



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024



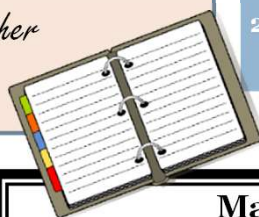
Dear Parents and Carers,

School has been a hive of activity recently with class assemblies and parent workshops taking place. I want to thank all parents and carers who have come along to support these events; the children really enjoy showing you their learning and behaviour. A particular special thank you to our Year 6 ambassadors who have been undertaking tours for prospective parents at our open mornings – we have received wonderful feedback about their informative tours and exemplary behaviour! Well done Year 6!

A reminder that Monday 25th November is an occasional day and school will be closed. We hope you have an enjoyable day.

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher



Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Tues 19 th Nov 2024 | Year 3 Class Assembly 9.00am |
| Mon 25 th Nov 2024 | Occasional Day – school closed |
| Weds 4 th Dec 2024 | Rotary Carol Concert (evening) at High Street Methodist Church |
| Thurs 5 th Dec 2024 | Year 3 last swim of the term |
| Fri 6 th Dec 2024 | Prospective Parent Morning 10.00am |

Manland Values



Manland Values Award

Savannah always shows impeccable behaviour in all subjects which is reflected in her **aspirational** attitude towards her learning. She always endeavour to present her work beautifully and has made great progress in the year already.

Savannah is such an **inspiration** to others when doing group work. Her creativity has amazed me during our art lessons and I have been impressed with her wonderful painting this term. She is a real asset to the Year 3 class, and she should be proud of the progress she has already made.

Manland Values



Manland Values Award

George stands out in Year 6 for all the right reasons. His English writing is simply outstanding; he has a wonderful ability to bring his own experiences and knowledge to his writing. In Maths, George's methodical approach means he rarely makes mistakes, and if he does, he's always quick to learn.

In other lessons, he makes links between topics showing that he is taking true ownership of his learning. George is a firm and fair friend to all and he should know he is a wonderful pupil and a real asset to Manland.



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Spotlight on Assemblies



Year 4



PSHE



Year 5



History

Year 6





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Spotlight on Year 5 Science Workshop



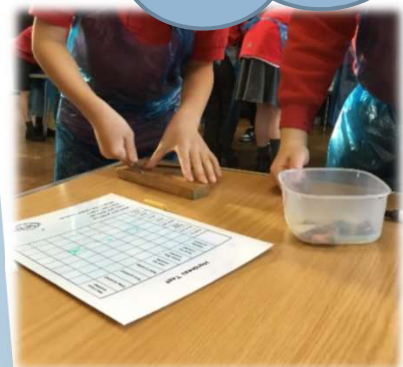
Mary & Eliza "We had lots of objects we had to scrape against each other to see if they made a mark like pasta against wood".



Henry "To see what colours are in ink we made dots on special paper and watched how the colours separated".



Jack & Charlotte "We mixed vinegar and baking soda in a bottle and put a balloon on top. The gas made the balloon expand".



Sofiyah "We made lava lamps using oil, water, salt and food colouring and mixed to make bubbles".



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Girls 5&6 Football Tournament

On Tuesday 5th November the year 5&6 girls had their last round of league games.

They all played some great football and enjoyed working together as a team with two very narrow losses against strong opponents.

Later in the week, the girls attended the Harpenden girls football tournament.

The girls played 5 games winning one, drawing two and losing two. The football they played displayed how much they've all developed from the start of the season. They have all grown so much in confidence and ability and should be very proud of themselves.

Well done **Elouise, Virginia, Eliza B, Cora, Ava, Annabelle, Gabrielle, Eliza B, Anna, Rae and Charlotte C!**



Staff News



A big welcome to Mr Dwyer, who has started at Manland as our new caretaker!

Mr Dwyer has a background in construction and we feel incredibly fortunate to have such a highly skilled person join our premises team!

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Mr Dwyer to Manland Primary!





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BBC
**Children
in Need**

Today, in support of Children in Need, the children came into school wearing crazy socks, or their wackiest combination of odd socks! Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!



Safeguarding – Online Safety

JUST TALK Week 18th – 24th November **Just be scroll savvy**

Just Talk week 2024 is coming up, from 18th November and Just Talk's social media campaign runs until 6th December. This year's theme is 'Just Be Scroll Savvy' Empowering Youth Online Safety. Just Talk's campaign message is not telling young people not to go online; they want to encourage young people to use the internet safely and in a way that is positive for their well-being.

Below is a message from Just Talk:

“Being online is a huge part of our daily lives, there are so many benefits to it, connection, learning new things, having fun. But are we always aware of the less positive impacts it can have on us and others around us? During Just Talk week and the weeks that follow we will be sharing top tips and partner information on our social media channels as well as online resources via the campaign webpage. Our partners will also be hosting events and sharing resources in support of the campaign, look out for the Positive Online Safety workshop WithYouth will be delivering.

Just Talk host their annual campaign week to highlight the importance of mental health and shine a light on the wellbeing services available in Hertfordshire, whilst promoting the year-round children and young people's mental health programme. Professionals, parents/carers and young people can get involved by following @JustTalk Herts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook or visiting www.justtalkherts.org.”





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Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school.

If you ever have a concern about a child, please speak to:
Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **96.7%** Well done everyone!

Manland hall for hire!

The hall at Manland School is available for hire for family birthday parties on weekends. Please contact the school office if you would like to book.

Reception 2025 Open Events

There will be one more open event for the September 2025 intake. This will take place on **Friday 6th December.**

If you have a child that is due to start Reception next September and would like to come along, please feel free to join us. A sign up link is available on the school website.

Reception 2025

The primary school application system is now open!

If you are hoping for a sibling to join Manland's 2025 Reception class, please make an application via:

<https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Hertfordshire/Synergy/under11s/>

The deadline for applying is 15th January 2025.



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Pupil News

This week Ella and Camille in Year 5 prepared some wonderful posters on their history topic, Berkhamstead castle. They investigated how the design of castles has changed over time. What fantastic work!



Celebrations and cultural events in Schools

Herts County Council have reissued all schools with guidance on how to manage celebrations and cultural events in schools, alongside managing allergies and medical conditions of pupils and staff.

At Manland, **children are not permitted to bring in sweets, chocolate or treats for birthdays or cultural events.**

If you would like to provide children with sweets, chocolate or treats, you may do so outside of school, but please be aware of the following advice from HCC:

- Check ingredients very carefully to avoid children with allergies being inadvertently exposed to something which may cause them harm, or a child being given something which contravenes their family's cultural or religious beliefs. Food should not be given to primary school age children without engagement and permission from parents/carers.
- Do not accept/provide any foods where ingredients cannot be verified.
- Be aware of those children who do have allergies. Check with parents/carers before, if unsure.
- Be aware of children's cultural or religious beliefs. **Gelatine**, often found in sweets or cakes, is an animal derived product and therefore is not suitable for children who are vegetarians for cultural or religious reasons.
- Healthy eating is an important message which schools deliver diligently. Giving out sweets contradicts those important messages,
- Be aware of the cost-of-living pressures on families who may find keeping up with this tradition more than usually challenging.



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STOP MEANS STOP CAMPAIGN

Some lollipop men and women across Hertfordshire will be wearing a bright 'stop means stop' tabard this November (4/11/2024 – 15/11/2024). The 'stop means stop' campaign is run to remind drivers how important it is to stop for a patrol, who keep you and your children safe every time you cross the road. Please see if you can spot any of the patrols wearing these tabards.

Please show your support for them by stopping for your patrol.



Cost of Living Support - Hertfordshire

This winter, Hertfordshire County Council wants to make sure that advice and support is available to help every resident deal with the cost of living. To make sure everyone knows what financial and practical support is available in Hertfordshire, the council is highlighting advice and services residents can access.

Attached to this week's newsletter is an informational poster. Copies of the poster are also up around school entrances.

All information can be accessed via Hertfordshire County Council's 'Cost of Living' webpage. Please visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/costofliving for more information on the support available.

Help to manage the cost of living

Find out what support you can get with the cost of living.

HertsHelp
hertshelp

If you need help and don't know where to turn, contact HertsHelp – trained advisors are here to offer free, confidential assistance. They can put you in touch with relevant services and local support.

0300 123 4044
info@hertshelp.net

Help for households

Central government is offering support with energy bills, transport, childcare and household costs. Includes:

- discounts and offers.
- broadband and phone packages

Please note that the cost of

Citizens advice

- Crisis intervention including energy advice.
- Welfare benefit appeals.
- Debt advice.
- Universal Credit support.
- 1 to 1 budgeting advice.
- Employment advice.
- British Sign Language

Support from your district or borough council

Enter a postcode

e.g. SG13 8DQ



Book Fair

With Christmas approaching (and knowing how much our children love to read!) we have arranged for the Book Fair to return to Manland!

Book Fairs are a wonderful way to promote reading and the school also earns commission from all books sold at the fair. We use this commission to buy much needed books for Manland, so please feel free to stock up on presents at the book fair - the books are at bargain prices!

Dates

The book fair will be taking place in the school hall on the following dates:

- Wednesday 13th November at 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- Thursday 14th November at 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- Friday 15th November at 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- Monday 18th November at 3.20pm – 3.40pm
- Tuesday 19th November at 3.20pm – 3.40pm

Payment

Please be aware, we are only accepting **payments online, via QR code** or via **pre paid vouchers** at the book fair.

To make a payment online at the book fair:

Parents/carers will be able to scan a QR code and make payment for their total spend. **Please note, you will need your credit/debit card details (it does not accept Apple Pay etc).** Before checking out, please see a member of staff to confirm the total spend and then please show them confirmation that payment has been made.

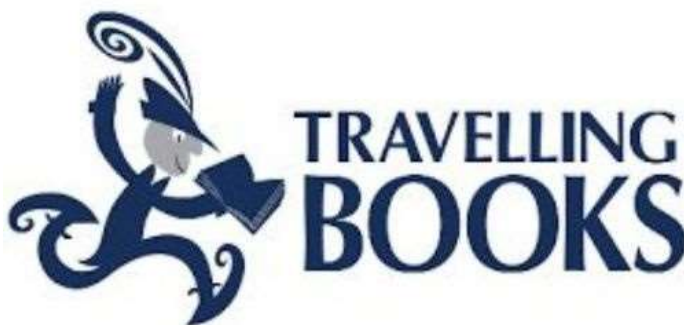
To buy vouchers in advance of the book fair:

This allows your child to go along to the book fair and buy a book.

To purchase a voucher, please follow this link:

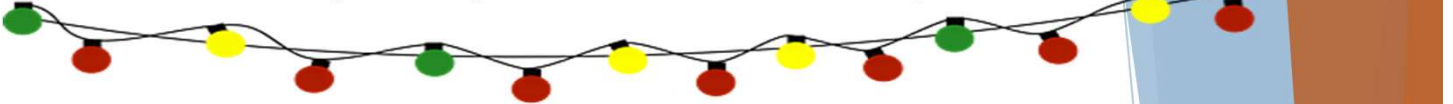
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/gift-vouchers>

Once a purchase has been made, you will receive the voucher in an email which can be printed and given to your child. Vouchers can be purchased up until midnight on the day before the collection of the Book Fair.





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Commissioner launches Christmas card competition for Hertfordshire children

With just weeks to go until Christmas, Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Jonathan Ash-Edwards, is launching a competition for the county's children to design his Christmas card. The winning card will be sent to some of the most important figures in policing and community safety nationally as well as communities across Hertfordshire.

Children aged 11 and under are invited to put pen or pencil to A4 paper and submit their creative Christmas designs by **Thursday 28th November**. The only rules are no paint or glitter please! The theme for the Commissioner's first competition is **'helping people at Christmas'**.

Paper pictures are preferred but email entries will be accepted although the original may be requested by the PCC's office. Prizes of Amazon vouchers will be available for the winner and runners up. The winner will also receive printed copies of their design. If the winning entry is submitted via a school or children's club, that organisation will also receive an Amazon voucher. If you would like to submit an entry via Manland, please bring it to the school office!

Postal entries should be sent to: PCC Christmas Card Competition, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, 13 Vaughan Road, Harpenden, AL5 4GZ. Email entries, using a high resolution scan of the image, should be sent to: commissioner@herts-pcc.gov.uk

All entries will need to include the child's name and age as well as contact details for the child's parent or guardian so contact can be made with the winning entry.

We look forward to seeing everybody's efforts.



Harpenden Academy Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Manland is once again participating in the Harpenden Academy Christmas Tree Fundraiser.

Our school HSA will receive £10 per tree if the purchaser selects Manland from the dropdown menu during checkout!

For full information, please see the website (<https://www.foha.co.uk/fohashop/p/christmastrees>) or attached flyer for details!

