

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

As I sit here writing this, I have been reflecting on what a massively busy and rewarding term we have just had. Whilst it has only 5 weeks long (with the children having two 4 day weeks), so much has happened and so much is about to happen as we enter the phase 2 development works that I wrote to you about recently. Thank you to everyone who has been supportive of the changes we have had to make and for passing on their thanks for trying to adapt to make things run smoothly and safely for the children. I really appreciate your support during this time as whilst we know the works do cause us to have to do some things differently, we are doing our utmost to minimise this disruption and to create a new norm for us (for the time being anyway!). Please remember that from the first day back, the Chatsworth Park entrance will no longer be in use and so entry onto into the school (and for lining up on the KS2 playground for EYFS/KS1) will be through the Streamside entrance or the gate that leads to the playground via MOSC.

There has also been a lot of talk this week, amongst the children (and staff!) of how good the weather is looking for the BH weekend and throughout the half term break! Whilst we know that the weather changes all of the time, hopefully what is currently showing will actually come to fruition! After a fairly miserable week weather wise and the postponement of sports day (😞), it is good to see that we can all enjoy some much-needed summer weather over the weekend and through next week!



Wishing you a wonderful Bank Holiday,

Paul Medlicott

SATs feedback

A massive well done to our Y6 children who conducted themselves with maturity and with smiles throughout the test week. We were all very proud of them! Thank you also to all the parents that have been on this journey with them, helping them to revise, keeping them calm(!) and for those that were also able to help out with the SATs breakfast during the week.

New Reception 2026 Parents Meeting

There is a welcome meeting at 6.00pm on Thursday 11th June for parents and carers whose children will be starting school next September. A letter will be going to the families of all new children shortly, containing information about transition arrangements, etc.

Car Park

Please can we remind everyone again that parents are not permitted to drive into the staff car park or park in the car park at any time during the school day, morning drop off or afternoon pick up. The car park may however be used later on in the evening for collection from MOSC. Thank you.

Dogs on site

Please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed beyond the gates and onto the Manorbrook site. Your support in this is much appreciated.

Y6 Camp

Year 6 will be off on their residential camp to PGL on Monday 1st June. We are sure they'll all have an amazing time!

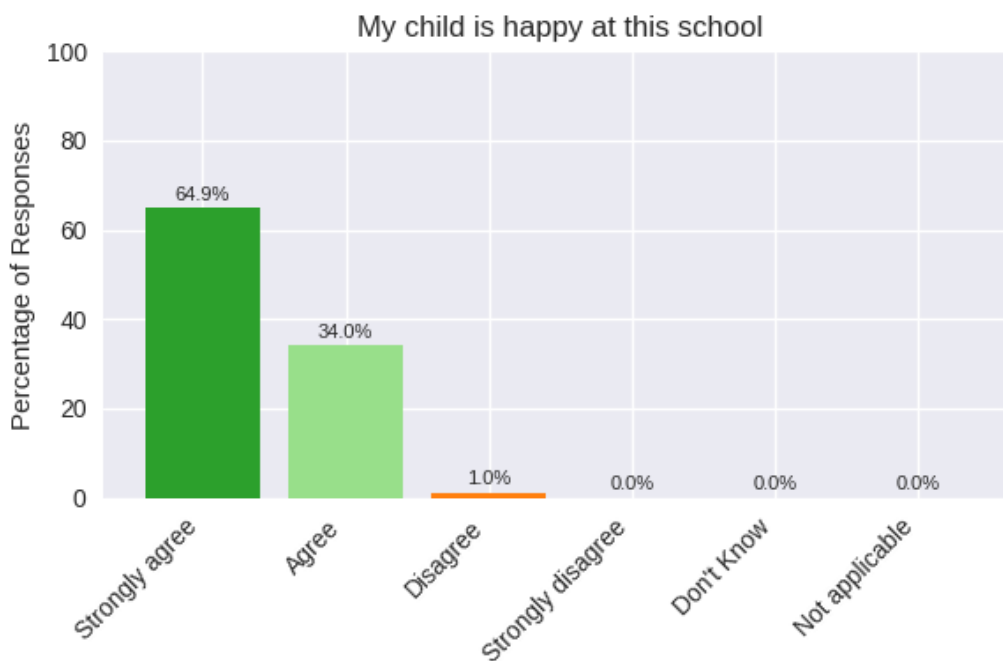
Parent Survey

As promised previously, over the upcoming newsletters, we will be sharing the results of the parent survey. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the survey. We were very pleased with the results and there are some clear key areas for us to both keep doing and to improve on over time. We will share the graphical analysis for the questions over the next few newsletters and where applicable will share our initial thinking on what we can do to try and improve.

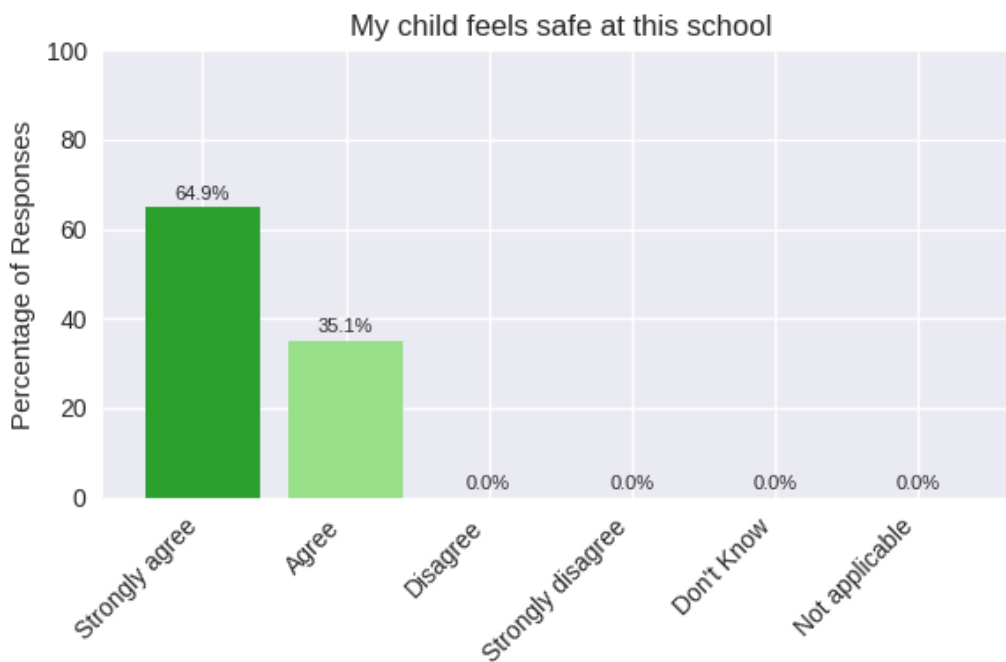
As a general summary of the findings:

The survey reflects Manorbrook as thriving in many areas with a highly positive perception of the school. You expressed high levels of trust and satisfaction, particularly in relation to the children's happiness, safety and academic progress. Staff are generally praised for their dedication and care, and the school's ethos is widely appreciated. However, the survey also identified areas for development, the most identifiable of these being: communication about year group level learning and progress could be more consistent/proactive and access to clubs and enrichment activities is a concern as the school expands.

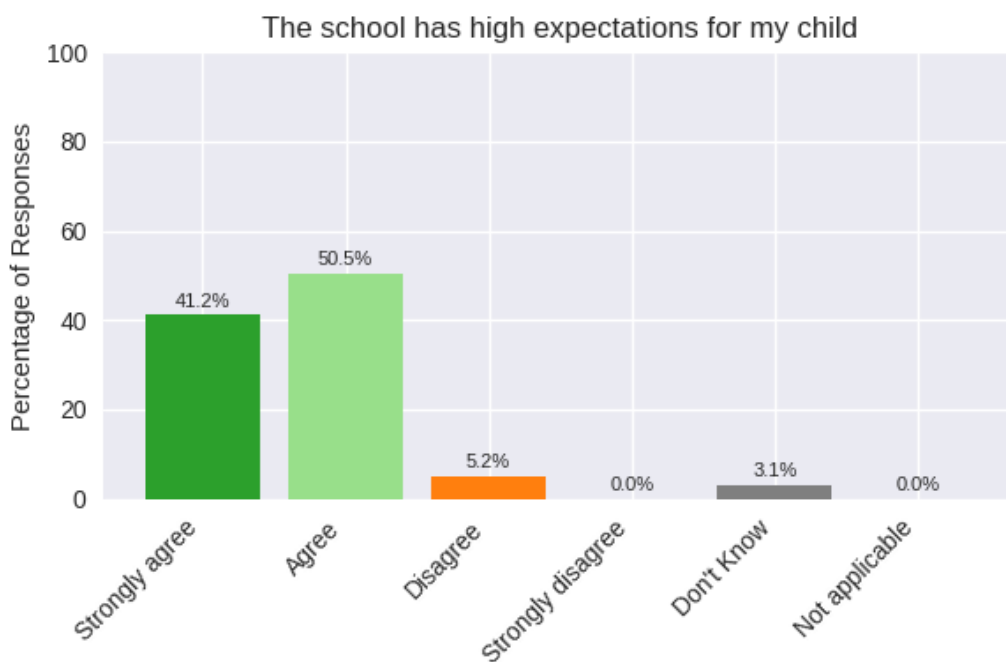
My child is happy at this school



My child feels safe at this school



The school has high expectations for my child



Long hair

Please can we ask that, as per our uniform information on the website (<https://www.manorbrook.org.uk/uniform>), all long hair is tied back. Currently there are a number of children with long hair, who are not arriving in school with their hair tied back. Please can we ask that you support us with this.

Rescheduled Sports Days



KS2 sports afternoon will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 1.25pm, EYFS on Wednesday 10th June at 2.00pm and KS1 on Wednesday 17th June 1.25pm.

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

Modeshift STARS Award

We are thrilled to announce that Manorbrook School has successfully achieved the 'Good' Modeshift STARS Accreditation! This national award recognises our ongoing commitment to promoting sustainable, active and healthy travel options for our pupils, families and staff. Over the past 6 months, our pupils and school team have participated in several active travel initiatives, including:

- Bikeability Training level 1&2;
- Pedestrian training;
- WOW Walk to school challenge (Y3-5);
- Identifying 5 and 10 minute walking and cycling zones.

The school council played an important role in helping gather information and carry out a survey around the school site as part of the Modeshift STARS application. On Monday 18th May 2026 Andy from the travel scheme presented our award banner to the school council team who helped. You can see the banner proudly displayed on the school fence!



Thank you to everyone who has walked, cycled, scooted, or used public transport to get to Manorbrook and reduce the congestion and traffic around our school. Let's keep up the great work and continue making everyday journeys healthier and greener!

Commendation Assembly

Please be advised that there will be no commendation assembly on Friday 12th June.

Summer Serenade

Our Summer Serenade music event will take place on Thursday 25th June at 6.00 pm. If your KS2 child has music lessons outside of school, but would like to perform as part of the evening's programme, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Invitations will come out soon for families of the children who are performing.

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 Blackbirds with 76%
This week's winners were Starlings Y5 with 90%

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Summer Fair:

This year's FOM Summer Fair is on **Friday 19th June** from **6pm - 8.30pm**.



Join us for a fun filled evening on the KS2 Playground and the field. All friends and family are welcome.



There will be:

Bar and BBQ 🍔 🌮 Face painting 🎨 👤 Bouncy castle 🏰 Lightning run ⚡ 🏃 🏃
Balloons 🎈 Penalty shoot out ⚽ Ice creams 🍦 Didi rugby 🏈
Jolly jars 🗑️ 🇬🇧 Beat the buzzer ⚡ Water shooters 💧 Raffle 🎁
Tombola 🎰 🍷 🍹 🛒 ...and many more games and treats!

Plus there will be a performance from our wonderful School Choir and BALPA 🎵 🎸 🎤

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:

- bringing in any **jolly jars** you have made to the Key Stage 2 playground before school on **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 have been circulated by class reps on WhatsApp groups. If you would like to volunteer, but aren't on a WhatsApp group, please email us at the address below.

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 Pop-Up Shop ♥

Tickets are now on sale for our Father's Day Pop-Up Shop on **Friday 12th June** 🏰

For £5, children will have the chance to choose a special gift for their dad, step-dad, grandad or another important person in their life. The children absolutely love this event and are always so thoughtful when picking their gifts 🥰

📅 **Ticket sales close on Sunday 7th June** 🎁 Pre-order only

Purchase tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook>

If you'd like to help with either our "Big Wrap" evening on Tuesday 9th June or the Pop-Up Shop itself, please reach out to your class rep for more details ✨

FOM Quiz and Chips: We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported the quiz. It was a hugely successful evening, raising a fantastic £755.88!

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MAY		
Friday 22 nd		Last day of Term

JUNE		
Monday 1 st		Children return to school/Y6 Camp Week
Tuesday 9 th	1.25pm	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th	2.00pm	EYFS Sports Day
Thursday 11 th	6.00pm	Reception 2026 Welcome Meeting
Friday 12 th		Non School Uniform Day/ Father's Day Event
Wednesday 17 th	1.25pm	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 19 th		Summer Fair
Tuesday 23 rd		Y2 Trip to Aerospace
Thursday 25 th		Summer Serenade
Thursday 25 th		Y1 Fossil Trip to Aust

JULY		
Thursday 2 nd		FOM Disco
Thursday 2 nd		Y5 Rainforest Roadshow
Tuesday 7 th		Y6 Castle School Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th	1.30pm	Y6 Leavers Performance
Thursday 9 th	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers Performance
Thursday 16 th	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 21 st		Last day of term