



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 26 th June 2025	New Reception Pupils – Welcome Morning from 9.30am
Thursday 26 th June 2025	KS2 District Sports – field and track events
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Year 4 & 6 Food and Farming day
Friday 4 th July 2025	Manland Sports Day
Monday 7 th July 2025	Year 5 & 6 Performance at 1.30pm (siblings welcome)

Dear Parents and Carers

School has been a real hive of activity the last two weeks with a number of sporting activities taking place. Summer term is always an important term for sports and I want to say a huge well done to all the children who have represented the school – you should be really proud of yourself!

We also have to say a huge congratulations to Mr Fogel, Mr Gue, Mr Ramirez Manzaneda and Mr Peters who completed their 171 mile coast to coast challenge last weekend, raising funds for Manland. We hope you were not feeling too sore this week! What a monumental achievement – well done!

Ahead of the new academic year in September, we are preparing for transition morning on 10th July. Very soon we will be in contact with parents and carers regarding staffing for the next academic year.

Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher

Manland Values Award



If sunshine was a person, it would be Elise! I don't think I've ever seen her without her trademark smile and skip in her step. She radiates positivity and I would challenge anyone to leave a conversation with Elise, not feeling just that little bit better for it.

Elise is not only responsible for her own learning but ensures that those around her can also fulfil their potential. Elise is an amazing friend and her considerate nature has been noticeable in our PSHE lessons, where she not only shares her own thoughts and feelings, but listens actively to everyone else

Elise should be so proud of everything she has achieved in Year 2. Well done Elise!

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I don't think I've quite met a student who sets as high standards for themselves as Daisy does. Daisy sets aspirational goals for herself, thinks about the steps she needs to take and then goes for success! In lessons, Daisy works well both independently and with partners – taking the time to support others and offer explanations. More recently, I observed Daisy's resilience during our residential. Either wading in chilly lakes of water or climbing dizzying heights, Daisy's smile never wavered! In play rehearsals, Daisy has also excelled; she has proved to be an equally talented actor as she is writer, mathematician and historian!

Daisy, I hope you realise how proud we are of you!



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Spotlight on Personal Development - Year 6

Year 6 recently returned from their residential – we think all would agree they had an absolute blast! From the very moment Year 6 left Manland, they epitomised our values: displaying an inspirational attitude, aspirational goals and responsible behaviour (with a healthy sprinkling of fun too!) It was absolutely lovely to watch children encouraging each other, cheering each other on and celebrating successes! Children took part in a range of activities designed to test their boundaries, build communication and develop resilience. These included: building (and sailing!) their own rafts, fencing, archery, circus skills, building (and racing!) their own buggies and orienteering. Although our evening activities meant Year 6 were on the go until about 8:30pm each evening, they still had heaps of energy for giant Cluedo and line dancing at the silent disco! Year 6, we know that you've learned skills that will put you in good stead for the future – well done!





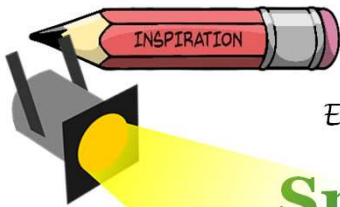
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Spotlight on Personal Development - Year 6



TEAM





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Spotlight on Coast to Coast

Message from the Saddle Sore Survivors!

We're still buzzing from our fantastic Coast to Coast cycling challenge across the North of England this past weekend! It was an truly epic adventure for the school, and we all had a brilliant time out on our bikes. We were incredibly lucky with the dry weather, and even with a strong headwind from the west throughout the journey, we managed to complete the ride efficiently.

We wanted to extend a massive thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and all the wonderful encouraging messages we received. We're absolutely delighted to announce that thanks to your incredible generosity, we've not only reached but surpassed our fundraising target for the Manland refurbishment project!

The children have specifically requested new lights for their classrooms, and the funds raised will be instrumental in making this a reality for them. Your contributions are making a real difference! Thank you once more for your amazing support. We look forward to catching up with you all soon!

Warm regards,
The Saddle Sore Survivors

**Well done Mr Fogel, Mr Gue, Mr
Ramirez Manzaneda and Mr Peters
– you are superheroes!**

Donate at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/manland>



**What a huge
achievement! 171
miles, coast to coast!**





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Spotlight on Time Out After School and Breakfast Club



A huge congratulations to the hardworking and dedicated team at Time Out After School and Breakfast Club on their recent OFSTED report!

Time Out were visited by OFSTED in May 2025 and their fantastic report is attached to this week's newsletter.

We know the staff and trustees at Time Out work incredibly hard and care deeply about all the children who attend their setting. We are so pleased that their hard work and effort has been recognised in their OFSTED report – well done Time Out!

If you would like any further information about Time Out club, please see their website: <https://time-out-club.org/>



TIME OUT
AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

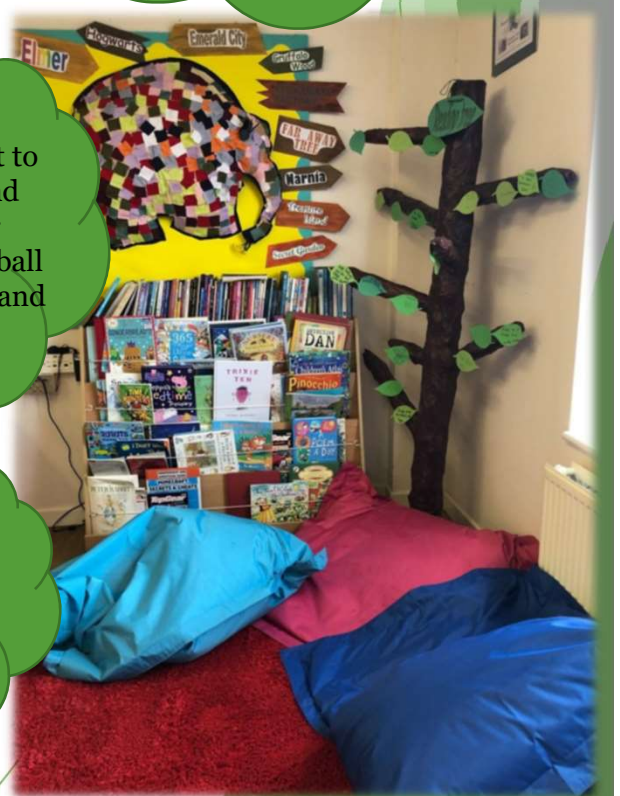


"Diane always helps me when I need something and Mrs Weston and Mrs Talley always look after me. Izzy always answers my questions and Chloe is really kind and plays with me. All the student helpers are really nice."



"I love Time Out we get to play with everyone and spend time with our friends. I can play football with the older children and play games with the younger ones."

"The snacks are amazing! we get to eat brioche, bagels, fruit, and rice cakes."





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Spotlight on Pupil Parliament

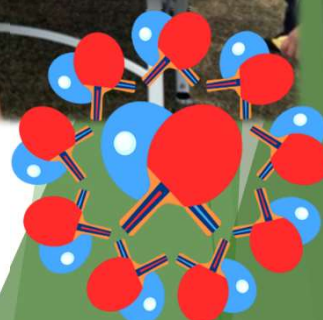


Wow! A huge thank you to the Manland HSA who recently supported the purchase of an outdoor table tennis for pupils. Following successful lobbying from the Pupil Parliament, led by Prime Minister Atticus, the table was installed today!

On behalf of all the Parliamentarians, we would like to thank the HSA for this amazing piece of equipment. It is an incredibly smart piece of equipment and will help keep our children active during their break times.



At break time today it was the turn for Year 6 on the table tennis rota! Well done Tay and Luke, who were particularly difficult to defeat today!





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Spotlight on Safeguarding – chat apps and social media



- Do you know who your child is chatting to online?
- Do you know what settings they have on their apps?
- Are you confident that your child is not sharing personal information online?
- Is your child being kind to others when using their mobile phone?

Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with their friends and family but it's important that both you, and your child, are comfortable with who they're talking to and how they are interacting with people.

- Talk to your child about who they're chatting to and how they know them.
- Remind them to be conscious of who they're sharing personal information with and not to share information with people they haven't met before. This includes information like their name, location, email, phone number and school name.

Even with friends, your child might see something that upsets them. Explore each app to see if there are reporting and blocking features. Show your child how to use these features and talk about situations when they might want to report or block.

Safety settings

A risk for children and young people using chat apps is being added to group chats where they don't know the other people in the group.

Many of the chat apps have different privacy settings to help restrict who can contact you. If your child is using a chat app, we'd recommend looking at the privacy settings to see what's most appropriate. If there aren't any options to restrict contact then we'd recommend that your child doesn't use the app.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



WhatsApp safety settings: Age rating 13+

To prevent children being added to groups by people they don't know in WhatsApp, change the group chat settings from 'Everyone' to 'My Contacts Except...' and using the tick icon to select all contacts. The 'My Contacts Except...' option means only your child's phone contacts, except those you exclude, can add your child to groups. But by selecting all contacts, it means that nobody should be able to add your child to a group chat without first sending them an invitation.

Kik safety settings: Age rating 13+

In Kik's privacy settings there's a 'Let Friends Find Me' option, which allows users who already have your contact details to connect with you. This option is turned on by default so make sure to switch this off.

We recommend that parents/carers have regular, open conversations with children to help keep them safe whilst using chat apps and social media, and this may include reviewing your child's phone together and discussing any messages or posts of concern.



The recommended age rating for the following apps is **13+**:

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok, Twitter, WhatsApp, Wink

- For further information, please go to:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide-6-10-year-olds/>
- <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parent-guides/>



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Spotlight on Safeguarding – Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like mobile phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety online and you need support, please ask to speak to our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Wicks, or one of the Deputy DSLs, Mr Comer and Mrs Kemp.



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Safeguarding – Online Safety

HfL's Online safety newsletter for Summer term is attached to this week's newsletter. With the ever increasing use of technology by children, we think this is essential reading for all parents and carers.

Articles this term, include:

- 430+ Slang, Emojis, & Hashtags Parents Need to Know
- Teens, social media and you
- What tech-facilitate abuse looks like in relationships
- Childline – Behind the screen – sexual extortion
- Help LGBTQ+ children browse safely online
- What is Kick Streaming? What parents need to know
- Game safe guide – helping young people game safely online



Focus: Childline – Behind the Screen

Sexual extortion (blackmail) is a growing concern. Behind the Screen is a free campaign and information pack from Childline, offering guidance for staff, parents, and young people on its impact, language, and support strategies.

Some important areas covered in the guide include:

- How to Spot the Signs
- Common Language & Tactics
- Impact on Young People
- How to Support Young People
- Where to Get Help Childline Reach: Behind the Screen



For further information, please see Childline's guidance pack:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/sfzndfng/childline-behind-the-screen-pdf-guide.pdf>

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS PACK

IN THIS PACK YOU WILL FIND:

- Information on Sexually Coerced Extortion**
How it can happen, the signs to look out for, and how to support a young person if they are experiencing this abuse.
- Information about Childline**
Understanding our unique confidentiality policy, how we work, and how you signpost young people to us.
- Information about Report Remove**
You'll find information on our Report Remove tool that can help young people get images/videos taken down online.

Resources
We've included signposting to useful resources for further information on **Sexually Coerced Extortion** and **online safety** for both professionals and young people.

Campaign resources
You'll find information on our **Behind The Screen** campaign, its website and what you can share online to help raise awareness.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
You can help by downloading the resources in this pack and following the steps below

- 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
- 1 Share our poster and leaflet online or in-person.
- 2 Use our social media assets to share our campaign's messages.
- 3 Access our free materials and share these with your colleagues.
- 4 Visit our campaign's webpage.



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Summer Reading Challenge

This week children were visited by staff from Harpenden Library to find out more about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Story Garden' and starts from 21st June onwards. The three simple steps for taking part are:



1. Sign up

Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books! *



We can't to find out which books children have read over the summer!





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New entitlement to free school meals from September 2026

On 5 June 2025, the UK Government announced a new entitlement to free school meals for all children in households in receipt of Universal Credit from September 2026.

Sign up details for eligible families have not yet been provided, but we will share them with you, as soon as we have them.

Transitional protections for children currently in receipt of free school meals are also being extended until September 2026 so that no child drops out of eligibility and then becomes eligible in September 2026 under the new criteria.

Stage works – from Year 6 and HSA!



A while ago, our wonderful Year 6 parents and carers got in contact to ask whether they could support the school with some stage renovation work as a leaving gift to Manland.

We were incredibly excited at this generous offer – the stage and hall have been looking fairly run down for a few years now, but with a small budget for repairs and maintenance, unfortunately Hall renovation works has always been usurped by essential health and safety repairs.

The Hall is the heart of our school and the stage is where many of our pupils have their first experience of performance, whether it be music, drama or public speaking. We also cannot forget the many parents and carers who have also performed on the stage during our fetes! If there is something important happening at Manland, it is usually taking place on the stage!



We are incredibly excited to announce that **Year 6**, together with the support of the **HSA**, have raised enough funds to renovate the stage area, including installing sound panelling on the back of the stage!

Not only will this vastly improve the look of the stage, it will also help with sound during performances.

We are so grateful to the **Year 6 parents** who have been able to contribute to the project, as well as the **HSA**. A very special mention must go to **Mrs Hughes** for all her work sourcing and ordering the panelling and to **Mr Dwyer** for all his work preparing the stage and installing the panelling – we cannot wait to see it!





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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:
Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer or Mrs Kemp 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 **98.2%**

Well done to Year 1 who achieved
attendance of 99.5%! Wow!

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.



Freebies

We all love a bargain, but how about something completely for free?

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Parenting and relationship courses

Hertfordshire County Council is very excited to be able to offer two free online courses to parents and carers of children aged 0 to 18.

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities course online

This 6 week course covers:

- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.

strengthening families
strengthening communities

There are sessions available in the evenings and daytimes.

Sign up: <https://strengthening-families.net/parenting-courses/>

Stronger Relationships online

This 6 week course covers:

- Managing disagreements between co-parents.
- Understanding the impact of parental arguments on children.
- Strengthening the parent-child relationship.
- Reducing stress and improving communication.

There are sessions available in the evenings and daytimes.

Sign up: <https://strengthening-families.net/reducing-parental-conflict/>

Introducing...
An online course to reduce
parental conflict



Harpenden Rovers Youth FC



Harpenden Rovers Youth FC, a fully FA-accredited grassroots football club with around 250 members, has some space in its 2025-26 season U6s and U7s mixed squads for children going into Years 1 and 2 respectively next term.

The U6s are a training squad (Saturday mornings), the U7s are in the Herts Youth League playing tournaments and matches against other clubs (Saturday mornings and sometimes here at Manland, sometimes at one of the other sites the club uses in Harpenden, sometimes away).

There's quite a few Manland children in the club across the different age groups, so if you're interested in your child joining a friendly football club where the focus is on being your best not *the* best please reach out to membership@harpenderovers.co.uk for more information.