a creature from Greek mythology! It could be a children's classic or a modern favourite. You can go as elaborate or as simple as you like. If your child is not a fan of dressing up, they could wear their normal clothes and bring a bag of books and come as Matilda or have a bucket with a few toy dinosaurs and be Harry from 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. Or if dressing up is really not for them; just wear their usual uniform and bring a book that they might like to share. If possible, please try and focus on characters from books or comics rather than films which may then have books made afterwards!

Cardboard Tube Characters

As part of our celebration of World Book Day, pupils are invited to turn a cardboard tube into a book character of their choice. This is an optional activity but if children or families wish to take part we would love to see and share your creations. Please can finished characters be brought into classes on Wednesday 4th March so we can display them ready for World Book Day on Thursday 5th. See the accompanying pictures or search 'cardboard roll book characters' online for some inspiration.



YR Spring Performance

The children in Wrens and Chiffchaffs will be putting on a short, Spring-themed performance for parents to come and watch on Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March. A letter/email will be sent to parents in due course with details about tickets and timings.

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 class (Y3) with 89%.

Allotment News

ALLOTMENT JOBS

- TIDY SHED
- EMPTY WATER BUTTS AND CLEAN
- PLAN OUT BEDS
- SEED SORTING AND BUYING
- BUY SEED POTATOES
- SOURCE COMPOST

CAN YOU HELP?

- DO YOU HAVE ANY HEAVY DUTY BAGS SUITABLE FOR TRANSPORTING MANURE?
- CAN YOU TRANSPORT SOME MANURE FROM OLDBURY TO THE ALLOTMENT?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE ALLOTMENT TEAM OR GROW SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN PLANT?

Please contact the school office if you can help with any of the above

WINTER PLANTING

THE TEAM HAVE PLANTED HUNDREDS OF BULBS ACROSS THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND ARE HOPING TO SEE THESE POP UP IN THE SPRING



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ALLOTMENT AND HELPING OUR YOUNG GARDENERS THRIVE

WE ARE USUALLY AT THE ALLOTMENT MOST WEEKENDS FROM APRIL - JULY PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CLASS REP IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Break the Rules Day is taking place on **Friday 13th February!** In this annual event, children pay 50p for each rule they break, such as not wearing uniform, having squash in their water bottle or a small chocolate bar in their lunchbox (no nuts please)! Please see the poster for more ideas and details.

Our first **Double Feature Movie Night** is taking place on **Friday 27th February**.

Key Stage 1 will be watching **Despicable Me 4** (rating U), with drop off at 4.30pm at Reception and pick up at 6.45pm at the same place. The movie will start promptly at 4.45pm.

Key Stage 2 will be watching **Minecraft** (rating PG), with drop off at 4.45pm at the Key Stage 2 entrance next to the car park and pick up at 7pm at the same place. The movie will start promptly at 5pm. Please note that, by booking a Key Stage 2 movie night ticket, you are consenting to your child watching a PG rated film.

Tickets cost just £3.50 for the movie and sweets, or £5.50 for the movie, sweets, drink and hot dog deal.

General ticket sales go live at 5pm tonight! Tickets for both events must be purchased in advance. To get yours please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>.

Save the date for our **Mother's Day event** on **Friday 13th March**. More details to follow!

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 25th February**, meeting at **7.30pm for an 8pm start** at The Swan Thornbury. New faces are always welcome!

email friendsofmanorbrook@gmail.com

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

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

Paul Medicott

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

FEBRUARY		
Monday 9 th	14:45	Open Classrooms Y4 & Y2 Sparrows
Tuesday 10 th	14:45	Open Classrooms Y5
Wednesday 11 th	14:45	Open Classrooms Y3, YR Chiffchaffs & Wrens & Y2 Blackbirds
Thursday 12 th	14:45	Open Classrooms Y6 & Y1 Robins & Swifts
Friday 13 th		FOM Break the Rules Day
Friday 13 th		Last day of term
16th- 20th FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 23 rd		Children return to school
Friday 27 th		FOM Movie Night

MARCH		
Friday 13 th		FOM Mother's Day Event
Wednesday 18 th		Parent Consultations
Thursday 19 th		Parent Consultations
Tuesday 24 th		YR Spring Performance
Wednesday 25 th		YR Spring Performance

**ILLUMINATION'S
DESPICABLE
ME 4
KS1
MOVIE NIGHT** (KS1 HALL)

Movie & Food Deal £5.50 Includes ticket, hot dog, drink & sweets	Movie Deal £3.50 Includes ticket & sweets	Or bring a packed tea (no nuts)
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Friday 27th February
Doors open 16.30
Film showing 16.45-18.45

No mobile phones please
This is a drop off event and only open to Manorbrook pupils

**KS2
MOVIE NIGHT** (KS2 HALL)

Movie & Food Deal £5.50 Includes ticket, hot dog, drink & sweets	Or bring a packed tea (no nuts)	Movie Deal £3.50 Includes ticket & sweets
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**MINECRAFT
MOVIE**

Friday 27th February
Doors open 16.45
Film showing 17.00-19.00

No mobile phones please
This is a drop off event and only open to Manorbrook pupils