



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

A huge well done to our pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their spectacular performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem' this week. If you were fortunate enough to see one of the performances, I know you will agree with me that their acting, singing and dancing was worthy of a West End stage! Well done everyone!

A reminder that this was the last week for most after school clubs. Some externally run clubs will be taking place next week; please check the clubs Classlist from 5th July 2024 for club end dates.

We will release a Special 'Festive Roundup' edition of the newsletter next week, so look out for that on the last day of term.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Wicks will be begin a phased return to work in January, and I'm sure you will join me welcoming her back to school!

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tues 17 th December 2024	Christmas Panto – 10.00am EMC
Weds 18 th December 2024	Christingle Service 9.15am
Thurs 19 th December 2024	Class Parties and Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December 2024	End of term 1.15pm finish
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	Children return to school



Manland Values Award

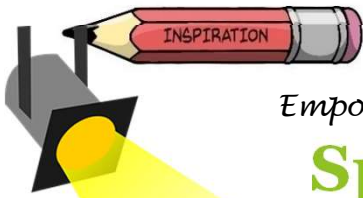
Charlotte is an exceptional student who consistently pushes herself out of her comfort zone, demonstrating resilience and determination when faced with challenges. In lessons, she listens carefully to instructions, asks thoughtful questions, and actively takes on feedback to improve her work.

Charlotte brings warmth and positivity to our class, showing genuine care for her classmates and creating an environment of kindness and support. Her infectious energy and cheerful attitude make her a joy to be around. Charlotte, keep up the fantastic work and continue to **inspire** those around you!

Manland Values Award

Chloe shows **responsibility** each day coming into school with a smile on her face, ready to learn. She impresses us every lesson with her **inspirational** approach to learning, always trying her absolute best in all subjects. Her manners and behaviour are exceptional at all times and her name is frequently mentioned as a role model for others. She is kind and a good friend taking care of others if they are hurt or upset.

Chloe has grown in confidence since joining our year group and has shown an **aspirational** attitude during rehearsals and our nativity performances. We are so proud of you Chloe and delighted you are in our class!



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Spotlight on Nativity

It's busy in Bethlehem and the party sheep are excited for the celebrations. Little do they know, but everyone has arrived for the census. The sheep join the angels, shepherds and kings prepare for the arrival of a very special baby.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have worked so hard this half term to prepare for their nativity performance. Their excellent singing, dancing and comedy had everyone in stitches and clapping along. Well done everyone! We're all so proud of you!





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Spotlight on Nativity





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Spotlight on Music

Last Wednesday, our Year 6 school choir performed in the 2024 Rotary School Carol Concert at the High Street Methodist Church. For the first time this year, in addition to the evening concert, there was a full dress rehearsal in the afternoon in front of a packed audience. The choir sang a range of festive songs as part of the Harpenden and District Primary Schools' Choir.

This year's choir have worked incredibly hard. They have shown great maturity, responsibility and a love of music in all their rehearsals and their performances – well done Eliza, Lucy, Rae, Annabelle, Elouise, Marcella, Cora, Gabriella, Savannah and Atticus– you did a fantastic job and we hope you enjoyed being part of the Rotary School Carol Concert.



Rotary Carols 2024

Nazareth

The Lights Will Lead Me Home

The Echo Carol

Silent Night

The Holy and the Ivy

What Christmas means to me



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Spotlight on Year 1 Science Workshop



This week Year 1 had a fantastic science workshop on materials. They used their knowledge to describe objects and their properties which they identified from a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock. They worked together to sort objects into sorting hoops depending on their properties. They finished the workshop with a problem solving activity based on the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs, becoming engineers, designing and building their own houses!



Maya & Chloe "Our plimsoll is opaque."



Phoebe "Sticks and straw are very light but bricks are hard and heavy."



Freddie "My spoon is made from plastic."

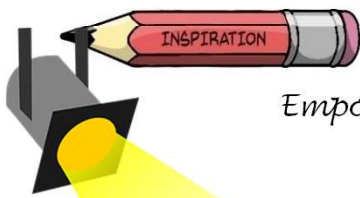


Lottie "We made a house of sweets and sticks and a hairdryer had to blow the house down."



Arthur & Scarlett "Our potato masher is rigid."





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Spotlight on RE



This week we have welcomed volunteers from the local Christian group 'Jump!' into school. Each class has taken part in an activity all about Christmas and what Advent means to Christians.

Year 1 – What are Christians remembering and believing



Reception – Birth of Jesus



Year 5 – What does Christmas help Christians understand about Jesus?



Year 3 – How are Advent and Christmas celebrated

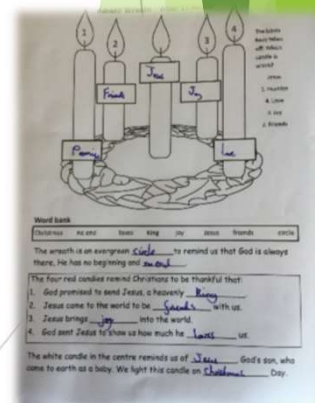
Year 4 – What is the importance of gifts at Christmas?



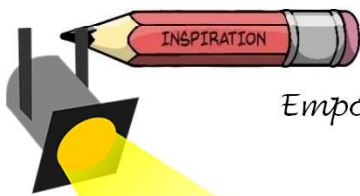
Year 2 – Why does Christmas matter to Christians?



Year 6 – What do Christians believe Christmas is about?



JUMP!
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CHRISTIANITY
TO LIFE



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Spotlight on RE



Edward "During advent Christians light a candle on each of the 4 Sunday's leading up to Christmas."



Iris "The vicar wears purple robes during the season of advent."



Years 3 & 4 went on a trip to All Saints church to learn all about Advent



Emma "We learnt what the 4 red candles for advent meant – Hope, Peace, Love and Joy."



Daniel "The white candle in the middle is lit on Christmas Day and reminds us of Jesus"





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Christmas Jumper Day



It was Christmas Jumper Day in school on Thursday this week! The children looked so festive!



Pupil News

Congratulations to Marcella (Year 6) who received her Music Theatre Grade 2 exam result this week - she passed with distinction!

Well done Marcella!





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Christmas Tree Elves

Thank you to our Christmas Tree Elves who have helped to decorate our school Christmas tree – it looks so festive!



Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

Thank you to everyone in the school community for helping us to raise **£442.36** this year for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal! This is a fantastic amount – thank you to the House Captains for all their hard work selling the poppies.

Over the years, the Manland community has raised £26,000 for the British Legion which is an amazing achievement! We are incredibly proud to support this charity and thank everyone who has donated over the years.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£442.36

was collected by you. *well done!!*

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Acroft
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) **£26,000**
to date
Registered Charity No. 219279

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **96.2%**

Attendance has started to decline. Please remember, **every moment matters** to a child's development and education.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**





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WANTED!



It is with sadness and regret that Herts County Council have informed us that the School Crossing Patrol **Kelly** is leaving at the end of term.

Please take extra care while the crossing is unmanned

Herts County Council are urgently looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol at **Manland Primary School**.

IF YOU ARE OR YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Joanne Morris on 01992 556803

The pay is £12.26 per hour (excluding enhancements)

Job share will be considered

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
Farnham House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage SG1 2ST

scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Can we please respectfully remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely.

Rotary
in Harpenden



Some of our parents were treated to the wonderful Rotary Carol Concert this week and this year the collection will be donated to our very own Harpenden Plus Partnership (the local schools' partnership). We would like to offer all our families the opportunity to increase this donation by using the QR code below which takes you to the Rotary Club's link.

Harpenden Plus is essential to so many children and families and fulfils many roles in our local community. They organise all the joint school musical and competitive sports events held throughout the year from which your children may benefit during their time in our school. They also offer a free and confidential family support service to the parents/carers and families of all the 22 local primary and secondary schools in Harpenden, Redbourn, Wheathampstead and Kimpton. This support is offered 1:1 or in groups for families with any concerns they may have at home or school. For children and young people they run emotional wellbeing courses (Feelings Clubs), crisis counselling and referrals to specialist support.

