

## Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

I hope everyone has had a good 2 weeks since the last newsletter. Lots has been happening in school since then with various trips/visits, World Book Day and with Parent Consultations approaching next week. Yesterday, we also welcomed several other headteachers from South Glos into Manorbrook. They visited lessons and spoke with some of the children. It was lovely to receive such glowing feedback from them about the children, where they mentioned their friendliness, their focus/motivation and their eloquence in discussing their learning. I am very proud of everyone!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Paul Medlicott*

### **Swimarathon**

Miss French, Mrs Pearce and Miss Drayton took a number of pupils from Years 5 and 6 to participate in the Rotary Club Swimarathon last Friday. They were split into two teams, and both swam really well, completing over 100 lengths per team. Their efforts helped to raise over £700 for local charities. Thanks to the parents for their enthusiastic support and well done to all the swimmers.



### **Clubs Next Week**

A reminder that there will be no teacher-led clubs next week due to Parent Consultations. Knitting and Future Stars will take place as usual however.

### **Work Experience**

The week commencing the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we will be having a number of students from Castle School undertaking their work experience in the classrooms.

### **YR Spring Performance**

A reminder that the Reception Spring Performance will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### **World Book Day**

Thank you all for the time and effort you put into making your children look AMAZING for World Book Day. We enjoyed seeing all the costumes in our special assembly, and it was a pleasure to hear so much enthusiastic discussion about books throughout the whole day.

### **Cardboard Tube Characters**

A massive well done to all the children and families who made a cardboard tube character to celebrate World Book day last week. All classes had a great time viewing the different creations,

guessing the characters and discussing the books they were from. Thank you to all who took part and helped make the wonderful characters.

### **Comic Relief 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Due to our involvement in a number of other celebrations and fundraising events this year, we won't be holding a dressing up day for Comic Relief or collecting funds for them. However, children are very welcome to bring in their own red noses to wear at school on the day if they have purchased them.

### **EYFS/Reception**

Please could we ask that neither pupils nor their younger siblings play in the EYFS garden next to the doors or climb on the equipment before or after school. Many thanks.

### **Dogs in School Grounds**

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed to be brought onto the school grounds/playground at any time. If you have someone else dropping off or collecting your child, please can you ensure that they are aware of this also. 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.***

**Last week's winners were Swifts with 76%**

**This week's winners were Goldfinches with 82%**

### **Thornbury & District League of Friends**

As a school, we have looking to raise funds to enable us to put a sensory pod on site to help develop the provision we are able to offer at Manorbrook even further. Steve Wells (our Chair of Governors) and Mrs Payne have been working very hard to find opportunities for grants to fundraise for this project. FOM have been extremely kind in supporting this by sourcing, completing and chasing grant applications to raise the required funds. This has been going well and recently, FOM were awarded £1000 from a grant application to Thornbury & District League of Friends (TADLOF). On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we were joined in school by Pam and Shirley from TADLOF, who presented the cheque to Kathryn from FOM and the school. We wanted to share our gratitude to FOM for all of their hard work in securing this funding and the TADLOF for the generous grant. It really helps us to move towards our total!



## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The online booking portal is now closed, please contact the office if you have not yet booked a slot.

## Parent survey

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be asking you to complete our annual survey again this year around the same time as our parent consultations. This survey will be available online, to be kinder to our environment, from next Monday (16<sup>th</sup>) until the following Monday. The answers that you provide will remain anonymous. If you have more than 1 child, then you can either complete one form for the family or if you need to, you can complete one per child. The link for this is as follows: [Manorbrook Primary School: Parent Questionnaire 2026](https://forms.office.com/e/Fr0ePexRLz) or <https://forms.office.com/e/Fr0ePexRLz> . If you are unable to complete this online, then there will be paper copies available at Parents' Eve. Many thanks for taking the time to complete the survey as your opinion matter to us.

## Allotment News

A poster for allotment jobs and winter planting. The top half features a photo of pumpkins and the bottom half a photo of vegetables. The text is arranged in three columns. The first column lists 'ALLOTMENT JOBS' with a bulleted list of tasks. The second column asks 'CAN YOU HELP?' with two bullet points and a contact note. The third column is titled 'WINTER PLANTING' and includes a thank you message and planting schedule.

**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)

## 'MOSC' News

As we move into the brighter months, everyone at MOSC is really looking forward to making the most of the changing seasons. The children have already been enjoying more time outdoors, and we are excited for the longer evenings, fresh air, and the many games, activities and adventures that come with spring and summer.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support—particularly for embracing the new collection process. Your cooperation and understanding make a real difference in helping the club run smoothly and safely for everyone. MOSC is a not-for-profit organisation that relies on the support and involvement of our families. At the end of this school year, several of our wonderful trustees will be stepping down, and we need new parents or carers to join the trustee body. Trustees play a crucial role in the management, stability and long-term future of the club—they help guide decisions, oversee governance and ensure the club continues to thrive for all our children. You do not need to be an education professional to become a trustee. In fact, the club benefits enormously from a wide range of skills, experiences and perspectives. Whether your strengths lie in finance, organisation, communication, planning, problem-solving or simply bringing a thoughtful voice to

the table, your contribution can make a real difference. Becoming a trustee is a rewarding way to support the school community and help ensure MOSC remains a vibrant, sustainable resource for our families. For more information please contact

[beck.trustee@MBOSC.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:beck.trustee@MBOSC.onmicrosoft.com)

We are also currently looking for additional staff to join our fantastic team. If you or someone you know might be interested in working with us, please do get in touch to find out more. As an added benefit, if your child attends the after-school club while you are working with us, we offer discounted places to help support working parents. For more information please contact

[kelly.clubmanager@mbosc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:kelly.clubmanager@mbosc.onmicrosoft.com)

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

### **Events:**

**FOM 'Quiz + Chips':** Our ever-popular 'Quiz and Chips' returns to the School on **Friday 8th May** (7pm doors open, 7.30pm start). Join us for a pub quiz with fresh fish and chips (or other food options) from Parky's Chippy, prizes and a well-stocked bar. Teams of 4-6 adults or individuals welcome (we can pair you up on the night). Please save the date and tickets will be on sale soon.

The double feature movie night was a resounding success, with the event raising a fantastic **£729.13!** Thank you to all the teaching staff and parents who gave up their time to volunteer on the night.

### **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:**

**100 Club:** Congratulations to February's winners:

1st place (£22.80)	29	(K Stokes)
2nd place (£11.40)	32	(T Peddaboina)
3rd place (£3.80)	30	(K Paykel)

Interested in being a future winner? Just £2 a month gains entry into the monthly draw. The more who sign up, the higher the cash prizes! For more details and to enter email

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

### **Zumba Classes Donations:**

Natasha Johnson runs various Zumba classes at Manorbrook, and for every Manorbrook parent or carer that attends 10 classes, she will kindly donate 50% of the ticket price to Friends of Manorbrook. Please see details of her classes in the attached document. Thank you to Natasha for her support!

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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>MARCH</b>		
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

<b>APRIL</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>		Last day of term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Children return to school