

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

I can't quite believe that we are over halfway through this term already and in just a fortnight we'll have completed the Y6 National Tests and (hopefully-weather permitting) our Sports Days!

Over this week, we have met with the local authority, and the contractors that they have engaged with, to understand more about the timescales and implications of the work that will be completed in the next phases of the expansion work. I am just waiting on some pieces of information to arrive with me and then I will get a full synopsis out to you about what is going to happen when and how that impacts us as a school in terms of how we work. The scheme is certainly an exciting one but as with any project of this size and nature, there are inevitably considerations and adaptations that need to be made. More info to follow soon.

Finally, a plea (again) to please park sensibly and considerately around school. Thank you to all of you that already do this. This week, I have again received a number of emails regarding the places and manner in which some people park and drive outside of school. Whilst I am doing all I can through the channels open to me to support change outside of the school grounds to make things safer, I, like all of you, don't want to see anyone of our community injured due to careless driving or inconsiderate parking. As a school, two of our values are respect and responsibility and so please can I ask that everyone takes responsibility to drive and park responsibly and shows respect to the children and parents walking in and around the site!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Paul Medlicott

INSET Days 2026-27

Following the summer works which are due to end just before we return, there will be a closure day on 1st September to support getting the school in being. There are then the 5 usual INSET days. These dates are as follows:

1st September 2026 (School Closure Day)

2nd September 2026- Inset

2nd November 2026- Inset

4th January 2027- Inset

25th March 2027- Inset

30th April 2027- Inset

Change of Menu – Census Day

Just to let know that we will be swapping the Thursday and Friday menus over week commencing 18th May, **so battered fish will be on Thursday 21st May**. 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 particular day – even if it's just for the one day! Thanks very much.

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.

Thornbury Castle Painting Competition

Today we celebrated the end of a project that Manorbrook has been working on with Thornbury Castle. Back in September we held a competition for Years 1 - 6, to submit designs that could be painted onto the compost boards in Thornbury Castle kitchen garden. We had a fantastic response, with over 100 entries, which showcased the amazing artistic talent in our school. Thank you to everyone who entered. The winners spent a number of hours drawing, and then painting their designs onto the boards using acrylic paints. They worked on their designs after school, in a club we ran for the project, and in their lunchtimes. The boards were then taken away, varnished and installed in the castle's kitchen garden. We then took the children who painted the boards to visit the gardens and see their art in situ. All the winners received a certificate and set of watercolour paints from Will, a gardener at the castle, who worked with us on the project.

There were also three overall winners who received a boxed art set:

1st prize went to Thomas in Y6; 2nd prize to Harrison in Y2, and 3rd prize to Piper in Y3.

Many congratulations to all our winners:

Ethan, James, Jacob & Elsie in Y1.

Yui, Harrison, Kornel & Fiona in Y2.

Lucas, Daniel, Rosie-May & Tudor in Y3.

Piper, Dylan, Molly & Rosanna in Y4.

Ava, Lucy, Jasper & George in Y5.

Martha, Lydia, Jack & Thomas in Y6.



Football Cup Winners

A huge congratulations to the Y5/6 boys football team who won the Cotswold Edge Schools Cup at St John's Mead Primary. The team faced very tough competition throughout the tournament, but thoroughly deserved to lift the trophy with their excellent performances in every game. They won their three group games finishing top and then won 3-0 in the semi-final, before facing Holy Trinity in the final. The game was won 1-0 with a goal deep into extra-time. Every single player contributed immensely to the team's success; they should be very proud of their efforts. We now get to keep the cup until next year!



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

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 Starlings Y5 with 89%

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Summer Fair: the Summer Fair will take place on **Friday 19th June**. With stalls, a bbq, fully stocked bar, performances and inflatables, it's not to be missed!

However, we need your help to make this fair a success! Our fairs are where FOM makes a large chunk of our money, which we spend on technology in school and subsidising school trips and experiences.

Please support us by:

- considering if you can help with **raffle donations**. Please see the letter attached.

- bring in any **jolly jars** you have made by **Monday 8th June**.
- on **Friday 12th June** sending your child in with a **donation for the fair** in return for your child wearing non-school uniform. This could be chocolates or biscuits (no nuts please), hamper gifts, a bottle of something, unopened toiletries, or new / nearly new toys or games!
- **volunteering on one of our stalls** on the night. The slots are for an hour, but you could split this with a friend so you do 30 minutes each. Online sign up sheets will be circulated by your class rep soon.

Without enough volunteers, we will have to limit what we put on on the night, so please do consider if you can spare a little time.

Father's Day Event: the Father's Day event will be taking place on **Friday 12th June**. More details to follow!

Manorbrook Sponsored Read: we are proud to announce the Sponsored Read raised an amazing £1,473! This will be used to fund the School's community library for all to use. The winners of the photo competition and prize draws will be announced in upcoming assemblies.

100 Club: The winning numbers for the April draw are:

1st place (£20.40) 1 C Mann

2nd place (£10.20) 19 D Coleman

3rd place (£3.40) 3 J Thacker

Congratulations to the winners. Commiserations if you were unlucky this time.

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.

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MAY		
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 12 th		Non School Uniform Day/ Father's Day Event
Friday 19 th		Summer Fair
Thursday 25 th		Summer Serenade