



WELCOME!

New Reception cohort 2026/27

Parents' meeting



Your EYFS Team

- Miss Hawkins – Class teacher
- Mrs Taylor – EYFS HLTA
- Mrs Gray – SENDCO
- Mrs Mann – Parent-link and ELSA practitioner
- Mr Israel – Head Teacher
- Mr Prichard – Deputy Head Teacher



Questions you might have ...



- Is my child ready for school? How can I help?
- What will my child be doing in school?
- What should my child bring to school each day?



How can I help my child to be ready for school?



- ✓ Use the toilet independently.
- ✓ Get changed on their own.
- ✓ Take socks and shoes off/put back on.
- ✓ Have a healthy bedtime routine.
- ✓ Recognise their name.
- ✓ Follow instructions from an adult.
- ✓ Know as many nursery rhymes as possible



The journey to school

My name is



A winding road graphic that curves from the bottom left towards the top right. The road is dark grey with white dashed lines. Along the road, there are seven milestones, each consisting of a smiley face icon and a text box describing a goal. The goals are: 1. I visited my new school and met my teacher. 2. I practised going to the toilet and washing my hands by myself. 3. I have shared a book with a grown up. 4. I practised using a knife and fork to eat my food. 5. I practised putting on my school uniform and shoes by myself. 6. I have drawn a picture for my new teacher. 7. (The final goal is partially obscured by the bottom of the page).



Things I need for starting school:

- My school uniform
- My bookbag
- My water bottle
- My wellies
- My big smile



When you complete a goal, colour in the smiley face! Or, you might like to use it as a sticker chart, adding a sticker for each completed goal.



The Journey to School

Even if your child has been at nursery or pre-school for a while, the leap to 'Big School' can feel like a challenge. Teachers from our family of schools have come together to create this 'Journey to School' and hope that you enjoy completing it with your child.



How can you help?

There are a number of key skills that will help your child to manage some of the situations they will face during a normal school day. The following statements are a guide to the kind of skills you can help your child develop before they start school in September. Every child is different and we wouldn't expect all children to be able to do all of these things; but using this guide will help you understand where your child might need additional support, which areas you can work on and which areas you may need to talk through with your child's new teacher.

Eating

- I can use a knife and fork.
- I can recognise my own lunchbox.
- I can open my packed lunch.
- I will have a go at peeling a piece of fruit.

Sharing and turn taking

- I can share toys and take turns.
- I like playing games with others.
- I can interact with other children.

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform and getting ready to leave on time.
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school.

Getting dressed and undressed

- I can recognise my name on my clothes.
- I can put my own shoes and socks on.
- I can change into my PE kit.
- I can put my coat on.

Self-care

- I can go to the toilet on my own.
- I can wipe myself and flush.
- I can wash and dry my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well.

Curiosity to learn

- I can recognise my name.
- I can listen to a story.
- I can join in with singing.
- I can listen to and follow simple instructions.

We have chosen six key skills for your child to focus on between now and September. These can be found on your child's 'Journey to School' chart.



Some tips and tricks from our experience...

- Choose a larger size for jumpers.
- Velcro for shoes, not laces.
- Labels inside shoes to help remind left and right. Please label all clothing items.
- Waistbands on trousers are easier to pull up. (Velcro fasteners for trousers can also be helpful)
- Try new foods over the summer and make this a fun experience as a family and model using a knife and fork.
- Build in opportunities to 'tidy up time' and put things back where they belong.
- Build up to at least 5 minutes 'focus time' so that your child is ready for those opportunities in school.

What does a typical day look like?



What does my child need to bring to school?

- ✓ A named water bottle. Soft plastic ideally.
- ✓ Forest School kit (larger size – trousers and waterproof coat or puddle suits) including welly boots. Practise putting these on and off.

We will let you know when we are starting Forest school

- ✓ A book bag (these can be bought alongside the uniform)
Ideally no rucksacks!

- PE kits will be worn on a designated day – this will commence when the children have settled in. You will be told which day this is once they start full time.
- Lunches are provided free of charge for all children in Key Stage One, however, you may provide a packed lunch for your child if you wish.
- All meals are placed using Parentpay. This is the system used for any payments to school including meals/trips/Breakfast and After School Club bookings. You will be sent your login details at the start of September. It is very important that bookings are placed to help with numbers for our kitchen staff. We ask that you select Home Packed Lunch also.



What does the uniform look like?



| The Manor CE Primary Uniform Policy 2025-26 | |
|--|---|
| Winter | Grey or black trousers/skirts with grey or black tights |
| | Gold polo shirt |
| | School or royal blue sweater/cardigan |
| | Black school shoes |
| Summer | Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirts with grey or black tights or white or grey socks |
| | Yellow and white check summer dress. |
| | Gold polo shirt |
| P.E Kit (to be worn instead of school uniform on allocated P.E days) | School or royal blue sweater/cardigan |
| | Black school shoes |
| | Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms Gold plain t shirt Black daps or trainers |



Label everything!

Manor CE

Primary School

Uniform



School approved garments:

- Polo Shirts
- Sweatshirts
- PE Kit

plus many more

Order Online

Fast Order turnaround



Scan the QR code to shop your uniform directly

www.schooltrends.co.uk



- Please note the following shared by our uniform suppliers for any orders placed from now:
- **Colours are a slight different shade**
- **The fit is slimmer**
- **Age sizes are different from previous years supply**

SCHOOL TRENDS

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

Order before **July 21st** and get 15% off with code: **FRESH26**



Trusted Quality



School Approved



Great Value

What happens in September?

September 2026

| Monday 31 st Aug | Tuesday 1 st Sept | Wednesday 2 nd Sept | Thursday 3 rd Sept | Friday 4 th Sept |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bank Holiday | INSET Day | Individual Family Meetings | | A (8:45 – 11:45) B (1:15 – 3:10) |
| Mon 7 th Sept | Tuesday 8 th Sept | Wednesday 9 th Sept | Thursday 10 th Sept | Friday 11 th Sept |
| B (8:45 – 11:45) | A (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | A & B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | A & B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch |
| A (1:15 – 3:10) | B (1:15 – 3:10) | A (1:15 – 3:10) | | |

From Monday 14th September – 8:40 – 3:15

Transition Group A

Mei
Ivy
Jensen
Marlow
Jaxon
Nevaeh Mae
Aria
Kai
Patrick
Austin
Theo
Romy
Rosalie
Brodie
Ava R

Transition Group B

Hope
William
Ronnie
Madeline
Fern
Arlo
Ava S
Eleanor
Rosie
April
Sienna
Ava U
Rafe
Marley
Erin

| Monday 31 st Aug | Tuesday 1 st Sept | Wednesday 2 nd Sept | Thursday 3 rd Sept | Friday 4 th Sept |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bank Holiday | INSET Day | Individual Family Meetings | | A (8:45 – 11:45) B (1:15 – 3:10) |
| Mon 7 th Sept | Tuesday 8 th Sept | Wednesday 9 th Sept | Thursday 10 th Sept | Friday 11 th Sept |
| B (8:45 – 11:45) | A (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | A & B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch | A & B (8:45 – 12:15) including lunch |
| A (1:15 – 3:10) | B (1:15 – 3:10) | A (1:15 – 3:10) | | |

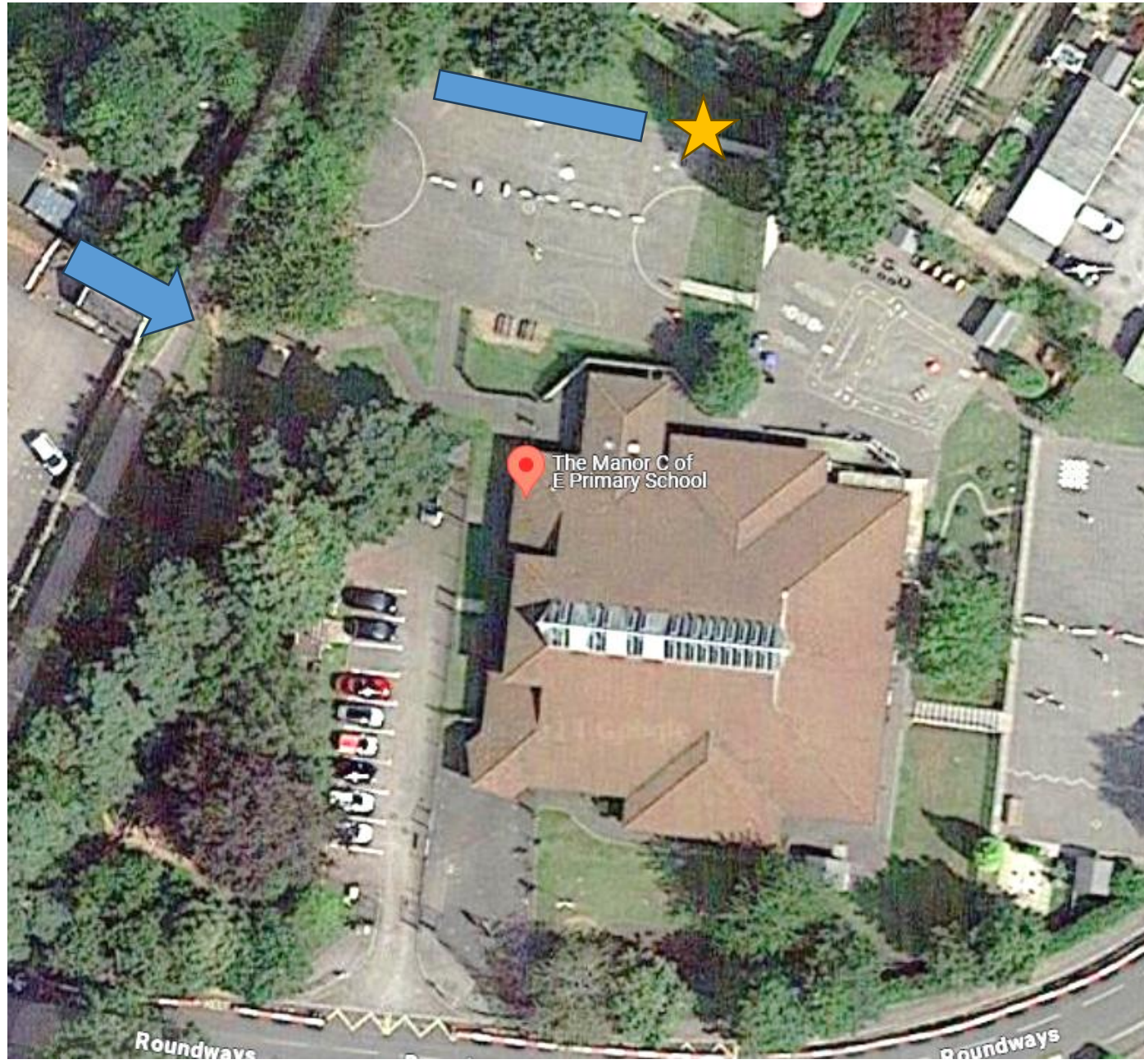
From 14th September – 8:40 – 3:15

Transition Group A

Mei
Ivy
Jensen
Marlow
Jaxon
Nevaeh Mae
Aria
Kai
Patrick
Austin
Theo
Romy
Rosalie
Brodie
Ava R

Transition Group B

Hope
William
Ronnie
Madeline
Fern
Arlo
Ava S
Eleanor
Rosie
April
Sienna
Ava U
Rafe
Marley
Erin



The Manor C of E Primary School

Roundways

Roundways

Communication



- **School messaging service** - all texts are sent via the Arbor App and will appear as an In-App message. You should have already received login details and further communication from us using this. If you have not, please contact the school office asap.
- **School email** - ManorPrimary@sgmail.org.uk / **Class email** - AntarcticaClass@sgmail.org.uk
- **Evidence Me**
- **Termly school newsletter**
- **School website (dates)**
- **Facebook**
- **Beginning of day – staff available**
- **End of day catch up with EYFS staff**
- **Mrs Mann, Parent Link**



Getting to know your child key dates

Please bring your child's birth certificate to one of these sessions and show it to the ladies in the office.

Thursday 25th June 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Forest School Session

Children to spend time in Forest School to play (child plus one adult only)

We will greet you at the main entrance. Please wear appropriate clothing/footwear for the weather.

Wednesday 1st July 10am – 11am

Children (children only) to spend time in class familiarising themselves with the environment, their teacher and peers. We will greet your child at the main entrance. There is no need for your child to bring anything with them for this session.

Friday 10th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Children (children only) to spend time in class familiarising themselves with the environment, the teacher and peers. We will greet your child at the main entrance. There is no need for your child to bring anything with them for this session.

Date June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Information: Free School Meals (FSM) – 2026/27

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the Department for Education will remove all transitional protections for Free School Meals (FSM). At the same time, eligibility criteria will be expanded to include **all** children from households receiving Universal Credit.

From September 2026, families will need to meet the updated criteria for their child or young person to continue receiving Free School Meals.

Eligibility Recheck

In line with these changes, the Local Authority will review all current FSM claims before the start of the new academic year, and annually thereafter. If you remain eligible your school will be informed and your child/young person will continue to receive Free School Meals.

Under the new criteria, FSM eligibility will fall into two categories:

Targeted – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This provides free school meals **and additional benefits** for both the pupil and the school.

Expanded – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. This provides **free school meals only**.

If your child is no longer eligible following the review, you will be notified via the Citizen Portal. Please check the portal regularly to ensure you receive important updates.

New Claims

We encourage any parents who believe they may now be eligible, but have not previously applied, to visit our website and submit an application.

Free school meals can save time preparing lunches and provide children with a healthy and varied meal each day.

Department for People



The online application process is quick, confidential, and provides an immediate eligibility check.

Apply online:

[South Glos LIFE | School meals](#)

Previously Rejected Applications

As the eligibility criteria have expanded, some families who were previously unsuccessful may now qualify. We encourage you to reapply.

The online application process is quick, confidential, and provides an immediate eligibility check.

Apply online:

[South Glos LIFE | School meals](#)

Yours sincerely,

Customer Service

What next?

- This presentation and the journey to school activity will be emailed to you.
- Please continue to share your contact details on Arbor. You should have already received login details for Arbor. This is our Management Information System and where we record information for your child. You can now log in and update all information for your child. It is very important that you complete as much information as possible, especially including contact details for parents/carers, Emergency contacts, Medical information/allergies etc and Consents. Once completed, this is sent to school for approval. We will contact you if we have any questions/queries.
- In the next couple of weeks you will be set up on *EvidenceMe* and a link will be emailed to allow you to register (keep an eye on your junk mail).
Signing up is giving permission to share photos of the children's learning on this platform. Only school and EYFS parents have access to view these.
- Before you leave, please book a family meeting for 2nd/3rd September – using the sign up sheet.