

## Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



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Dear parents, carers and friends,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and where possible managed to do bits and pieces around all the rain that we had! We've had a lovely first week back and the children have enjoyed seeing a few signs of spring appear around the grounds. Hopefully the weather becomes more spring like for an extended period of time soon too.

In this newsletter, there are a number of reminders of upcoming events and some updates regarding staffing and the upcoming Parents' Evenings. I am especially looking forward to seeing the tube characters next week!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Paul Medlicott*

### **Staffing update**

As parents of Sparrows class are already aware, Miss Emery is leaving us at Easter to take up an exciting new role within the private education sector. Throughout her time at Manorbrook, Miss Emery has been a valued and committed member of staff and whilst we are, of course, very sad to see her go, we fully support her decision and wish her every success and happiness in this next stage of her career. Therefore, from Easter, we will welcome a new member of staff until the end of the academic year. Mr Relton is an enthusiastic teacher and brings a strong commitment to high-quality teaching and learning, as well as a warm and supportive approach to working with children and families. I know he is very much looking forward to joining our wonderful school.

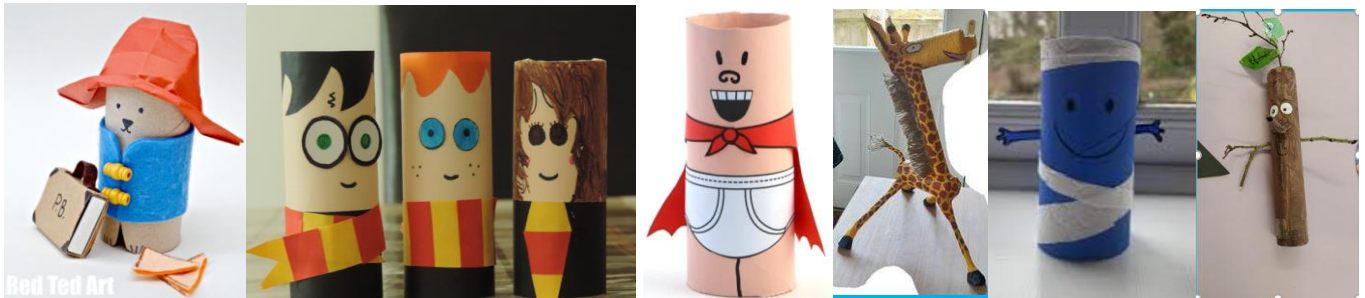
### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We will be using the online booking system on Arbor again. The booking system will be open from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 18:00 until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 18:00 to select your appointment 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.**

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. An email was sent out to parents yesterday with the necessary detail 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.**

**Last week's winners (before half term) were Blackbirds with 63%  
This week's winners were Jackdaws class (Y6) with 88%.**

### 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?**

- WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE ALLOTMENT TEAM OR GROW SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN PLANT?
- WE ARE MEETING AT THE ALLOTMENT ON SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEB AT 11AM - FEEL FREE TO COME AND LOOK AROUND AND JOIN US WITH OUR JOBS

*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

I'm sharing my list with you on Amazon.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38RFHA8R9WAJ3?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_fbUMlhE8SfG1R](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/38RFHA8R9WAJ3?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_fbUMlhE8SfG1R)

## Annual survey

As previously, we will be inviting you to share your thoughts on Manorbrook via our annual survey with parents. This year, we are moving to hosting the questions online to be kinder to our environment. These will continue to be anonymous in the same way the paper versions were. We will share the link with you in the next newsletter and the survey will then be open for the whole week from the 16<sup>th</sup> March. As previously though, you'll still be able to pick up a paper copy of the survey at Parents' Eve if you would rather.

## 'Friends of Manorbrook' News

### Events:

Our first **Double Feature Movie Night** is taking place tonight! Please remember that tickets must have already been purchased for this event, and **no tickets will be available on the door**.

**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.

Our **Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop** is taking place on **Friday 13th March**. During the school day, children will have the chance to choose a small gift for someone special in their life - it might be for mum, grandma, auntie, carer or another important person. There is a lovely range of gifts for the children to choose from, including books, plants, bath sets and keepsakes. Our team is even going the extra mile by trying to avoid duplicate gifts from siblings (so if you are booking for more than one child, please tick the box asking if you are buying for a sibling when booking to help us with this). Tickets are now on sale for **£5 each** at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>.

The recent cake sale raised £173. A big thank you goes to the bakers in Year 3 and Year 5!

We also raised £474 from Break the Rules Day. It was certainly very popular with the children! Thank you for your support with this event.

### Grants:

We're raising funds for a Sensory Pod to create a calm, supportive space for children who need it. Some employers offer matched funding or employee-nominated charity grants, which could really boost our fundraising. If you (or someone in your household) works for **Asda** or any of the following OpenWorks Partnership companies — **Just Mortgages, Andrew's Property Group, Aitana Financial Services, Eureka Financial Solutions, Strong Mortgage Solutions, Martin Jones Financial Planning, or Crystal Clear Finance** — we'd love your help. We've done all the work to prepare the application; it just needs to be submitted by an employee. If you can support this, please message your class rep on the WhatsApp group or email FOM on the address below. Thank you!

### Other news:

Our neighbours, St Mary's CE VA School PTFA Thornbury, are holding a Creative Arts Festival on Saturday 28th February 10am - 2pm. More details are in the poster attached. Please support if you can! You can book tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/smt-ptfa/>

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*Paul Medlicott*

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

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>		FOM Movie Night

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