



The Manor CE Primary School

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Shine like stars in the sky*

Welcome Back!

Team Manor would like to give a very warm welcome to you all the start of the new academic year. We hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer — full of fun, rest and special moments — and that the children are returning refreshed, eager to learn, and excited for the year ahead.

A special welcome goes to our new Reception children and to all the families joining us for the first time. We are delighted to have you as part of our Manor community. Starting school (or a new school) is a big milestone, and we'll do everything we can to make sure your child feels happy, safe and ready to shine.

The start of a new year always brings a real sense of energy and possibility. Our staff have been busy preparing classrooms and planning engaging lessons, and we're looking forward to the trips, events and celebrations that make life at The Manor so special — a place where every member of Team Manor can truly "shine like a star."

We know that the best learning happens when home and school work hand in hand. Your encouragement, support and involvement mean so much, and together we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to thrive.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead — one filled with learning, laughter, friendship and exciting new adventures for all our children.

With warmest wishes, Team Manor

Class Emails – A Helpful Reminder

Our class email addresses are a lovely way for you to share learning, ask general questions, or pass on non-urgent information to your child's teacher.

Just a couple of gentle reminders to help things run smoothly:

- If your child is **unwell** or you need to report a **holiday/absence**, please contact the **school office** directly by phone or email — teachers can't authorise attendance matters via class emails.
- If you have an **urgent message**, the best way is always through the school office. Teachers are busy preparing for the day in the mornings and teaching throughout the day, so they aren't able to check class emails regularly.

Thank you for working with us to keep communication clear — it really helps teachers focus on what they do best: supporting and inspiring your children in the classroom!

School Main Office	ManorPrimary@sgmail.org.uk
Antarctica Class (YR)	AntarcticaClass@sgmail.org.uk
Australia Class (Y1)	AustraliaClass@sgmail.org.uk
Africa Class (Y2)	AfricaClass@sgmail.org.uk
Europe Class (Y3)	EuropeClass@sgmail.org.uk
Asia Class (Y4)	AsiaClass@sgmail.org.uk
North America Class (Y5)	NorthAmericaClass@sgmail.org.uk
South America Class (Y6)	SouthAmericaClass@sgmail.org.uk

Wonderful News! 🌸 🧒

We are delighted to share the happy news that Miss Hawkins welcomed a beautiful baby girl, **Bonnie**, on **2nd August**. Both mum and baby are doing really well, and we're sure you'll join us in sending them all our love and congratulations; wishing them every happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter together.



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.

Improving Communication

This year, we're working hard to make communication even clearer and easier for families.

- **Newsletters** will now be sent out **twice a term**, keeping you up to date with all the important news and updates from across the school.

To help with planning ahead, the **full list of key dates for the year** — including parents' evenings, sports days, and special events — is already available on our school website: www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk (scroll to the bottom of the home page). We will no longer be sharing dates via Manor Mail.

We hope these changes will make it easier for everyone to stay informed and feel connected with all that's happening at The Manor.



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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.

School dinners

Many thanks for all the school meal/home packed lunches being chosen on Parentpay. This really helps our kitchen staff and means we don't interrupt morning learning to find out choices. Thank you again!

Harvest Festival

You will see from the dates list (<https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/> - scroll to the bottom of the page) we have our Harvest Festival in church on Friday 10 October at 9.30. All children in Y1-6 will be attending this and each class will perform a Harvest related piece. All parents, families and friends are invited to this. Details about our food collection for this will be sent out nearer the time.

Fred, Gem & Darcy's fundraiser **BREAST CANCER NOW** The research & support charity

 John o' Groats to Lands End
933 miles
45,200 feet of elevation
12 days
55 hours 27 minutes

The cycle from John o' Groats to Lands End is complete. Lots of money already raised for Breast Cancer Now, who supported Gem during her treatment last year. It was very much a family affair with Darcy helping to support along the way.

Gem deserved something big. Resilient, courageous, hard as nails, and such a good Mum and role model to Darcy.

If you would like to know more about our adventure, this QR code will take you to our Instagram Account.

 @LittleGem_AndTheBigC

Breast Cancer Now were personal. Real human-to-human stuff. If you would like to donate, this QR code will take you to our JustGiving page which we are keeping open for a further month.

 www.justgiving.com/page/frederick-hopkins-jogle

 

Map showing the route from John o' Groats to Lands End, passing through Altnaharra, Inverness, Pitlochry, Edinburgh, Carlisle, Lancaster, Telford, Tortworth, Taunton, Plymouth, and Falmouth.

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. Thank you.

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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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

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>

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