



MANOR HILL NEWS

9th October 2026

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Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout at Parents' Evening. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend. Working together is key to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children. If you were unable to make your appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a catch-up meeting.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr A. Lovell for his dedication and commitment to Manor Hill First School over the past seven years, including his service as Chair of Governors. His support and leadership have played an important role in the school's development, and we wish him every success in his future endeavours.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs G. McGoldrick as our new Chair of Governors. Mrs McGoldrick has been a valued member of the governing board for some time and knows both the school and the wider community extremely well. We look forward to working with her and are excited about the future as we continue to build on the school's successes together.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs L Harris
Executive Head Teacher & Team Manor Hill

Thank you to everyone who entered our Scarecrow Competition, we had an amazing collection of scarecrows outside! Congratulations to Aoife and Isla, Mr & Mrs Scarecrow from The Scarecrow's Wedding was our winning entry!



Highlights

This week Bright Beginners have explored the insides of our big pumpkins. We have used a variety of tools to scoop, scrape and investigate the different textures. We had lots of messy fun!

This week in Little Learners, we have enjoyed reading the story "*Monster's Clothes*". We talked about why we wear a uniform and how it helps us to belong to the Manor Hill community. We also explored the colours red and yellow and discovered that when we mix them together, they make orange. Our children enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing and seeing the changes happen.

Reception Class have been looking at the character of the witch in the story "*Room on the Broom*". We are looking forward to our Forest School, with parents and carers next week, which is themed around this book.

Classes Willow, Maple and Elm have enjoyed an afternoon of Forest School, this week. We have been conducting a survey of the minibeasts we could find and we have started to create our bug houses. Thank you to all of the families who sent in recycling so that we could make our amazing houses. We look forward to sharing the picture on Seesaw when they are complete!

In Maths this week, Ash Class have really smashed it! We have been learning about the column method, solving Maths problems by lining up digits vertically by their place value. We are just starting to learn about exchanging, by moving a value from one place-value column to another.

This week in Science, Birch Class have enjoyed using classification keys to group animals into two main categories based on whether they have an internal backbone.

This week in Elder, we have extended our learning about the history of Skara Brae. In R.E. we have looked at the many ways different religions celebrate harvest, such as Lammastide, a traditional harvest festival celebrated on 1st August that marks the beginning of the cereal and grain harvest and Sukkot, a major Jewish autumn harvest festival of thanksgiving and remembrance.



MANOR HILL FIRST SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2026

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



Wednesday 11th November



5:00pm - 6:30pm

Call 01785 812418 or

Email

office@manorhill.staffs.sch.uk



Thursday 19th November



1:30pm - 2:30pm



Places must be pre-booked

Reception Applications open on 1st of November 2026
via <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions>



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NEWCASTLE - ALDERSHAM

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda JR.

THE MUSICAL

21ST-24TH
OCTOBER

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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



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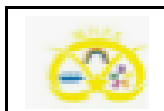


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

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 21st 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