

Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter



Aiming for Excellence

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Dear parents, carers and friends,

As we come to the end of another fantastic week, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful start to the term we have enjoyed across the school. It has been particularly special to welcome our EYFS children for their first full-time week with us. They have settled into the classroom brilliantly, showing growing confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm as they begin their learning journey. It has been a joy to see new friendships forming and children embracing the opportunities and routines of school life with such positivity.

This week also saw our first Commendation Assembly of the year, and what a wonderful occasion it was. We were delighted to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of our children, both inside and outside the classroom. The children across the school have made us incredibly proud through their hard work, determination, kindness and positive attitudes. Our school values have been evident in all that they do and it has been inspiring to see so many children striving to be the very best versions of themselves.

Thank you to our families for your continued support; together we are ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive, succeed and enjoy their learning.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paul Medlicott

Reception Class Open Days for September 2027

If you know someone who is looking for a place in Reception 2027, we have tours of the school taking place from the week commencing 19th October. All the dates/times are available on our website. Please phone or email the office to add names to the list.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October. The online booking system on the Arbor app will be open from Sunday 4th October 18:00 and will remain open until Thursday 8th October 18:00 to schedule your slot. **If your child is on the SEND register you will have had a separate longer IEP meeting and therefore do not need to book a slot for these consultations.**

Change of Menu – Census Day

Just to let know that we will be swapping the Thursday and Friday menus over week commencing 28th September, **so fish fillet will be on Thursday 1st October.** 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 day – even if it's just for the one day! Thanks very much.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/consent?v=3>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.

House Captains

We are delighted to announce our house captains and vice captains for the coming year:

Mill:

House captain = Olivia J

Vice captain = Teddy G

Willow:

House captain = Ola S

Vice captain = Jasper S

Brook:

House captain = Ben D

Vice captain = Phoebe A

Quarry:

House captain = Mason P

Vice captain = Imogen T

Notification of Absence

Please remember that if your child is absent, we always need to be notified, and preferably before 9.00 am. You can email, or call, leave a voicemail, or leave a note or verbal message with the adult on the door (usually Mr Medicott) if dropping off another child. When leaving a message please ensure that you specify the reason for the absence and if your child is poorly/unwell please ensure you clarify what they are unwell with. We will chase reasons via text initially then via phone. However, it helps our busy admin staff if they do not have to chase explanations. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Office closure

From Monday 28th September, the school office will be closed each day between 1.30-2.30pm. This is to allow the staff undisturbed time to complete vital tasks during a quieter period of the day. If you need to collect your child for an appointment during this period, please make prior arrangements with the office to allow this to be undertaken. If you need to call the office during this time please leave a message and a member of staff will return your call when the office re-opens.

Sickness Rules

Please can we remind parents that if your child has been poorly with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for at least 48 hours since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. If your child returns to school before the 48-hour timeframe, we will request that your child is collected and returned home.

Allergies

We consider ourselves very fortunate at Manorbrook to have such a caring and supportive community, and we appreciate everyone's commitment to keeping all our children and staff safe.

Some members of our school community have severe allergies, which means that even small amounts of certain allergens can cause a serious reaction and could require emergency intervention. All staff have had recent training in administering auto adrenaline pens in the instance of a severe allergic reaction, but of course, we would like to work towards making our school environment safe, so that we avoid allergic reactions occurring in the first place. With this in mind, we kindly ask families not to send known allergens into school, including in packed lunches or break time snacks.

We appreciate that managing allergies can feel like an extra consideration, but by working together and following this simple request, we can help create a safe and inclusive environment where every child can learn, play and enjoy school with confidence.

Thank you for your understanding, care and continued support.

Active Travel



We award the Strider prize to the class where there has been the most active travel during the week. This is awarded to either an Infant or Junior class (in line with Commendation Assembly).

This week's winners are Y2 Sparrows with 82%.

MOSC News

A warm welcome back to all our MOSC children and families!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays. The children are settling in well and having lots of fun with their friends and staff. As we move into the autumn term and the weather becomes cooler and wetter, we are enjoying a mixture of creative activities, games, indoor play and outdoor activities when the weather allows.

The children have been enjoying our "All About Me" activities, giving them the opportunity to be creative and share the things that make them special and unique.

We have also been getting creative with our autumn art activities, exploring the colours, shapes and changes that we see around us during this beautiful season.

We will continue to offer a variety of activities throughout the term, taking into account the children's interests and ideas.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into their MOSC routines. We aim to provide a safe, happy and welcoming environment where children can relax after their school day, enjoy time with their friends and take part in activities they love.

A Few Reminders for Families

Morning Drop-Off - To help us keep the morning routine safe and organised, please bring your child to the MOSC door in the morning and make sure they are safely handed over to a member of staff.

Please do not leave children to enter the club on their own.

If your child is not going to attend MOSC on a day they are booked in, please send us an email to let us know as soon as possible.

This is particularly important if your child is absent from school but is still booked into MOSC, as it helps us to know where every child is and keeps our registers accurate.

After School - If your child is going to walk home independently instead of attending MOSC, please make sure you email us in advance to let us know.

Please do not rely on your child telling a member of staff, as we need to have the information from a parent/carers so that our records and registers are kept up to date.

Please remember to keep your child's collection list on Magic Booking up to date.

If someone new will be collecting your child, please make sure they have been added to the authorised collection list before collection.

If your collection arrangements change, please update Magic Booking as soon as possible and let a member of the MOSC team know if there is anything we need to be aware of.

Thank you for helping us to keep our drop-off, attendance and collection procedures safe and straightforward for everyone.

We are delighted to welcome our new trustees to MOSC.

Our trustees play an important role in supporting the club and helping to shape its future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for volunteering their time, skills and experience to support MOSC.

Our current Trustees are Beck, Martin, Abii, Laura and Natalie. We are very pleased to have them join us and look forward to working together to continue supporting our children, families and the MOSC community.

We are always on the look out for new Trustee's to join our friendly team, if you are interested in supporting the club and helping to shape it's future please get in contact with our Chair Beck chair@mbosc.onmicrosoft.com for more information. We currently meet mainly six times a year. Here's to a Fantastic Autumn at MOSC!

Thank you to all our families for your continued support.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled autumn term with lots more creativity, play, friendship and fun!

The MOSC Team

'Friends of Manorbrook' News

Reception Welcome Event: Remember to book your tickets asap (in advance only, via the link below) for FOM's welcome event exclusively for our **Reception starters** and their siblings! Join us at the school on **Friday 2nd October** for magic and fun with popular children's entertainer Lucy Lost-It. Doors open 4pm, show 4.15-4.45pm.

This is not a drop-off event. Tickets cost £5 per child, adults and under-2s go free but still need to book a ticket. Refreshments included.

Disco: The school disco returns on **Thursday 22nd October** and booking will open at 5pm today! The Year 1 and 2 disco will take place from 4.15pm to 5.15pm and the Year 3 to Year 6 disco will take place from 5.45pm to 6.45pm. If you are able to help on the night for either disco, please let your class rep know.

Please note: to manage capacity constraints and allow our youngest children the chance to settle in, this event will be open to Year 1 classes and upwards only.

You can book tickets to both of the above events at :

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

Quiz + Chips: Save the date for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – taking place on **Friday 20th November** from 7pm. Bookings will open soon!

email friendsofmanorbrook@gmail.com

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

OCTOBER		
Thursday 2 nd	16:00	Reception Welcome Event
Tuesday 13 th		Parent Consultations
Wednesday 14 th		Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21 st	13.30	Prospective Parent Tours
Thursday 22 nd		FOM Disco
Friday 23 rd		Last day of term

NOVEMBER		
Monday 2 nd		INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Monday 9 th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Tuesday 10 th		Individual Photographs
Wednesday 11 th	13.30	Prospective Parent Tours
Tuesday 17 th	09.15	Prospective Parent Tours
Friday 20 th		FOM Quiz & Chips
Friday 27 th		FOM Movie Night