



The Manor CE Primary School

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Dates for the Diary



- ⇒5 Dec: EYFS Nativity 2.30pm
- ⇒7 Dec: KS1 Production to parents (Y1 & 2) 2pm and 5pm
- ⇒8 Dec: FOMS Christmas Gift Sale
- ⇒12 Dec: Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome Pantomime
- ⇒13 Dec: Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumper)
- ⇒14 Dec: Class Christmas parties
- ⇒15 Dec: Church Christmas Carol Service in Church 10am
- ⇒15 Dec: last day of Term 2
- ⇒2nd Jan: Term 3 starts—Inset Day
- ⇒3rd Jan: Children return to school

New events in bold type

Inset Days 2023/2024

- ⇒Tuesday 2 Jan 2024
- ⇒Friday 3 May 2024
- ⇒Friday 28 June 2024

Well, it's the start of the festive period in school today as the lights and decorations are up in classrooms and around school and it has certainly spread the festive joy!
Today, we look forward to the FOMS Christmas Fair this evening – countless hours of work and preparation has gone into this event from so many volunteers. A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in some way. I've no doubt this will be a brilliant evening for our school community to enjoy.
Next week, our EYFS and KS1 children share their Christmas performance with the rest of the school and our parents/carers. We have been very lucky overhearing many of the songs in rehearsals this past week and we look forward to seeing the children perform on the day! All children in school will have a chance to watch these during school time.

We look forward to seeing lots of our families and friends this evening at the Christmas Fair!
Team Manor



We are aware that many of our families are finding things tough at the moment.

We wanted to reach out and say – we may not have all the answers, but please do come and speak to Mrs Flanagan, Mr Israel or Mrs Mann – we may just be able to help.

We have been asked to share the local food community shops and their opening times should any of our families need this extra support.



Important Dates and things to remember!



We will now be sharing important class dates and any remember to's on this part of our newsletter. Please remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page for class activities! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/930513833807729>

Y1 Y2 If you have not sent your child's costume in today, please can you send in on Monday. Many thanks.

After School Activity Clubs will run next week but it will be the last week of clubs for this term. There will be **NO** clubs from Monday 11th to Friday 15th December. Information regarding clubs for Terms 3 and 4 will be sent out later next couple weeks. Many thanks.

Please don't forget to order your child's Christmas dinner on Parentpay if they wish to have one on Wednesday 13th December. Many thanks.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is now in the central learning zone – children can post any Christmas cards for children within school into this and our Year 6 children will arrange their delivery. Please ensure envelopes are clearly marked with the recipients First name and Surname , along with their class.



Primary School 2024 Applications

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2024?

The application process for places is now open. Read South Gloucestershire Council's web pages and admission guides by following the links below.

The deadline for primary, infant and junior applications is 15 January 2024. [Find out more](#)



Extra Curricular clubs and activities



We have been asked to share the information on this page with our families.
Please note: as a school, we are not able to endorse any of these clubs - we are unable to comment on their suitability or their safeguarding procedures.

Many thanks

Christmas Engineering Club
Monday 18th December at The Park Centre
Kingswood BS15 4AR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity? Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and engineering with a Christmas theme.

Who can build the fastest car and the slowest parachute?



Educational fun for all the family. Using a variety of materials we will build cars, planes and parachutes to see how they move through the air.

10 am - 12 pm
12 pm - 2 pm
You can book for the morning, afternoon or both sessions.

The club is for children aged 5 upwards. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fully funded for children eligible for free school meals. (Usually £15 per child, per session). Adults free.

Lunch provided for children. Free light refreshments for parents.

To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5528>

Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com

Christmas Engineering Club
Friday 22nd December at The St Mary's Church Hall
Thornbury BS35 1DR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity? Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and engineering with a Christmas theme.

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To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5598>

Contact for more information:
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Christmas Engineering Club
Tuesday 19th December at St Nicholas Youth Centre
Yate BS37 4LG

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity? Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and engineering with a Christmas theme.

Who can build the fastest car and the slowest parachute?



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To book a place please visit:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5564>

Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com

Christmas Engineering Club
Wednesday 20th December at The Little Stoke Community Hall
Little Stoke BS34 6HR

Looking for a fun and creative holiday activity? Join us for hands-on activities exploring science and engineering with a Christmas theme.

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To book a place please visit:
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Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. They act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to strategically oversee the running of the school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
 - Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
 - Has spare time and the energy for the role
 - Is able to work well as part of a team
 - Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
 - Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements
- We do not currently have any Parent Governor vacancies. These volunteer positions are open to people from our wider community.

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the schools strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

In looking to fill these vacancies, we are particularly interested in applications from people with education experience and also people who can occasionally visit the school during the day, although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.

If you are interested or know of somebody else who would be then please contact the governing board via the school office at manorprimary@sgmail.org.uk.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role, please leave your contact details with the school office and a member of the governing board will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat.