



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.00am (est. end time of 9.20)
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.15pm
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	InSet Day – school closed for children
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	InSeT day – school closed to children
Thursday 4 th September 2025	InSeT day – school closed to children
Friday 5 th September 2025	School starts for children

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the HSA summer fete on 4th July. The summer fete is always a fantastic event and this year was no exception. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped; whether you baked a cake, manned a stall, flipped a burger or donated some sweets, you all contributed to a memorable event for our pupils.

On behalf of the whole school community, I want to extend a special thank you to Mr Heineike, Mrs Wollaston and Mrs Booth for all the time and hard work they put in to this year's fete. With District Sports, Sports Day and the Manland camp also taking place recently, you truly deserve a rest this summer! Thank you - we really appreciate all you do for our school community.

Mr. Comer, Headteacher

Manland Values Award



Daniel is a shining example of what it means to make the most of every opportunity at school. Week after week, he approaches each day with a positive attitude, an inquisitive mind and an excited determination that sets a brilliant example for those around him. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field or out on the playground, Daniel comes to school ready to get the most out of his day. Daniel has stepped up in a number of ways – not only did he take part in our maths challenge, solving tricky problems alongside teammates, but he also proudly represented our school in the district sports event. His efforts and sportsmanship were a credit to the team and to the school community. Daniel approaches everything with exuberance and wonder. His ability to balance efforts across all lessons, extracurricular activities and thoughtful support of his peers shows maturity beyond his years. Well done, Daniel.

Manland Values Award



George G is a most worthy recipient of the Manland Cup. From the very beginning of the year, George's integrity has shone through and permeates everything he does. In the classroom this is shown by approaching each task with diligence and enthusiasm. George's flexible approach means he works really well with others – considering their opinions, adapting where necessary and always willing to help others if they're stuck. As a loyal friend, George puts others before himself; his kindness is repaid by those who equally value his friendship. Out of the classroom, George's determination and enthusiasm knows no bounds! His energy is limitless and inspires others to keep going if they ever feel like giving up. We're so proud of your journey George, and this is only the start!



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Spotlight on Year 5&6 Performance

What a performance! A huge well done to our pupils from Year 5 and 6 who recently performed the Lion King. With packed audiences at both performances, the children sang, danced and acted their socks off – we were so impressed with the talent we saw on stage! Well done all!

The performances were enhanced with the beautiful new sound panelling, donated by the Year 6 Leavers and the HSA, and the PA system provided by Friends of Manland – thank you for supporting music and drama at our school!





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Spotlight on Pupil Parliament

Our very own Pupil Parliament journeyed to the Houses of Parliament this week! Our visit coincided with Prime Minister's Question Time; children very much enjoyed the hustle and bustle as MPs zipped around Parliament. Children visited the House of Lords, finding out how bills are proposed and become law (did you know that Parliament has its own version of ping-pong?!). It's fair to say that our guide was very impressed with children's knowledge of not only the voting process, but the leaders of our country and the parties they belong to, even commenting 'I've never had that question answered by a child before!'

Our tour was followed by activities that reinforced the day's learning, and we were lucky enough to be visited by our local MP too. Victoria Collins spent some time with our Pupil Parliament answering their questions: what do you love about your job? Why did you want to become an MP? What's the worst thing about your job? We were so impressed by our Pupil Parliament – they represented our school excellently. Maybe one day they'll be answering questions themselves at Parliament!



Pupil
Parliament





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Spotlight on Design and Technology

Year 6 have been flexing their practical and creative skills over the past two weeks, building bird boxes as part of the design and technology lessons.

Able assisted by Mr Dwyer and the Year 6 teaching team, the children have measured up the different pieces of the bird boxes and used clamps and saws to cut the pieces to size. After sanding the edges, Year 6 then constructed their bird boxes, using glue and nails.

I'm sure you will agree that Year 6 have done a fantastic job! We were really impressed with their sensible behaviour throughout the lessons and we hope to see the bird boxes up in gardens soon!





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SCHOOL GAMES GOLD MARK AWARD.



We are delighted to announce that we, Manland Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

Small Schools Cross Country Winners
Small Schools Netball League Winners
Small Schools Netball Rally winners
Small Schools District Sports Winners

Offering an increase in opportunity for children to experience competition through schools games events and local school league events and tournaments.

Providing a wide variety of extra curricular clubs both during the school day and after school to children of all ages, ability and gender to children across our school.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!





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A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Supporters!

Thanks to your generosity, Friends of Manland has had another incredible year of supporting our wonderful school!

In the **Autumn Term**, we donated **£18,000** to fund the refurbishment of classrooms in the main school building. This fantastic project was brought to life by our incredible team of Manland Helpers, led by the brilliant James Bedingfield. The funding provided brand-new flooring across all classrooms, along with smart new blinds – creating a fresher, brighter learning environment for the children.

In the **Spring Term**, we contributed **£7,500** to cover the cost of essential educational subscriptions used across every year group – supporting and enriching learning in every classroom.

And this term, thanks to the phenomenal efforts of the **Saddle Sore Survivors** – Mr Fogel, Mr Gue, Mr Ramirez Manzaneda, and Mr Peters – who cycled coast-to-coast and raised over **£2,000** for FOM, we were able to buy the school a brand-new **PA system**. It's already been put to fantastic use at Sports Day and the incredible Year 5/6 Lion King production!

Even more excitingly, thanks to this fundraising and your continued donations, we are now replacing all the **classroom lighting**, completing the full refurbishment project that began last summer.

As trustees, we are so grateful for the time, energy, and financial support of our amazing Manland community. Every donation – big or small – helps us fund the extra resources that enrich your children's education.

Could you be a Friend of Manland?

Please consider joining our regular giving scheme via Direct Debit:



<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/6715#!/>

Next term, we're looking forward to teaming up with our fantastic HSA – and we've got some exciting new projects in the pipeline!

Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer.

With heartfelt thanks,
The FOM Trustees





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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school.
If you ever have a concern about a child,
please speak to:
Mr Comer, Mrs Kemp or Miss Noonan or
email them at
safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk

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



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the
last two weeks is **97.5%**

Well done everyone! Let's keep it up
till the end of the year!

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.



Pupil News

Last Saturday was the annual Colts tournament and presentation day and many Manland boys and girls were present. Amar from Year 3 was very pleased to be awarded the coach's Player of the Year in his squad, and Tom Mills was very happy to be awarded the players' Player of the Year.

Well done to everyone!

In Tennis news, George P in Year 6 recently came 2nd in the Elliswick LTC U12 tennis tournament!

Well done George!

Finally, we have some pupil business news! Sophie in Year 6 had a stall at this years summer fete, selling bracelets and teddy bear crayons she made.

Sophie ran the stall alongside Elouise and Gabrielle and, together, they raised **£44** for the school!

Sophie, we are very proud of you spending your own time making and selling products to raise money for the school. Well done!

