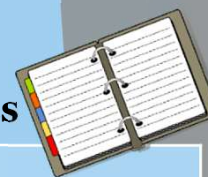




Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our Year 6 class have been taking part in national assessments (SATs) and we cannot tell you how proud we are of them! They have worked so hard to get to this point and it has been wonderful to see their determination and resilience. More importantly, the support they have shown each other has been **inspirational** – well done Year 6! We hope you enjoyed your celebration day today!

A big thank you to parents and carers for all the support you have provided your child to reach this milestone. I also want to say a big thank you to the Year 6 teaching team, led by Miss Noonan, for all their hard work including the delicious breakfast club they ran this week for Year 6! A final thank you to the Manland HSA for supporting the SATs week breakfast – Year 6 loved it!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	NHS School Nursing Team Reception
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Year 6 History WW2 Workshop
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Year 1 De Havilland Museum class trip
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Year 3 & 4 Harpenden District Girls Football Rally (invitation only)
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term



Manland Values Award

Edward works hard in every lesson, puts effort into building strong friendships, and always aims to be the very best version of himself. His dedication and determination are truly something to admire. Over the past term, Edward has grown into a fantastic learner who pushes himself to improve—and in doing so, he **inspires** those around him.

What really stands out is the kind of friend Edward is. Thoughtful, kind, and always ready with a smile—he listens when someone needs support and makes people feel seen and cared for. His upbeat attitude makes our classroom a better, happier place to be.

It is a real pleasure to nominate Edward for the Values Cup. Well done—you're a star!



Manland Values Award

Every day Francesca embodies all the Manland Values; responsibility, aspiration and inspiration! Whatever the task, whether its creating a piece of creative artwork, completing maths challenges or writing a story, Francesca always aspires to achieve the best she can. Francesca is a role model to all other children with her exemplary behaviour and manners. She is a kind and thoughtful friend and frequently inspires others with her ideas. At home, Francesca also shows responsibility for her learning, always completing excellent work and often extending her learning with extra tasks. Francesca, you truly deserve the Manland cup and I am so proud to give it to you in Year 1. I can't wait to see what you can achieve at Manland!



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Year 6 Celebration day

Year 6 have certainly risen to the challenge of SATs! Although there were some nerves at the beginning, it has been lovely to see Year 6's confidence grow throughout the week. We think they would agree that hard work always pays off. We are so proud of Year 6's aspirational approach: working hard at home, practice papers in school and being great friends to each other as each new day brought new challenges!

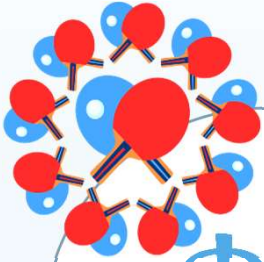


A big thank you to the
Manland HSA for
supporting the much-loved
SATs week breakfast
and celebration day!





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Pupil Parliament News

Beat The Teacher



Can you “Beat the Teacher?”

On Friday 23rd May, pupils are welcome to test their football shooting skills against the very best of Manland staff – can you get a goal past them?

All money raised, will help us raise money to purchase a brand new table tennis table!



A message from the Prime Minister and Deputy:

Dear Parents & Carers,

The HSA have very kindly offered to help us raise money for a new table tennis table - something that children said they would most like when we carried out a survey earlier in the year.

The HSA have promised to match the amount of money we raise in school through our ‘**Beat The Teacher**’ competition, which will take place at lunchtime on Friday 23rd of May.

If you think you can help us raise money for our play equipment project, please send your child to school with **£1** next **Friday 23rd** to see if they can **beat the teacher!**

Thank you!

Atticus and Caitlin





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School Crossing Update

The Active and Safer Travel team at Herts County Council have been in contact to let us know that **a new school crossing patrol person for Ox Lane has been recruited!**

Safer recruitment checks are being undertaken, and the new appointee will be in place as soon as they have completed all their training.

The Active and Safer Travel team have also asked us to pass on their appreciation for your patience and support whilst they try to recruit the new crossing control person. In the meantime, please continue to take extra care when crossing and driving near the school.



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 or
email them at

safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the
last two weeks is **98.3%**

Well done to Reception and Year 6
who achieved attendance over 99%!



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 are interested.





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Pupil News

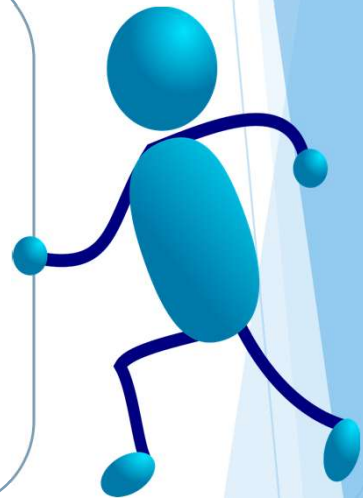
Congratulations to AJ in Year 4 who recently received the Spirit of Rugby Award from his club. He was awarded the trophy for keeping his team motivated whilst still having fun, being competitive but still enjoying the game and being inspired by his coaches. Well done AJ!



Pupil News

Well done to Ernest and Otto who both completed the Kimpton 4k Family Run last weekend!

Well done on your amazing achievement! Another medal for the ever growing collection!



Year 1 Fairy Garden

A group of pupils from Year 1 have been working together in their lunchtime breaks to create a fairy garden at Manland!

We love their creativity and how well they worked together, using natural resources to build this fairy haven!





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Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

Last week a group of boys from Years 3 & 4 attended the Harpenden & District Schools' football tournament at Sauncey Wood school.

The boys played 4 games against the other schools in their group. They did really well, drawing 3 out of 4 of their games and suffering a close loss in one. They showed great teamwork and displayed some brilliant football.

Well done all!



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Year 4 Maths Challenge



A group of pupils from Year 4 recently took part in the HfL Maths Challenge and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and teamwork!

In an event which saw entries from primary schools all across the UK and overseas, the children showed great determination and supported each member of their team incredibly well throughout the event.

Their strong problem-solving skills and excellent maths knowledge were clear to see, and they tackled each challenge with focus and confidence.

Well done to **Iris, Lucas, Enzo, Molly, Oskar, James Am, Edward** and **Noah** for representing Year 4 so brilliantly!

The same digit is hidden by the squares.

What is the digit?

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \square 81 \\ - \square 469 \\ \hline 381\square \end{array}$$

See if you can have a go at one of the example questions from the Year 4 Maths Challenge!



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Learning outside the classroom

We are so fortunate to have a range of wonderful outside spaces. Our caretaker, Mr Dwyer, works hard to ensure our site, inside and out, is safe for our pupils. Reception class took advantage of this recently, taking their phonics learning outside the classroom. They hunted down and recorded all the phonics sounds hidden in the KS1 playground. Great job Reception class!



Some of the benefits of learning outside the classroom:

Boosts creativity and imagination

Improves physical health

Develops social skills

Develops connection with nature

Enhances engagement and motivation

Develops resilience and independence



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Smartphones from 1st September 2025



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Last week the Harpenden & District Headteachers met to discuss the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign and to agree on our next steps as a group of schools.

From September 2025, Manland pupils will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school.

This is the first stage, in what the Harpenden & District Primary Schools Consortium feel is an important step in the right direction. The local secondary schools support this and are continuing to look at the ways that they can further support this campaign in the future.

Harpenden & District Primary School are not the first schools to change the rules on smartphones and this rule is now in place across St Albans and the majority of Primary schools in London.

We know that this alone will not protect children from many of the issues which arise from smartphone use and access to social media and Manland will continue to ensure that we educate children throughout their years at school.

We ask that, where possible, you consider delaying giving your child a smartphone until they are older and if you feel your child needs a phone for safety reasons, consider a phone without internet connectivity (a 'brick' phone), such as a Nokia 3210 (see above - now available online and in some well-known stores, in a variety of colours).

We know that many of you are keen to delay giving your child a smartphone, so we hope that the position adopted by most Harpenden & District schools will support you in your decision.

If you want to find out more about this important campaign, please go to:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>





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Reception class – Cross curricula learning



Mrs Kemp is so proud of Reception class!

The children were inspired by their recent trip to Storysaurus Stomp at Knebworth House and have been using their art, English and maths lessons to develop their learning on dinosaurs!

What fantastic work Reception class!



Their super work was even recognised on Twitter/X!





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**HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**



Message from Hertfordshire Constabulary – WhatsApp Scam Alert!

“We’re warning about a rise in WhatsApp scams where criminals are taking over accounts to impersonate users and carry out fraudulent activities. Anyone who uses WhatsApp—or knows someone who does—should read this to stay informed and aware.

How the scam works:

Fraudsters trick victims into sharing their six-digit WhatsApp verification code. Once they have it, they take control of the account, lock out the real user, and message their contacts pretending to be them—often asking for money or personal information.

Typically, the scammer sets up WhatsApp with your number, triggering a code to your phone. They’ll then contact you—sometimes appearing as a friend or colleague—and try to convince you to share the code under false pretences, such as joining an online meeting.

Stay safe by:

- **Never sharing your verification code** – even if a message appears to come from someone you trust. WhatsApp will never ask you for it.
- **Enabling two-step verification** – this adds an extra layer of protection by requiring a PIN in addition to the verification code. You can set this up in WhatsApp under Settings > Account > Two-step verification.
- **Controlling who can see your personal info** – set your profile photo, “about” section, and last seen status to be visible only to your contacts to limit what scammers can use against you. This can be done under Settings > Privacy.
- **Be cautious of unusual messages or requests** – if a contact asks for money, verification codes, or personal information, treat it as suspicious even if the message seems genuine.
- **Verify any suspicious message by calling the sender directly** – a quick call can confirm if a request is legitimate.
- **Report and block suspicious accounts** – you can do this directly in WhatsApp by opening the chat, tapping the contact’s name, and selecting “Report” or “Block.”

If you’ve been affected, contact your bank immediately to cancel any cards and prevent financial loss. You can also report fraud to **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040**. WhatsApp offers additional advice on staying safe via its official help centre.”



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Message from Musicale

"Harpenden Carnival – students wanted!"

We are participating in the Harpenden Carnival this summer on **7th June**. We will be having an ALL DAY instrument demo!! If you are aged 16 or over and fancy a couple of hours' paid work on promoting the magic of Musicale please email info@musicale.co.uk with your name, instrument, DOB and preferred hours between 11.30am and 6pm.

Free Informal Solos Concerts

Our next evening of solos is on **Tuesday 17th June**. We will likely do two concerts again, splitting into juniors and seniors. Please do sign up, especially if you have not taken part in one before. Sign-up sheets will be going into teaching rooms next week. More information can be found here: <https://www.musicale.co.uk/informal-solo-concerts/>

Our Summer Concert!

On **Monday 23rd June at 6.30pm** we will be performing our annual celebration of the Musicale student ensembles at KWS. Ensembles are the most exciting part of learning an instrument as there is nothing better for the soul than making music with others. If you haven't yet signed up for an ensemble it's not too late! Please get in touch or visit www.musicale.co.uk/category/ensembles/



Summer Holiday Courses

We have had such **FANTASTIC** feedback *just this week* about our summer holiday courses: According to one musical family, we are better than a renowned conservatoire's holiday courses and from an independent music tutor, we are more enjoyable than a long-standing exclusive classical music course that they work on! We couldn't be happier! We LOVE running these courses that challenge and excite our young musicians and musical theatre stars.

For orchestral instrumentalists, join us from **28th July – 1st August** for a brilliant week of orchestras and wind bands and for all instrumentalists as well as pianists and singers the musical theatre week would be ideal **4th – 8th August** where they will be putting on a production of Sister Act Jr and playing music from films and musicals. It really is a case of the more the merrier for orchestras and wind bands. To book your place now visit: <https://www.musicale.co.uk/category/holiday-courses/>

Finally...

We are always trying to make improvements but it would be really helpful to know what you would like to see at Musicale in the future. We are considering graded aural lessons, chamber music sessions and music therapy sessions.

If you have two minutes (and you're still reading!) please do leave us a 5* review on Google. It means **so much to us** as a small business. You can head here to 'sing' about us: <https://g.page/r/CURE7n3OlhMEAE/review> !

Thank you so much for making Musicale the wonderful community it is!"





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FREE ONLINE SUMMER 2025 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Online Workshops funded by Hertfordshire County Council	Audience	Day	Date	Time	Location
Identifying ADHD and/or Autism	Parents/carers	Wed	23.4.25	1900 - 20:30	Online
Understanding Autism	Parents/carers	Fri	25.4.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Autism for Parents/Carers of Girls	Parents/carers	Mon	28.4.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding ADHD for Parents/Carers of Girls	Parents/carers	Wed	30.4.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding ADHD	Parents/carers	Fri	2.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding PDA	Parents/carers	Wed	7.5.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years	Parents/carers	Fri	9.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Supporting the Transition to Primary School	Parents/carers	Mon	12.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Challenging Behaviour	Parents/carers	Wed	14.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Anger	Parents/carers	Fri	16.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Supporting the Transition to Secondary School	Parents/carers	Mon	19.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Wed	21.5.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Fri	23.5.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Half Term					
Applying for an EHCP	Parents/carers	Mon	2.6.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Preparing for an EHCP Review	Parents/Carers	Wed	4.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Working in Partnership with School	Parents/Carers	Fri	6.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Neurodivergent Teens	Parents/carers	Mon	9.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage School Absence	Parents/carers	Wed	11.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Eating Difficulties	Parents/carers	Fri	13.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Understanding Anxiety	Parents/carers	Mon	16.6.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Parents/carers	Wed	18.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem	Parents/carers	Mon	23.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Communication	Parents/carers	Wed	25.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Executive Function	Parents/carers	Mon	30.6.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Supporting Siblings	Parents/carers	Wed	2.7.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Changes	Parents/carers	Fri	4.7.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development	Parents/carers	Mon	7.7.25	19:00 - 20:30	Online
Tips & Tools to Support Social Skills	Parents/carers	Wed	9.7.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online
Tip & Tools for Positive Behaviour	Parents/carers	Fri	11.7.25	10:00 - 11:30	Online

"What a fantastic workshop - thank you so much! I've taken away a wealth of information"

"That was so amazing, I have done many training sessions about ASD through my work but that was the most honest & informative session I have ever had"

"Absolutely incredible workshop, it has been extremely beneficial to my child"

Hertfordshire County Council funded workshops - Recordings are sent to all registered participants to view for 7 days, even if you don't attend live.

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🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

Book your FREE ticket on <http://add-vance.eventbrite.com/> or visit our website

These workshops are funded by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only