**Manorbrook School and Community Newsletter**

Aiming for Excellence

**No. 3 9th October 2026**

Dear parents, carers and friends,

As we reach the middle of the term, the school continues to be a hive of activity, achievement and opportunity. This week, our Year 6 pupils have been away on camp and have been outstanding ambassadors for our school. They have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrated resilience when stepping outside of their comfort zones, and represented our values beautifully through their behaviour, manners and teamwork. We have received many positive comments about the children, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the week.

Back in school, there has been plenty to celebrate across all year groups. Classrooms are busy with purposeful learning, children are continuing to work hard and make progress, and it has been wonderful to see so many examples of kindness, perseverance and pride in their work. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the importance of the partnership between home and school. Thank you for your ongoing support; together we are helping our children to thrive, both academically and personally, and creating opportunities for them to develop confidence, independence and a love of learning.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

*Paul Medlicott*

**After School Clubs Next Week**

A reminder that teacher-led clubs will not run next week as there are parent consultation evenings taking place. Future Stars and Forest Club will run as normal.

**Census Day School Dinners**

A massive thank you to everyone who ordered a school dinner on Census Day in the infants. The vast majority of people did. This will help to generate some extra funding for us, which we particularly appreciate in these financially challenging times.

**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. Most of the dates are now full however the remaining dates/times are still available on our website. Please phone or email the office to add names to the list.

**Parking Considerately**

We are proud to be part of a caring and supportive local community, and we would like to thank the many families who already take great care when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Recently, however, we have received several emails from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking, including vehicles blocking or partially obstructing driveways. We have

also been made aware of occasions where residents have approached parents directly about their parking concerns and some of these have been more aggressive in nature. This is the sort of situation that no one in our community, both residents and parents, wants. We appreciate that school run times can be busy for everyone, but we kindly ask all members of our school community to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by ensuring that parking is always legal, safe and considerate.

Our aim is to keep everyone safe and happy, including both our families and the residents who live around the school. By taking a few extra moments to park thoughtfully, we can work together to reduce frustration and improve safety for all. However, if you do experience any aggressive or confrontational behaviour when parking legally, please report this to the police if you feel it is appropriate so that they are aware. Thank you for helping us foster a positive and respectful community for everyone.

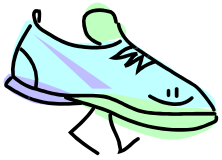
**Office closure**

A reminder that the school office is 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 do 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 can arrange collections outside of this time however it would be most appreciated. 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.

**Use of the premises after school**

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.
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.

**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 Blackbirds with 76%.**
**Last week's winners were Y4 Wagtails, Y5 Starlings & Y6 Jackdaws with 89%**

**Macmillan Coffee & Cake Morning**

Our coffee morning to support MacMillan on Friday 25th September was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of our fabulous school community, we raised £192.00. A big thank you to FOM also in their support with running this event.

**Daffodil bulb donations**

As we approach the darker months, Allotment Club are already looking ahead to the brighter days in spring. We would love to add some colour to the front entrance of school by planting daffodil bulbs. If you have any spare daffodil bulbs at home, or would be willing to donate a packet, we would be very grateful.
Even a small donation would help us create a cheerful display to welcome pupils, families and visitors into school when the flowers bloom next year. We plan to plant on Tuesday the 3rd of November and all donated bulbs can be brought into the school office any time before the half-term break.



Thank you for your support in helping us make our school environment even more welcoming and vibrant.

**‘Friends of Manorbrook’ News**

**Disco:** The school disco returns on **Thursday 22nd October**! 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.

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.

**Quiz + Chips:** Booking is also open for this old-favourite event – a great pub quiz, chippy takeaway and a well-stocked bar – on **Friday 20th November** from 7pm.

You can book tickets to both events at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmanorbrook

**Cake sale:** The next cake sale will take place on **Friday 16th October** after school. This time it will be Year 4 and Year 5’s turn to bake the cakes!

The **FOM AGM** was well attended and it was exciting to talk about plans for the year ahead. We have some new trustees who are looking forward to getting stuck into some more fundraising for the school.

There was a great turn out for the **Reception Welcome Event,** and it was lovely to see such a happy bunch of children and adults enjoying the entertainment.

**100 Club:** The winning numbers for the September draw are:

1st place (£21.60) 6 R Blackwood

2nd place (£10.80) 17 Name withheld

3rd place (£3.60) 15 R Meadowcroft

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

| **OCTOBER** | | |
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| Tuesday 13th | | Parent Consultations |
| Wednesday 14th | | Parent Consultations |
| Friday 16th October | | FOM Cake Sale |
| Wednesday 21st | 13.30 | Prospective Parent Tours |
| Thursday 22nd | See above times | FOM Disco |
| Friday 23rd | | Last day of term |
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| **NOVEMBER** | | |
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| Monday 2nd | | **INSET DAY** |
| Tuesday 3rd | | Children return to school |
| Thursday 5th | 09.15 | Prospective Parent Tours |
| Monday 9th | 09.15 | Prospective Parent Tours |
| Tuesday 10th | | Individual Photographs |
| Wednesday 11th | 13.30 | Prospective Parent Tours |
| Tuesday 17th | 09.15 | Prospective Parent Tours |
| Friday 20th | 19:00 | FOM Quiz & Chips |
| Friday 27th | | FOM Movie Night |