



The Manor CE Primary School

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Welcome Back!

We are now halfway through the term, and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school life. Our new Reception children have made a fantastic start to their school journey and are already becoming a much-loved part of our school community. The term is going well, with lots of learning, new friendships, and exciting activities taking place across the school. We are looking forward to the weeks ahead as we continue building on this positive start.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU! to some long-standing members of our Friends of Manor School (FOMS) who are stepping down after many years of dedicated service. Rhian, Bryony, and Jen (in her role as Treasurer) have each given an incredible amount of time, energy, and enthusiasm to support our school community.

Over the years, they have helped to organise countless events — from fairs and discos to raffles and cake sales — raising *huge* amounts of money that have gone directly towards enriching the experiences of our children. Their efforts have helped fund memorable opportunities, resources, and activities that make a real difference to life at Manor. We are so grateful for all that they have done.

As we say thank you, we are also delighted to *welcome* the new volunteers stepping into the FOMS roles. The new team have made a fantastic start and are already busy planning an exciting calendar of events for families and children to enjoy. We know our school community will join us in supporting them in their new roles, and we'd like to remind everyone that FOMS are *always* keen to welcome new parents and carers who would like to get involved — whether that's helping at an event, sharing ideas, or simply lending a hand when you can.

We hope you all enjoy the weekend,
Team Manor

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival for **Y1-6** will take place in church on Friday 10th October at 9.30am. All parents and carers are warmly invited to this—we would be delighted if you could walk to church with us—please wait outside school at 9.20am.

This year, our Harvest collection will again be for The North Bristol and South Glos. Food Bank which is based in Yate. We will be taking donations for this incredibly important cause from Monday 6th-Friday 10th October (children can bring donations into their classrooms and make them part of our Harvest display).

In 2023/24, food banks in the Trussell network provided 3,121,404 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 1,144,096 were distributed for children.

The food bank have asked us to collect **non- perishable / Long life foods**, with the following which are in greatest need at the moment:

✓ This week's urgently needed items

Instant/ packet rice
Non-dairy milk
Instant coffee
Washing up liquid
Shampoo
Lentils
Crisps
Long life UHT milk

✗ Please no more!

Beans & tinned spaghetti
Soup
Pasta
Nappies S1
Nappies S2
Nappies S5
Cleaning supplies
Fizzy drinks

Thank you for your support for this very worthy cause.



Safeguarding Corner

As we start the new year, please ensure you inform school if a new or different adult is collecting your child at the end of the day. You can do this by contacting the main office or by telling a member of SLT on the playground in the morning. Additionally, if your child usually attends an after-school club but cannot attend one day for one reason or another, it is crucial that a member of staff is notified (either on the gate or office team) so that the member of staff running the club knows that the child has gone home. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

How to protect your children's back to school photographs:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2024/how-protect-childs-back-to-school-photos/>



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School Diary

Any events throughout the school year are added to the school calendar on our website. Please visit <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Below are some of our latest additions but please check for all events.

- ◇ 6-10 Oct: Foms Clothes Collection —bring your bags full of clothes and leave outside school foyer
- ◇ 6-10 Dec: Harvest Donations for N Bristol & S Glos Foodbank—see first page
- ◇ 10 Dec: Harvest Festival in Church (Y1-6)
- ◇ 17 Oct: FOMS Treat Friday after school (boxes of 12 Krispyavail to order and pre-pay through Parentpay from 1st Oct). Details to follow
- ◇ 21 Oct: Open Classrooms. See calender on website for further information
- ◇ 10 Nov: Odd Socks Day—wear odd socks to school (start of Anti-Bullying Week)
- ◇ 19 Nov: Year R Phonics Workshop, 9am
- ◇ 5 Dec: FOMS Non-school uniform Day. Details to follow
- ◇ 11 Dec: Open Classrooms. See calender on website for further information
- ◇ 12 De: Whole School Trip to Tobacco Factory

These are not all the events taking place in school so please ensure you check the school website for further events. Many thanks



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.

Introducing *The Directory*

We're excited to share that once a term, The Manor will be publishing *The Directory* — a booklet showcasing local businesses and services. This means school newsletters will no longer contain advertisements.

The Directory will be sent out termly to all our families and is a great way to connect our school community with local businesses. If you know of a business that might like to feature, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office.

- Adverts cost **£10 per term** or **£50 for the whole year**.

Every penny raised goes directly back into supporting the school and our children.

We hope *The Directory* will be a useful resource for families as well as a fantastic way to promote and support local businesses.