

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

As we head into the final week or so of the summer term and I am writing this last newsletter of the year, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly special first year as Headteacher of Manorbrook. It is difficult to believe how quickly the year has passed. From the moment I joined the school, I have been made to feel so welcome by our children, staff, parents and carers, and I would like to thank you all for the warmth, kindness and support you have shown me. Becoming part of the Manorbrook family has been a genuine privilege. Like any school year, there have been challenges along the way, but there have also been so many successes, achievements and moments that have made me smile, laugh and feel immensely proud. I feel very fortunate to lead such a wonderful school community.

When I look back on the year, I am struck by just how much has changed across our site. We began the academic year with the refurbishment of our Key Stage 1 building, and we are ending it with the development of the fantastic new Rainbow Teddies building and major refurb work in the KS2 building. These improvements represent the commitment to providing the very best environment for our children to learn, grow and thrive. I know that the building works have sometimes brought inconvenience and disruption, and I would like to sincerely thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support throughout the process. Most of all, I want to thank our children. They are, without question, the best part of every day. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, kindness and sense of fun never fail to brighten my mornings and lift my spirits. Whether I am greeting them at a door or on the playground, visiting classrooms or celebrating their achievements in assembly, they remind me every day why Manorbrook is such a special place.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the remarkable staff team who work so hard for our children. Across every part of the school, colleagues show extraordinary dedication, commitment and enthusiasm, always putting the needs of our children first. Their care, professionalism and unwavering belief in every child make a difference every single day, and I am hugely grateful to work alongside them. As we look forward to the final nine days of term, there is still much to enjoy and celebrate together, including end-of-year events, special memories and opportunities to mark another successful year at Manorbrook. Thank you once again for the trust you place in us and for the partnership we share. I wish all our families a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break. Good luck to all of our Y6 children and children in other year groups who are moving to schools in new areas where I'm sure they will continue to thrive in the way they've shown throughout their time at Manorbrook, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paul Medlicott

Y6 Charity Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items at last week's Year 6 charity sale. We are pleased to announce that we managed to raise £502! This money will go towards Bonyomin who we have supported out in Uganda for 10 years now. It will cover two year's worth of school fees for him so we are delighted with that news as he would not be able to attend school without Manorbrook's support.

Congratulations to Jackdaws class (Y6) for setting up and running the sale so expertly.

Reports for 2025-6

Following on from the last newsletter, here are some reminders about accessing your child's report before they are sent out next week:

- The reports this year will be sent out on 14/15th July to you (unless your child is in Y6 in which case they will hopefully be sent on Thursday 16th following the delay in KS2 results being returned to schools).
- You will receive a link to your registered email which you will need to click. You will be asked to enter the relevant information about your child (e.g. date of birth) in order to access the report
- If your child is in a year group which undertakes statutory assessments (Year 6 National Assessments, Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 1 Phonics) you will also receive a second link separately that will give you access to your child's outcomes.
- All reports can be accessed on mobile devices and can be downloaded too.

Clubs

Please be advised that teacher led clubs are now finished and there will be no teacher led clubs for the rest of this term. Future Stars dates are available on their website.

Y6 Production/play

Congratulations to Jackdaws Class on their excellent end of year production, Grossbusters. They put on a fantastic show and did themselves proud! A reminder that the Y6 Leavers Celebration is on Thursday 16th July at 6:00pm, no tickets required.



Great British Summer Savings

You may have recently seen in the media, information regarding the Government's 'Great British Summer Savings' scheme, where there are reductions in certain taxes on activities and free bus travel for children with the aim of reducing cost for families. If you are interested in what is included, there is information available on this link to the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/great-british-summer-savings-2026-family-activities-vat-relief-fact-sheet>

Commendation Assemblies Friday 17th July

There will be two commendation assemblies next Friday for the final commendation assembly of the school year; one for KS1 and EYFS and one for KS2. These will be whole class commendations and where teachers will talk about their favourite memories of the year. Y6 class and Mr Williams will attend both the morning and the afternoon assemblies. This will give Y6 parents the opportunity to be able to attend either the morning or afternoon as it will be Y6's final assembly at Manorbrook.

KS1 and EYFS (& Y6) will be at 9am.

KS2 will be at 2.45pm.

Event for Y5/6 children (or older siblings)

Krunch South West is a local youth charity that runs all kinds of activities for young people. They have been running HAF (holiday activities and food clubs) provision in South Gloucestershire for 10 - 16-year-olds for several years. One such opportunity that is available this summer, is a skate workshop session, which is free for those receiving Free School Meals or for a small cost for everyone else:



Krunch
South West

**SKATE
WORKSHOPS**

AT THORNBURY SKATE PARK

With pro-rider Sox from **KING RAMP**

- ✓ Pro rider demos & coaching
- ✓ Skateboard, scooter & BMX sessions
- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ Safe, supportive environment
- ✓ Open to all abilities
- ✓ Lunch provided
- ✓ School years 5 to 11
- ✓ Cost £2

Free places for young people receiving free school meals!

**4th, 11th, 18th
August**

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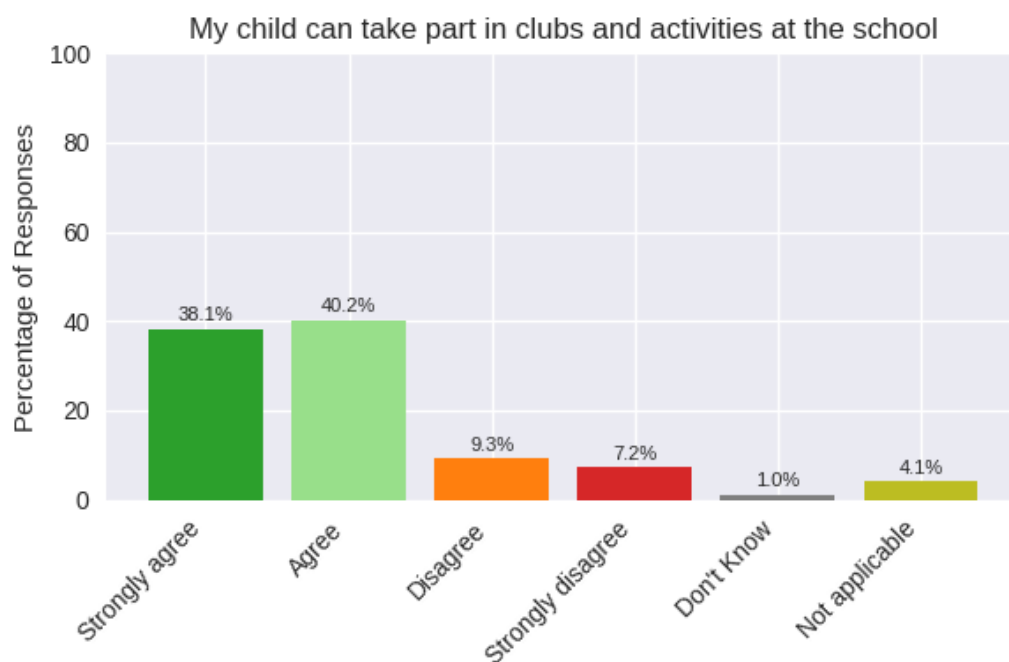
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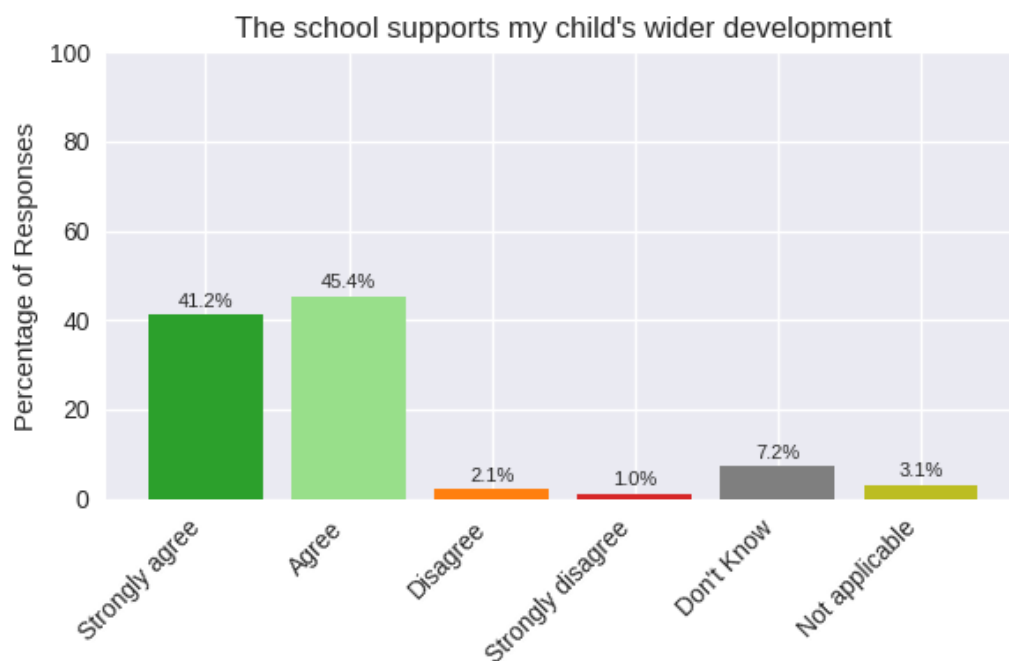
Parent Survey

As a continuation of the results of the Parent Survey, here are the final set of results that were obtained.

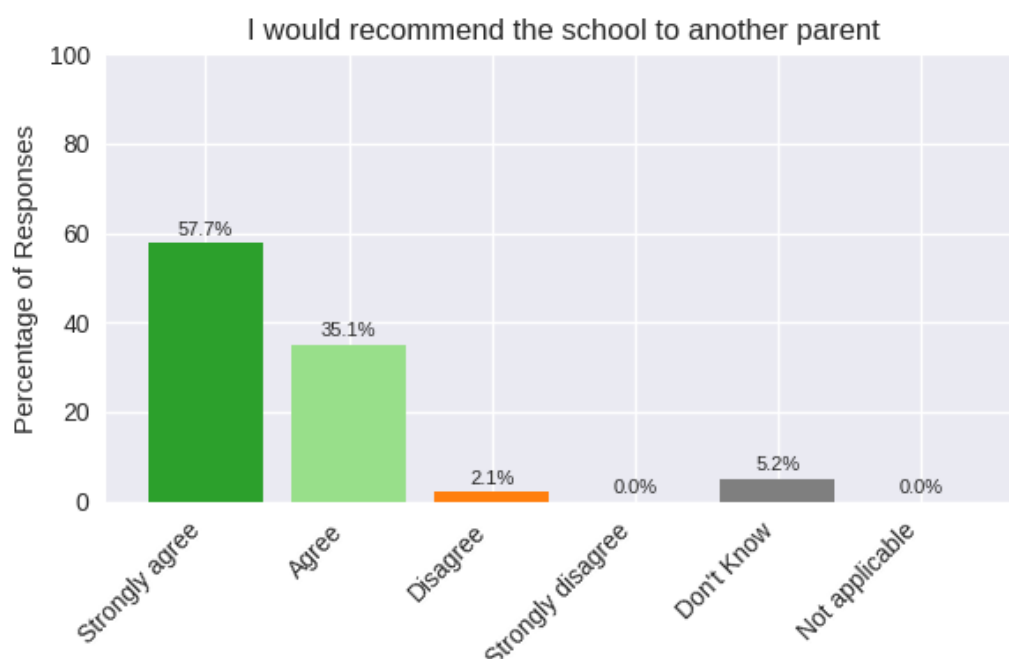
My child can take part in clubs and activities at the school



The school supports my child's wider development



I would recommend the school to another parent



One of the key areas that we have been considering through the latter part of this year has been the variety of clubs that we offer. Whilst we aren't able to sustain many more staff run clubs, we are hoping to continue to develop this area during next year and have been looking at opportunities to introduce more paid clubs run by external groups that children can access. This will help to both add more variety, more opportunities and hopefully more access for families who are interested.

Allotment Update

We are delighted to report that everything is surviving the hot weather —and some of our crops are thriving because of the sunshine! 🌻 🌿

Our Year 5 class has been busy every Friday, helping with weeding, watering and harvesting. They have been filling a little blue wheelbarrow with fresh produce each week, which is available at pick-up time for families to help themselves. We hope to leave this outside the front gates over the summer as things become ready. Please do stop by and enjoy what the children have grown! 🥕 🥬

A big thank you to the **1st Thornbury Beavers**, who helped us relocate our potatoes and strawberry plants before the building works. Thanks to their hard work, we now have a lovely new strawberry patch alongside the allotment. 🍓

Year 4 have also been busy growing sunflowers, which we have planted along the fence line this week to add a splash of colour and create a haven for bees and other pollinators. 🌻 🐝
We're also very grateful to **Thornbury in Bloom** for gifting us a beautiful handmade bug hotel, which now has pride of place in the allotment and is already welcoming some tiny new residents! 🐞

Thanks to the generosity of our parent community, we now have a new brassica frame and net to protect our crops, and local families have kindly donated our seed potatoes, giving us what looks set to be another fantastic potato harvest throughout the summer. 🥔 ❤️

Today we welcomed the **Regional In Bloom** judges to school as part of our town's entry and the children showcased everything they have achieved this year. 🌸

The allotment continues to be a wonderful part of school life, giving children the opportunity to grow food, care for wildlife and learn outdoors. Thank you to everyone who volunteers, donates or supports us in any way—every contribution, big or small, helps our little patch continue to flourish. ❤️ 🌻

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 71%
This week's winners are Starlings with 88%

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

FOM Disco: We hope your children had the best time at the school disco! It was the first time we have run three consecutive discos, and the reward was lots of smiley faces from our youngest Reception children up to our Year 6 children who will soon be leaving. The disco raised a grand total of £752! Thank you to everyone who helped on the night.

FOM Recruitment: There are a few roles that we are looking to recruit for starting in September. These include:

- Trustee - being part of the team that oversees how FOM runs.
- Social media volunteer - responsible for managing the FOM accounts and posting regularly on Facebook and Instagram.
- Graphic design volunteer - responsible for designing our posters and publicity material.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please email the address below or mention it to one of the trustees and we will happily have a chat with you about it.

Email friendsofmanorbrook@gmail.com

Facebook: [friendsofmanorbrook](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmanorbrook)

Instagram: [@friendsofmanorbrook](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofmanorbrook)

Inset Days – 2nd September, 2nd November, 4th January 2027, 25th March 2027, 30th April 2027

JULY		
Thursday 16 th	6.00pm	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21 st		Last day of term

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 1 st		School Closure Day
Wednesday 2 nd		Inset Day
Thursday 3 rd		Children return to school (except YR)
Friday 4 th		YR children start