



# The Manor CE Primary School

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We hope that all our families had a lovely and restful Christmas break. Although the new year has certainly started off wet and cold, it has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. They have settled back into their routines very well and it has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces around the school.

The children have returned ready to learn and have made an excellent start to their work this term. Classrooms are already buzzing with enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work, and it is clear that the children are keen to challenge themselves and do their best. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term filled with learning, progress and lots of positive experiences.

A huge well done to all of our Learning Champions who were given their awards today – we are so proud of all you have achieved last term!

Don't forget to drop in to Mrs Mann and Mrs Gray's coffee morning after drop off on 20th January—the school nursing team will also be there.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend!  
Team Manor

## Climbing Wall

We are delighted to share the exciting news that our new climbing wall is now officially open! This fantastic new addition has been funded by our brilliant Friends of Manor School (FOMs) and expertly built by Martin, our very own handyman. We would like to say a huge thank you to FOMs for their continued support of various school projects that enrich our children's school lives, and to Martin for all his many hours of hard work in bringing this project to life.

The children will now be able to enjoy using the climbing wall every day whilst in school, and we hope they have lots of fun exploring it in the coming weeks and months.



## After School Activity Clubs

A letter has been sent out this week regarding clubs for Terms 3 & 4. Lego club starts on Monday 12th January but all other clubs will start from w/c 19th January. Please ensure you register interest by 9am on Monday 12th January. You will be informed if your child has a place by Friday 16th January. Many thanks

## Census Day—Thursday 15th January

Please see special menu prepared for Census Day. A meal will be cooked for all our KS1 children to try!



## Safeguarding Corner

We're really pleased to share a new and very helpful guide from the Children's Commissioner for England called *What I Wish My Parent Knew*. It's been created using real feedback from children and young people about their experiences online and what they wish adults understood better. You can view it here - <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

In school, we're seeing more and more children affected by issues linked to online use, and this is happening at younger ages than ever before. Things like screen time, gaming, messaging and social media are becoming a bigger part of children's lives, and it's not always easy for them to manage without adult support.

This guide is designed to help parents and carers feel more confident about supporting their child's digital life. It includes practical advice, simple conversation starters and helpful tips for talking with your child, setting boundaries and encouraging safe, healthy use of technology.

We know that when families and schools work together, children are best supported. We hope this guide feels reassuring and useful, and helps you feel informed and involved as your child learns to navigate the online world safely.



## 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@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:manorprimary@sgmail.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>

## Parent/Carer Cuppa and Chat!



Please come and join Mrs Gray and Mrs Mann for a cup of tea/coffee and a natter in the school hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January straight after morning drop off.

This will be an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents/carers. The chance to ask questions, share experiences and have a friendly chat while enjoying a much needed cuppa!



We are pleased to say that our School Nurse will be joining us (from 9am) to introduce the School Nursing Service to Parents and Carers.

Please do come along to find out what services they offer, for you and your child(ren).

For further information about this service, please follow this link:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>



## DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit:  
[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](https://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)



## ✿ Parent Workshops delivered by the School Nursing Team ✿

The South Gloucestershire School Nursing Team is visiting our school to offer small, interactive parent sessions:

### ✿ Toilet Talk - Supporting Bladders & Bowels

on Tuesday 3rd Feb 2026 at 9:00am

Get practical tips on toilet training and managing common bladder & bowel concerns.

### ✿ Sweet Dreams - Helping Your Child Sleep Well

on Tuesday 3rd Mar 2026 at 9:00am

Learn strategies to help your child settle and sleep well.

### ✿ Limited spaces - Please email Mrs Mann directly to reserve your place!

(teresa.mann@sgmail.org.uk)

further information about this service, please follow this link:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>



## 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 butter, 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.

## Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2026. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the [South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide](#) before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than **15 January 2026**.