

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

Welcome back following the break! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable time and managed to spend time with each other, even with 'normal' life carrying on around. We have had a fun first week back at Manorbrook and have enjoyed more opportunities to use our grounds more fully with both the sunny weather and the field being drier. Whilst the upcoming term is relatively short, it is filled with lots of events including Sports days and the Y6 test week. There is further information on all these events contained in this Newsletter.

Just for your information, I am currently in the process of finalising INSET dates for next academic year. I am waiting for some information to come back to me and once I have this, I will confirm the dates for you so that you are able to plan ahead. I am hoping to be able to do this by the next Newsletter.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Paul Medlicott

Governing Body News

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please consider if you could volunteer for this role! For more information, feel free to contact Steve Wells (Chair of Governors): stephen.wells@manorbrook.org.uk

Use Of Grounds After School

In the last newsletter, we included the following information:

"As more people have been using the grounds after school for the children to play, we wanted to just share a quick reminder that the children need to be supervised by parents during this time and the grounds/facilities are used at your own risk. Unfortunately, the school cannot accept any liability for accidents that may occur during this time. We thank you for your support with this."

Unfortunately, during this week we have been told about numerous incidents happening after school including children using large sticks to hit others and pushing other children when on play equipment. Please can we remind you that all children need to be supervised by you when using the equipment or playing on the grounds after the end of the school day. In many schools, children are not allowed to remain on the grounds following pickup so please can we ask you to support us with this so that the lovely grounds can be enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks.

Y1 Walk to Thornbury Castle

Y1 Robins & Swifts will be walking to Thornbury Castle on Tuesday 5th May as part of their history learning. They will be looking at fortified features within the castle grounds. All children will need to ensure that they bring a waterproof coat into school for the walk. Robins will be heading over before first break and Swifts after first break.

School Photographs

Tempest will be in school on Thursday 7th May to take whole class photographs. Even if it is a hot day, please will you ensure your child brings their school jumper or cardigan to school so we can have all the children smart and matching for the photographs.

SATS/National Tests Week 11th May

Just another reminder that Year 6 SATs week is the 11th May. It is important that all children are in school punctually each day, hopefully having had plenty of sleep each night so that they are refreshed and able to give their best. Children are allowed to bring in a small mascot to support them and they will need a water bottle.

Music Lessons

A reminder that any music lessons will be cancelled during SATs week.

Y6 Camp

The Y6 Camp meeting for parents will be held on Thursday 7th May at 6pm.

Parent Pay Outstanding Balances – a Polite Request

As you will be aware, our cashless Parent Pay system allows you to order and pay for your child's meals up to three weeks in advance, paying for the meals upon ordering. This avoids the build-up of any debt on the account. Occasionally, if a child does not have a meal pre-ordered on the system, or has arrived with no packed lunch, the teacher can submit the order on the family's behalf during morning registration to address this. When this happens, the charge for that meal appears on your Parent Pay account.

This is a polite reminder that ordering should as a rule be done at home, whereas ordering in school should only be an occasional occurrence, not done on a regular basis. Please also note that the outstanding charge for these ad hoc orders should then be paid as soon as possible. Unfortunately, in a small number of cases, these ad hoc payments can be forgotten and mount up if not cleared promptly.

Please will you kindly ensure that any outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared as soon as possible.

Collection Notifications

We appreciate that there may be occasional instances where parents are stuck in traffic and have to call to advise of a last-minute change to collection. However, for all other notifications regarding someone else collecting your child, it really helps us if you can contact the office no later than 2.30pm whenever possible. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.

Sports Days

KS2/Junior sports afternoon will be held on Tuesday 19th May and KS1/Infants on Wednesday 20th May.



If possible, could you please send your child in a plain T-shirt to represent the colour of their 'house' and ensure they have a water bottle, sun cream and hat.

Mill - blue

Brook - red

Quarry - yellow

Willow – green

Scooters/Bikes in the Playground

A polite reminder that bikes and scooters must be wheeled across the playground, not ridden. Children need to dismount and push their bikes or scooters to the bike shed. 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.***

This week's winners were Blackbirds Y2 with 73%

Inset day

A reminder that Friday 1st May is our final inset day this academic year.

Allotment News

This weekend saw an incredible show of community spirit at our school allotment, as we came together for a hugely successful pre-season session. With the sun shining and sleeves rolled up, it truly was an "all hands on deck" effort, and a perfect example of how many hands really do make light work. We were delighted to be joined by members of the allotment team, our wider school community, Thornbury in Bloom, and Swift Strength and Fitness members. Thanks to their time, energy, and enthusiasm, we were able to make fantastic progress in preparing the space for the growing season ahead.

A special mention must go to Jim at Thornbury in Bloom, who kindly created and installed a beautiful Bug Hotel for us. This wonderful addition will not only support local wildlife but will also provide a valuable learning opportunity for our children as they explore the importance of biodiversity within our allotment. The sense of teamwork and generosity across the weekend was truly inspiring. Because of this collective effort, we are now in a strong position to focus on planting and growing, ensuring that the children can fully benefit from the allotment in the weeks and months ahead. We are incredibly grateful for all the support we have received, and continue to receive, from our community. It is this shared commitment that makes projects like this so special and so impactful for our school. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the weekend such a success!



'Friends of Manorbrook' News

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 buy your tickets in advance at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>. Bookings will close on Wednesday 6th May.

Summer Fair: the Summer Fair will take place on **Friday 19th June** - please save the date! Planning has already begun and we are reaching out to our school community to see if anyone has access to a PAT-tested **generator** that we can use on the day or any **discounts on food or drink** that they could help us with in advance. If you can help with either of these things, please let your FOM class rep know or email us on the address below.

FOM Sponsored Read: Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to participate in the Sponsored Read. We are thrilled with the response and hope that your family enjoyed it. We will announce the winners of the prize draws and the extreme photo competition in the next week or two, along with the total raised towards the School's very own community library. Magnetic bookmarks will also be making their way to the children who completed 5 or more challenges with help from the school librarians!

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Remaining Inset days – 1st May 2026

MAY		
Friday 1 st		INSET DAY
Thursday 7 th	18:00	Y6 Camp Meeting
Thursday 7 th		Class Photographs
Friday 8 th	19:00	FOM Quiz & Chips
W/c Monday 11 th		Y6 National Tests
Tuesday 19 th		KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th		KS1 Sports Day
Friday 22 nd		Last day of Term

JUNE		
Monday 1 st		Y6 Camp Week
Friday 19 th		Summer Fair
Thursday 25 th		Summer Serenade