



Parents' Newsletter 1

Tuesday 9th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been so lovely to see the children in Years 1 and 2 settle back into school so well.

Yesterday we welcomed our new Year R children into Holly Class. They all came into school with big smiles on their faces.

Newsletters

Newsletters will be emailed home throughout the year. They are numbered so that you will know if you have missed any. Please note that in the interests of the environment, paper copies of newsletters will only go home if they are requested. Newsletters are also available to view on the school's website. Diary dates are available at the end of every newsletter, they are also available on the school website www.manorinfant.co.uk

Travelling to School

The school run is a great opportunity to start you and your child's day in a positive and energised way. It provides quality time with your child where you can chat with them.

By leaving the car at home or parking a short distance away from the school gate and walking the last 5-10 minutes to school, you will help to reduce congestion, improve air quality locally, make the school run safer and your child will be healthier, happier and ready to learn.

If you are unable to walk, scoot or cycle with your child to school and would like to use our Park and Stride, a Parkwise Promise sticker is available from the school office. Our Park and Stride parking location is St Bernard's Church, only a short walk from the school.





WOW - The Walk to School Challenge



We are continuing to take part in the WOW challenge. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this term we will be focusing on the Christian value 'Love'. We will also be revisiting our HeartSmart 'High Five'. We want the children to know that we all have a body, a mind and a heart. The heart is the epicentre of who we are, the driving force of why we do what we do, that there are times to listen to our heart and times to lead our heart.



Jesus says in Matthew 22: 36-40 that loving God and loving others and ourselves are the two greatest commandments. If we want to live well we need to love well. This is HeartSmart.

Parents will be invited to our Friday Celebration Worships from 9.00am-9.20am this term. Certificates of Achievement and awards will be handed out to children throughout the school. If your child is receiving a school certificate you will be informed by text or by the class teacher in advance. If your child earns a certificate or award outside of school, e.g. ballet, gym or football, please send this in to your child's class teacher so that it can be shared in worship and as a whole school, we can celebrate their success on a Friday!

Harvest Service



Our Harvest Service will take place on Thursday 25th September at 9am. Children are invited to bring in tinned goods and consumables and following the service, parcels will be delivered to the Waterside Foodbank who have told us that they are in need of the following items:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned Fruit • Sugar (500g) • Coffee (100g) • Meat (tinned) • Sponge Puddings • Carrots (tinned) • Dried Milk Powder • Milk (UHT) • Soup (tinned) • Rice Pudding (tinned) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teabags (40/80/120) • Tomatoes(tinned) • Fish (tinned) • Vegetables (tinned) • Custard (tinned) • Fruit Juice(Long Life) • Cereals • Pasta/Rice |
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School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes into school in the correct uniform.

Winter Uniform List: mid - grey skirt, pinafore, tunic or trousers. red school sweatshirt or cardigan red or white polo shirt or white shirt grey or white socks or red or grey tights black shoes- NO TRAINERS	PE Kit: black shorts white T- shirt plimsolls OR trainers tracksuit (should be provided for cold weather)
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If you haven't already done so, please name all items of clothing.

Your child should keep their PE kit at school. PE lessons will take place on the following days in each class.

Holly Class	Tuesdays and Fridays
Chestnut Class	Tuesdays and Fridays

Hampshire Education Catering Services

Lots of children are taking advantage of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). We continue to provide our school lunches and are responsible for organising healthy and nutritious meals. If your child does not want to take up the UIFSM, please provide them with a healthy packed lunch from home. The school Food Policy states that:

- Packed lunches are not to contain sweets.
- The school discourages the provision of foods such as crisps and other highly processed foods.
- Any food left in lunchboxes will be sent home so that parents/carers are aware of what has or has not been eaten.

Please also note that children should only bring in fresh juices or water to drink - no fizzy drinks or squash please.

Nut Free Zone!

The school is a nut free zone and we ask all parents to avoid these products when preparing their children's lunch boxes. Thank you for your consideration in this important health matter.





Early Bird Club

If you require use of our Breakfast Club this term, please continue to book your child's place in advance of the sessions on Arbor. All bookings must be made by 12 noon the day before your child is due to attend. I'm afraid that we will not be allowing children to attend if they arrive unexpectedly in the morning as we need to ensure that we have adequate staff cover.



Payments should be made on Arbor when you book each session.

7.45am - 8.20am	£3.20
8.20am - 8.50am	free

After School Clubs

Please book After School Clubs on Arbor. The cost of all clubs is £3 per session.

Monday	Forest School
Tuesday	Football
Wednesday	Multiskills
Friday	Football

Bikeability Cycle to School Week

From Monday 13th - Friday 17th October it's Cycle to School week. During this week we would like as many children as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school as we will be promoting the benefits this brings to children's health and the environment.



INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Day 5 to be confirmed

I am looking forward to the year ahead as the Acting Headteacher at Manor.



Best wishes,

Sarah Munns
Acting headteacher

Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET
Thursday 4 th Friday 5 th September	Home visits CW/SL/JE
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th September	Year R am
Friday 12 th September	Year R am and lunch
Monday 15 th September	Year R full time
Tuesday 23 rd September	Individual photos
Thursday 25 th September	Harvest Festival 9am
	Walktober
Monday 13 th October	Praisin' Hands Road Safety 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th October	Open Morning
Thursday 16 th October	Open Morning
Friday 17 th October	Be Bright Be Seen Day - non uniform - Dress in your brightest clothes
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Y2 Listen to Me concert
Monday 27 th - 31 st October	Half term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET
Wednesday 5 th November	Open Morning
Thursday 6 th November	Open Morning
Monday 10 th November - 14 th November	ANTI BULLYING WEEK - Theme 'Power for Good'
Monday 10 th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance service at 10.45- children can dress as an evacuee
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Monday 17 th - 21 st November	Inter faith Week
Monday 17 th November	Open Morning



Tuesday 18 th November	Flu vaccinations
Monday 1 st December	Christmas Craft Day /Christmas jumpers
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fair
Monday 8 th December	Dress rehearsal 1pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Performance 2pm
Thursday 11 th December	Performance 9am - adults only, no younger siblings
Tuesday 16 th December	Christingle Service 9.15am - details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Praisin' Hands 9.30am
Thursday 18 th December	L2Me concert Year 1 Christmas Parties Disco
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13 th February	INSET - First Aid
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Half term
Monday 23 rd February	INSET - Safeguarding
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Half term
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports morning followed by picnic
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of the summer term



Thursday 23rd July

Start of the summer holidays