



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an eventful couple of weeks in school and I continue to be amazed at the kindness, hard work and behaviour of our pupils.

Last Friday we welcomed all parents and carers into school for our annual Harvest Assembly. Well done to all our pupils on their fantastic performances - you were amazing! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and for all the donations for the St Albans Food Bank.

This week we have welcomed parents and carers in to school for Parents Evening. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity of talking to your child's class teacher and seeing their books.

We ended the week with House Learning Day. These are always a highlight of the school term and I want to congratulate our House Captains on a productive and enjoyable day of learning.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term break,

Best wishes,

Mr. Comer, Interim Headteacher



Diary Dates

Tuesday 5 th November	Year 5 & 6 Sex Education Parent Workshop 9.00am
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 7 th November	Prospective Parent Morning 10.00am
Friday 8 th November	Year 1-6 'Maths Workshop' 9.00am
Monday 11 th November	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 13 th November	Rec-Year 4 Sex Education Parent Workshop 9.00am

Manland Values Award

– 18th October 2024



I know that every teacher who has taught Rocky will agree how much positivity he brings to the classroom! What strikes me most is his sincerity – he is always the first to 'check in' with his classmates, to ask if someone's ok and offer what is needed to put a smile back on a friend's face. He has a lovely sense of humour – one cannot help but smile when he does!

Rocky reminds us that joy can be found wherever we choose to look for it. He tries his best in all that he does – never becoming frustrated. His manners are exemplary. Rocky, we appreciate you – thank you for simply being you!

Manland Values Award

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Anna takes **responsibility** for her learning and tries really hard in tasks, whether it's maths, English, or science. What I really admire about her is how she supports others with their learning. She's a fantastic friend, not just in the classroom but outside too!

She is an amazing member of the football team. She saved 10 goals in one match alone! That is truly **inspiring**. In essence, she embodies the values we aim to promote at our school.

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Spotlight on Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival

What an amazing Harvest Festival we had on Friday 18th! Thank you to the children for their beautiful singing and poems and also to our Harvest speakers, Reverend James Brown and the St Albans Food Bank.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers join us to celebrate the Harvest; we hope you enjoyed the children's performances as much as we did!

Thank you to all our families who contributed to the Foodbank Harvest collection. All items have now been picked up and distributed to families in need.



Message from the St Albans and District Foodbank!

We'd like to thank everyone at Manland Primary School for supporting us this Harvest. Your generous donation of 166.2kg alone will allow us to provide **396 meals** for people and families in need and we are incredibly grateful for your contribution. We can't do what we do and continue to help so many without the support we receive from organisations such as yours - so thank you for your continued support.





Spotlight on Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our number 1 priority at Manland Primary. Every child has the right to be safe from harm and danger. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure every child is free from worry and able to learn and develop in a safe and secure environment.

Lanyard System

We wanted to remind parents and carers of the lanyard system which we have at Manland. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and is enforced at all times.

All visitors to our site must sign in at the office and obtain a lanyard. **No person can be in the school building without a lanyard under any circumstances, no matter how short a period.** The type of lanyard you receive will depend on the safeguarding checks in place for you.

Grey



- Staff Lanyard
- All staff recruitment checks in place, including enhanced DBS
- Can be unsupervised whilst on site

Red



- Governor Lanyard
- All Governor recruitment checks in place, including enhanced DBS
- Can be unsupervised whilst on site

Green



- Volunteer Lanyard
- All volunteer checks in place, including enhanced DBS
- Can be unsupervised whilst on site

Blue



- Visitor Lanyard
- **Must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times whilst on site**

Safeguarding Team

At Manland we have a Safeguarding Team who work with our pupils, families and outside agencies. They also support all of the staff in ensuring we provide the best care for our pupils.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Manland is Mrs Wicks. There are two deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mr Comer and Mrs Kemp. Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer and Mr Spendlove are also trained in Safer Recruitment.

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr Wardle who monitors that the school meets all statutory requirements in regard to Safeguarding. Our deputy Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Montgomery.

All of the adults in our school help to keep children safe.

Child Protection Policy

Our child protection policy is always available on our school website and can be located:

<https://manland.herts.sch.uk/download/child-protection-policy/>



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Spotlight on House Learning Day

The theme for our house learning day today was inter house competition and teamwork! The children worked in teams to complete a range of challenges with different themes. They competed within each phase, with different competitions for the Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

- House captains led their houses in a fiendish house quiz, based on learning completed throughout the whole school.
- Children used strategy to compete in a heated tic-tac-toe race battle.
- They exercised their memory and brainpower to compete in an inter house spelling bee.
- Children utilised their engineering skills to build the tallest freestanding towers using limited resources.
- In Reception, children competed in a series of different races and competitions involving balloons and building bricks.

The children showed great teamwork, supporting their teammates and inspiring us by cheering for their opponents. In the end, the victors were **Unicorns** but all the children should be proud of their aspiration and responsibility!

Inter House Captains Competition



Reception

Annie (Reception)
"We had to keep a balloon up in the air for 1 minute."



Barney (Reception) "We lined up in a line to make a train and balance a balloon between us."



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Tic Tac Toe Relay Battle



Chloe (Year 1) "We are playing against another house to get a line of 3 to win."

Emma (Year 3) "2 houses are against each other and we had to get 3 in a row with coloured bean bags within 3 minutes to score a house point."

Newspaper Towers



Chloe (Year 4) "We had to make a structure as high as possible and make it stand on its own."



Gene (Year 6) "We had to build the tallest tower just using newspaper and tape without it falling over."



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Spelling Bee

Annabelle (Year 2) "We had a word and we had to try and spell it, if you got it right you got a point for your team."



Henry (Year 5) "The teacher called out spellings and we had to write them down. If you get it right you get a house point."

Results

Congratulations to **Unicorn** house who collected the most points today!





Safeguarding: Halloween



If children and parents are planning to go trick or treating this year, please find below some advice from Hertfordshire Constabulary about keeping safe this Halloween:

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.
- Don't knock on the doors of strangers
- Only visit houses where there are signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations and pumpkins outside.
- Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime. Threatening and abusive behaviour can amount to an offence too.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark.
- Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.



Safeguarding: Fireworks Night

- Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.
- Never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- Wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- Hold one sparkler at a time.
- Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- Don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- Once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- Stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.
- Practice your STOP, DROP and ROLL before your fireworks celebrations



Flu Vaccination

Following their recent visit to school, Vaccination UK would like to give the parents the opportunity to book an appointment if their child was absent, refused or they would now like their child to receive the Flu vaccination.

Please find the attached link which will allow you to book an appointment at a clinic of your choice.

Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation ([schoolvaccination.uk](https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk))

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/book>





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.**

Please follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter)

@ManlandPrimary to keep up to date with what is going on in school.

Our tweets will help you gain an understanding of the children's experiences and learning across all of the subjects in our curriculum. We hope you enjoy sharing the children's learning with us.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **97.7%** 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

We will be holding three open events for the September 2025 intake. These will take place on **7th & 15th November and 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 at one of the events. A sign up link is available on the school website.

Reception 2025

We would like to get an idea of sibling numbers for our September 2025 Reception intake. If you have a sibling who is hoping to join us in September 2025, we should be grateful if you could email us on admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk.

Thank you!



Girls Football



Last week the year 5&6 girls travelled to Crabtree School. They played two games against Crabtree and The Lea. Despite unfortunately not coming away with a win they all did brilliantly displaying some excellent teamwork! Well done to everyone involved. They now look forward to one last fixture to play their final games of the league.

Manland Primary School are recruiting!



We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to join our Reception class.

- Days and hours: Monday - Friday 8.50am – 1pm, **term time only**

No experience or qualifications is necessary. Full training can be provided.

For full details, and to apply, please go to Teach in Herts:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,teaching-assistant_97968.htm



Road Closures around Manland

We would like to inform you of drainage improvement schemes being carried out on Sauncey Avenue by Herts County Council, which may cause some traffic disruption around the school.

Phase 1 – 28 October - 15 November: partial closure of Sauncey Avenue on the section from Ox Lane to Stewart Road. **9.30-15.30**

Phase 2 - 18 November – 13 December: full 24 hour closure of Sauncey Avenue from Stewart Road to Manland Avenue



Friendship Boxes for Children in Ukraine

Once again Manland is supporting Rotary in Harpenden for their annual Friendship Box appeal for 2024, supporting families in Ukraine.

We will have a box for children to leave their donations in front of the office hatch

If you can, please drop off donations of:

- coloured pencils, crayons, colouring books, puzzles and reading books
- small toys used or new, teddy bears etc
- Other items that will interest and stimulate children's minds
- **BUT PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE** food, liquids, powders, batteries, sharp objects or religious artefacts

Collection of boxes will be made at the **beginning of November**.





Harpenden Rugby Club Fireworks

Remember, remember, the 3rd of November!

If you go to the Harpenden Rugby Club Fireworks show, on the last Sunday of half term, please buy tickets using this link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hrfc/1414048/r/manland>

The HSA will receive 50% of the price of each ticket!

Harpenden Academy Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Manland is once again participating in the Harpenden Academy Christmas Tree Fundraiser. The HSA will receive £10 per tree if the purchaser selects Manland from the dropdown menu during checkout see the website (<https://www.foha.co.uk/fohashop/p/christmastrees>) or attached flyer for details!





Message from Hertfordshire Libraries

We are excited to announce Winter Reads is returning from **Friday 1 November to Saturday 31 January**.

This initiative aims to encourage all ages to engage with reading during the winter months through a series of fun, flexible challenges and fantastic events. The goal of the Winter Reads Challenge is to complete six different reading challenges over the winter. We understand that reading preferences and habits vary, so we've designed the challenge to be adaptable: - For less avid readers, the challenges can be simple and achievable. For instance, they can complete two challenges with one book. - For those who love a challenge, we offer the Wild Card challenge, where they can create their own reading goals. The challenge is open to all ages, so families can take part in the Winter Reads together.



Those who complete all six challenges by Saturday 31 January will be entered into prize draw to win an iPad. The challenge is **FREE**, you just need to be a library member. We believe this challenge will not only foster a love for reading but also provide a fun and engaging activity for all during the winter months.

We hope to see many students take on the Winter Reads Challenge! Visit: **www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/WinterReads** for more information.

The Herts Parent Carer Involvement 2024 Survey is open until 3rd November

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024

Herts County Council would like to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part.

Share your thoughts and make a difference

