



The Manor CE Primary School

*Aspire, Believe, Achieve
Shine like stars in the sky*

Dear families

Welcome back! This school year is flying by and it's hard to believe we are already in the summer term. Let's hope for plenty of sunshine so the children can enjoy being outside as much as possible. It's always such a lovely term in school—full of energy, smiles and opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

We have a busy and exciting few months ahead, with lots of activities planned across the school. There are also many trips coming up, which we know the children always look forward to and gain so much from. A quick reminder that all upcoming dates and events can be found on the school website, so please do keep an eye on it. Don't forget to visit the Book Fair which will be in school from 11—15th May—all books are 3 for 2 (cheapest book free).

Thank you, as always, for the fantastic support from parents who volunteer to help on trips. We are often oversubscribed with offers and, while we would love to include everyone, we do our best to ensure opportunities are shared fairly across the year. We really appreciate your understanding.

A big thank you as well to the Manor Committee for organising the recent cake sale in aid of Streetlife, which raised an amazing **£205** (plus anything donated today) —a wonderful achievement for such a worthwhile cause.

It's been a brilliant first week back. The children had a great time during the rugby coach's visit, and it was lovely to see so much enthusiasm and enjoyment from everyone involved.

Have a lovely weekend,

Team Manor

Sunny Days

Gentle reminder for all children to bring in a hat to wear during the sunny months. Please also apply suntan lotion to your child before they come in to school. If you choose to send lotion in with your child, they must apply it themselves—we cannot apply it for them - and not share it with any other child. Water bottles also needed.

Staffing Update

Mrs Gray is hoping to return to work soon and is very grateful for all the kind messages she has received during her absence. We are also delighted to share the news that Mr Gray's health is improving.

Important Dates

28 Apr—YR Pizza Express trip—letter sent
1 May—Inset 4—school closed for children
4 May—Bank Holiday—school closed for everyone
8 May—FOMS Colour Run—details sent this week
11—15 May Y6 SATS
11—15 May—Book Fair in school—3 for 2 offer across all books
18 May—Walk to School Week
21 May—Class Photographs—full school uniform to be worn
21 May—Open Classrooms 2.45—3pm entry. 3.10 leave

All dates are on the school website <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/> (scroll to bottom of page)

Collection of children—After School Club

Please ensure you let the school know beforehand if someone else will be collecting your child from After School Club. This includes any other family members.

Safeguarding Corner

Children and young people use a wide range of social media platforms to connect, learn and express themselves. While social media can offer creativity, connection and learning, it's important to understand the risks and how to support children to stay safe online. By helping children use social media thoughtfully, we can support their wellbeing and encourage safe, positive experiences online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>



We are looking forward to a brilliant term with the children. Below is just a snapshot of some of the learning that is taking place in each class. As always, if you would like more information, please speak to or email your child's class teacher.

EYFS

Reception are looking forward to their pizza trip next week. In Drawing Club, they will be starting with *Little Red Riding Hood*, and their topic is all about minibeasts, where they will enjoy exploring and finding them in the local environment. They are also looking forward to making the most of the sunny weather and spending more time on the school field.

Year 1

Year 1 will be learning about their local area, including the history of Manor School. In English, they are using *The Comet* in their writing, while in maths they are counting in 2s, 5s and 10s before moving on to fractions. They are also developing painting skills inspired by Jenny Urquhart. They have a local walk coming up linked to their topic, with more details to follow, and continue to build confidence in phonics and tricky words.

Year 2

Year 2 will be using *George and the Dragon* to support their writing, focusing on past and present tense. In maths, they are beginning to explore fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds. In science, they are working scientifically by growing plants in the classroom, and in art they are developing skills inspired by Bristol artist Jenny Urquhart.

Year 3

Year 3 will explore their topic "It's Electrifying", learning about electricity in science. They will develop drawing skills inspired by Jon Burgerman and build structures in DT. Children will also create games in computing, take part in athletics and tennis, and focus on relationships and the concept of the Kingdom of God in RE.

Year 4

Year 4 will be exploring their topic "It's Electrifying", learning about circuits, components and key scientists. In English, they are using *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* to develop their writing, with a focus on speech. They will also be reading *The Iron Man* and *Cogheart* in class, alongside developing their wider curriculum learning.

Year 5

Year 5 are kicking off their term by focusing on their science topic of 'Light'. They will later create 3D sculptures, design games in computing, and develop athletics and tennis skills. Learning will also focus on relationships in PSHE, descriptive language in Spanish, and continue developing their awareness and understanding of different faiths around the world.

Year 6

Year 6 will also explore 'Light' this term in their science learning. They will create 3D sculptures and develop their skills in athletics and tennis. Children are continuing their final preparations for SATs and are doing brilliantly, as always. Learning will also focus on relationships and transition, revisiting Spanish, and exploring how beliefs are expressed through actions in RE.

We are looking forward to lots in this busy 5-week term, including our whole school Colour Run organised by FOMs. Please also keep an eye out next week for our after-school clubs letter—we hope many children will sign up and get involved!



Information was sent out this week for the Colour Run which is in school on Friday 8th May. Sponsorship forms are coming home today (electronic copies emailed to you also) —please look out for them and don' t forget to give your consent on Parentpay.

We are delighted to share that we have had a brand new duck house very kindly donated to us by a Grandparent—it has been assembled, we are just waiting for it to be varnished and then it will be ready for the pond.

We're now looking ahead to Father's Day, and planning another fun craft activity so the children can make a gift again this year. We know how much they enjoy these opportunities, and it's always lovely for families to receive something made with care.

A big thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts — it really does make a difference to the school. As always, thank you for your continued support.

OpenView Education
TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter	17+	18+
TikTok	Kik	Sarahah	MeetMe
YouNow	Yubo	YOLO	LiveMe
House Party	Monkey		



Nut-Free School Reminder

A quick reminder that The Manor continues to be a **nut-free school**. We do have a child in school with a **severe nut allergy**, and it's really important that we all work together to keep them safe.

We kindly ask that no nuts or nut products are brought into school by children, staff, or visitors. This includes items such as peanut butte, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, or any snacks containing nuts.

Thank you so much for helping us make sure our school is a safe place for every member of our community. Your support really does make a difference.

The Manor CE Primary School

As a school we set high targets for our children's attendance as we know that regular consistent attendance makes a huge difference to their learning:

If children are not in school they miss key parts of their learning.

Our current target for **all** children is **97%** - thank you for supporting us with this.

Term Time Absence

The Department of Education's guidance encourages all schools to take a much firmer stance on absence authorised in term times. Parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays.

Where absence is wanted for any reason during school time, it is important to email school and inform us of your intentions in advance. E-mail: manorprimary@gmail.org.uk

Please be advised that we are unable to authorise any term time holiday requests, – parents need to email and inform school of their intentions to take a holiday in advance, this will be **unauthorised**, and will be recorded as G code for family holiday (unauthorised).

Other Circumstances that would not be authorised are:

- Family Holidays;
- Relatives coming to visit;
- Family day trips/shopping days
- Visiting family who have different half terms or holiday;
- Grandparents/family members that have booked a holiday and parents were not aware of the dates;
- Re-occurring car/traffic problems;
- Parents/siblings are ill and therefore unable to get children to school.

How many days does your child attend School?

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend with family for birthdays, special occasions, holidays, shopping, appointments and other things.



Reminders

Our school gates are open at **8:40am**, where a member of staff will welcome pupils into school. Gates close at **8:50am** (if you arrive after this time you will need to enter through the main school entrance).

If a child is unwell, a telephone call message should be left on 01454 866555 before 9am on the first day of absence stating the reason the child can-not attend.

We operate an everyday call system and if a reason for absence has not been communicated to the school office by 9:30 a.m. a call/text to the parent or carer will be made. Every day calling is an effective measure that helps ensure children are safe.

We are unable to authorise any holiday in term time.

More information can be found on the school website: <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/copy-of-contact-us>

www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk E: manorprimary@gmail.org.uk T: 01454 866555

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Amanda Flanagan

Head of School: Mr John Israel



The Directory



A huge thank you to the individuals, small businesses, and companies who have chosen to support our school through advertising—your generosity makes a real difference.

Advertising in [The Directory](#) is a fantastic way to engage with our school community while directly contributing to the support of our school and students. Every penny raised goes straight back into enriching the school experience for our children.

JENNY RITTER
@ Hays Travel

- PERSONALISED SERVICE TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS ✓
- 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE ✓
- 5 STAR TRUSTPILOT ✓
- ABTA & ATOL PROTECTED ✓

PERSONAL TRAVEL CONSULTANT
07961 976838
JENNYRITTER.PTC@HAYS-TRAVEL.CO.UK
f Jenny Ritter at Hays Travel

carpet giant

The South West's largest independent flooring showroom,
transforming your space, one step at a time.

**Carpet / Luxury vinyl tiles
/ Laminate / Rugs**

Beeches Industrial Estate, Yate, Bristol.
01454 322828
thecarpetgiant.co.uk

*Please note that the businesses and individuals listed in [The Directory](#) have contributed donations to the school in return for advertising space. The school does not endorse, guarantee, or assume responsibility for any products or services offered by these businesses. Many thanks