



MANOR HILL NEWS

25th September 2026

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Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our Key Stage One Reading and Spelling sessions. Thank you for your support; these opportunities make a real difference to children's learning and help strengthen the partnership between home and school.

A special thank you to the team for organising such a successful event. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are incredibly proud of our attendance, which continues to improve year on year. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain these excellent standards. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance ensures that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential and make the most of every learning experience.

Parents' Evening appointments will be available to book from Monday 28th September via Arbor. Please do take the opportunity to secure a slot and meet with your child's teacher. These valuable one-to-one conversations provide an opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress, ask questions and work together to ensure the very best outcomes for your child. Through strong home-school collaboration, we can continue to support every child in the best way possible.

Following your feedback, we hope that you are finding SeeSaw to be a useful, accessible and effective communication platform. We are delighted with the positive engagement from families and the opportunities it provides to share and celebrate children's learning. As a result, from October half term, SeeSaw will become our primary method of communication and will replace our weekly newsletters. Instead, we will publish a half-termly newsletter, enabling us to share key updates, celebrate achievements and keep you informed about important events and developments across the school. We appreciate your continued support as we further streamline and strengthen communication between home and school.

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Executive Headteacher & Team Manor Hill

Highlights

The Bright Beginners have been busy developing their gross motor skills! We set up an exciting obstacle course with balancing equipment, stepping stones, and planks.

This week, Little Learners explored blackberries through a range of exciting activities. The children enjoyed using blackberry play dough to develop their fine motor skills and creativity. In the texture kitchen, they explored fresh blackberries and fruity tea bags, using their senses to investigate different textures and smells. During Forest School, we went on a blackberry hunt, exploring the outdoors and learning about nature.

In Reception this week, we have been learning about longer and shorter. We compared our heights and talked about who was taller and shorter. The children enjoyed measuring and comparing different objects around the classroom, using the language of longer, shorter, taller and smaller.

Willow class have enjoyed their wider curriculum learning this week. In Science, we have been learning about different habitats and the plants and animals that we would find there. In history, the children found out more about how pottery is made, looking closely at bottle kilns.

Our Forest School session took our science learning outside - we went on a bug hunt, looking at the different areas of the field and the different animals that we could find. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers and learning new vocabulary to use instead of bigger and smaller. The children have been building their vocabulary further in English, learning about verbs to describe Jack's actions in the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Maple Class have really enjoyed Forest School this week, to support our Science topic we were looking for a variety of living species either in trees, under logs, in the grass or underground!

Elm Class we have been working on writing numbers to 100 in written form in Maths and we have been sorting animals into appropriate habitats in science, we even managed to explore our woodland habitat in forest school and investigate what creatures we could find in the trees, in the soil, under logs and in the bushes.

KS2 had a fantastic morning of Forest School! We built shelters using wood and sticks like they would have done in the Stone Age and built spears which they would have used to hunt the animals with. The children showed fantastic collaboration and resilience. What a fun experience!

MANOR HILL FIRST SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2026

Come and see what makes Manor Hill the place to be! ★



Wednesday 30th September

🕒 5:00pm - 6:30pm



Thursday 1st October

🕒 1:30pm - 2:30pm ★ Places must be pre-booked



Saturday 3rd October

🕒 9:00am - 10:30am ☕ Open Morning



Wednesday 11th November

🕒 5:00pm - 6:30pm



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YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow

♥ Join our **Wear Yellow Day!**

Show your support for children's mental health and help raise awareness by wearing yellow! ♥

♥ ♥ ♥

Friday 9th of October

Manor Hill First School

Suggested Donation

£1

Together we can make a brighter future for young minds ♥

YOUNGMINDS
supporting young people's mental health



Manor Hill First School Harvest Festival Donations For The Stone Community Hub





FOOD
FESTIVAL
BY AGERS

LUCKY PLATE

Census Day
Thursday 1st October 2026

Choose from

Chicken Nuggets
Or
Vegetable Fingers

Served With

Chips
&
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

Followed By

Iced Sprinkle Sponge

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Aspens Updates



Primary Promotion Dates

ASPENS	MONTH	DATE	THEME	ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR CENSUS DAY	SPECIFIC EVENT DATE
	September 2026	17/09/26	Welcome Back		2026/27 Academic Year Begins
CENSUS DAY	October 2026	01/10/26	Jungle Fest	Lucky Plate	4th World Animal Day
	November 2026	05/11/26	Sparkle Spectacular		5th Bonfire Night
	December 2026	17/12/26	Festive Fun		25th Christmas
CENSUS DAY	January 2027	21/01/27	Let's Explore!	Lucky Plate	
	February 2027	11/02/27	Lunar New Year		6th - 20th Lunar New Year (Fire Goat)
	March 2027	04/03/27	World Book Day		4th World Book Day
	April 2027	15/04/27	Planet Heroes		22nd Earth Day
CENSUS DAY	May 2027	20/05/27	Out Of This World	Lucky Plate	7th National Space Day
	June 2027	17/06/27	Sunshine Splash		Summer Official Starts: June 1 (Meteorological) or June 21 (Astronomical).
	July 2027	15/07/27	Food FESTIVAL		

Dates are based on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless it relates to a specific event date e.g. census day



Manor Hill's The Place To Be!

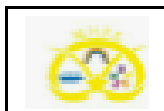


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

September	October	November	December
Thursday 3rd 1st Day of School Friday 4th Whole school Colour Run Tuesday 22nd Key Stage One Spellings and Reading Workshops 8.15am and 3.30pm Tuesday 29th Year 4 Multiplication Check Workshops 8.15am and 3.30pm	Friday 2nd Key Stage 2 Harvest Assemblies 9.15am and 2.30pm Monday 5th Oak Class Reception Phonics Parties 3.30pm Tuesday 6th Beech Class Reception Phonics Parties 3.30pm Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th Parents Evenings Tuesday 20th Spooky Discos Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm Friday 23rd Reception Room On The Broom Forest School Session with Families 2pm Week of 26th Half Term	Monday 2nd Inset Day Tuesday 3rd Photo Day- Individual and Siblings Friday 13th Children In Need Monday 16th KS2 NMA trip	Thursday 10th Festive Jumper Day Friday 11th Manor Hill Makers Market and Festive Fayre 3.30-5.30pm Monday 14th Bright Beginners & Early Explorers Festive Work Shops 9:15am Monday 14th Little Learners Festive Sing-A-Long 2.30pm Tuesday 15th Festive Discos Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm Tuesday 15th Key Stage Two Community Carols 9:15 Wednesday 16th Reception Nativity 9.15am & 2pm Thursday 17th Key Stage One Carols 9.15am & 2:30pm Friday 18th Festive Surprise Last Day of Term
			21 st Christmas Holidays



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Spring Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

January	February	March
• Monday 4th Return to School • Tuesday 5th KS1 and 2 New Vic Theatre Trip • Friday 22nd Birch Class Assembly 9.15am	• Friday 5th NSPCC Number Day Tuesday 9th Friendship Disco Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm • Friday 12th Elder class assembly 9.15am • Monday 15th Half Term	• Monday 15th Key Stage Two Mother's Day Session 9.15 am - Key Stage One Mother's Day Session 2.15pm • Tuesday 23rd Nursery Mother's Day Session Bright Beginners 2:15pm - Early Explorers/Little Learners 2.15pm • Wednesday 31st Reception Mother's Day Session 2.15pm Thursday 4th World Book Day • Tuesday 9th Standon Bowers Information Evening 5.15pm • Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th Parents Evenings • Friday 19th Ash class Assembly 9.15am • Wednesday 24th Key Stage One Spring Assemblies 9.15am & 2.30pm Friday 26th - Good Friday - school closed • Monday 29th Easter Holidays



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Summer Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

April	May	June	July
Monday 12th Inset Day	- Monday 3rd Bank Holiday - Friday 7th Elm class Assembly 9.15am - Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th Standon Bowers Residential Year 4 - Friday 28th Maple class Assembly 9.15am - Monday 31st Half Term	- Monday 7th Inset Day - Thursday 10th - Reception 2026/2027 Information Evening- 5.30pm - Tuesday 15th - Standon Bowers Presentation Evening - 5.30pm - Monday 14th Nursery Father's Day Session Bright Beginners & Early Explorers Little Learners 2:15pm - Thursday 17th Key Stage One Father's Day Session 9.15 am Key Stage Two Father's Day Session 2.15pm - Friday 18th Reception Father's Day Session 2.15pm - Tuesday 22nd Nursery - 9:15 & Reception Sports Day 10:30 - Tuesday 22nd New Reception Class 2027-28 Teddy Bears Picnic 4pm -5pm - Thursday 24th Key Stage One Sports Day (9:15)	- Thursday 1st - Reserve Sports Day Early Years - Friday 2nd Reserve Sports Day Key Stage Two - Reserve Sports Day Key Stage One - Monday 5th Reserve Sports Day Early Years - Tuesday 6th Manor Hill Alumni event - Friday 9th Summer Fayre 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Thursday 15th Key Stage Two Leavers Show 1.30pm & 5:30pm - Friday 16th Nursery Graduation 2:15pm - Monday 19th - Year Four Graduation 2pm - Tuesday 20th Leavers Treat - Wednesday 21st Last Day of Summer Term 2026