



Parents' Newsletter 21

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Core Christian Values: Love



Courage



Hope



'With God's love we have the courage to try our best and have hope for today and tomorrow.'

Story trail



A big thank you to Simon Chadwick and Sharon Robertson for organising the Story Trail in Manor Park. The children really enjoyed walking part of the route and listening to the trail. Each child should have received a copy of the trail.

There are Story Trails written for Gang Warily, the Navy Fields and Forest Front, the trail guides can be collected from The Grove in Hythe.

Year 1 Samba concert

Thank you to Year 1 for a fantastic Samba Concert. The children performed really well and showed great concentration.

A big thank you to Miss Constance from Hampshire Music Service for all her support this year. We look forward to our music lessons next year.

Timetable for next week:

Monday 20 th July	Class Charity Event Both classes have planned activities for the children to take part in during the school day. Please make a voluntary £2 contribution for the class charities on Arbor. Holly Class charity is the RSPCA and Chestnut Class charity is Christian Aid, any money raised will be split between these two charities.
Tuesday 21 st July	Manor's Got Talent On Tuesday 21 st July 2026 we will be holding a Manor's Got Talent competition. All children are able to enter with their talents. If your child wishes to enter the competition, could you please help them to prepare at home. The children are able to work in pairs or small groups. On the day, children are able to use any props, music or costumes that they wish. Could you please put any items sent in to school in a named carrier bag. We will hold rehearsals in the morning and then the winning acts from each class will perform in front of the school children and staff in the afternoon. Disco 3.20 - 4.30 Please sign up on Arbor
Wednesday 22 nd July	11am Leaver's Service - Year 2 parents only 12pm Family picnic - open to all parents 12.30pm ice cream van - PTFA have funded an ice cream for all school children 1pm Children will be registered in class and collect their belongings (parents may take their children home after registration)



Stakeholder Surveys

Thank you to all the pupils, parents, Governors and staff who took the time to complete the Stakeholder Surveys. We had 16 parent responses.

What is good about our school?

'Manor is a school where my child has progressed with their learning through encouragement and excellent teaching and support for staff.'

'Teachers are lovely, location is amazing.'

'Family/community values. Everyone knows and cares for each other.'

'It's a wonderful school.'

'Manor is a wonderful school I would recommend it to anyone who asks me!'

'Thank you for being such a fantastic school, we are so happy we chose Manor as our children's school - it has exceeded our expectations.'

What could we do to improve our school to make it even better?

'Unmixing the classes again.'

Due to falling birth rates and numbers on roll in school, as with all aspects of school organisation, we need to regularly review our class arrangements and consider the needs of the children, cohort sizes, staffing and available resources. Whether classes are mixed-age or single-year, our priority remains the same: providing every child with a high-quality education in a supportive and nurturing environment.

'I worry without an in house SENDCO there may be struggling children.'

Class teachers are the first to identify and respond to children's needs, as they work with pupils every day and know them best. The SENDCo's role is to coordinate and oversee SEND provision across the school. Robust systems are in place to ensure children who may need additional support are identified early and receive the help they need. Parents are always encouraged to discuss any concerns with us so we can work together to support their child.

'Keep fighting for that Primary school acceptance please don't give up.'

The aspiration to become a primary school remains part of the school's longer-term strategic vision and is something that governors continue to keep under review. As a governing body, they have a responsibility to consider the needs of the community, the educational opportunities available to our children, and the long-term sustainability of the school.

'More parents evenings would be nice.'

We value the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss children's progress. Whilst we currently hold formal parents' evenings twice a year, parents are always welcome to contact the school if they would like an additional meeting. We will take your feedback into consideration as part of our ongoing review of parent engagement.

'Difficult to do any homework as when my child is tired and agitated when they get home.'

We understand that many children are tired after a busy day at school, and family time and wellbeing are important. Our homework activities are intended to be optional and supportive rather than a source of pressure. We encourage families to engage with them in a way that works for their circumstances.

We value the strong partnership we have with our families and operate an open-door approach to communication. If parents have any questions, concerns or suggestions, we encourage them to speak with their child's teacher or contact the school office to arrange a meeting. We are always happy to listen and work together to support the best outcomes for our children.

To view all responses please visit the school website.

Use of photographs

In response to the growing use of artificial intelligence and online technologies, we are reviewing and reducing the use of pupil photographs in newsletters, on our website and on social media. Whilst we remain proud to celebrate children's achievements, safeguarding and protecting our pupils is a high priority for the school.



As we come to the end of another successful year, I would like to thank our all our pupils, staff and families. This year we have achieved so much and created many special memories.

I wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,

Sarah Munns
Headteacher

INSET Days for 2026 - 27

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Friday 18th June

Wednesday 21st July