



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Reception Health Screening with NHS
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Year 6 Health Screening with NHS
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.00am
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Yr5/Yr6 District Tag Rugby Tournament
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 6 parents SATs meeting 9.00am (Microsoft Teams online)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to be back at Manland as part of my phased return to work. Thank you to the whole school community for the warm welcome and kind words; it was much appreciated. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr Comer for all his hard work as Interim Headteacher over the Autumn term. It was a huge support to know the school was in such good hands during my period of leave.

Children have returned to school this Spring Term with such enthusiasm! They have settled back in to school routines, are working hard and displaying fantastic behaviour. If you would like to find out more what children will be learning this term, please look at our website: Pupils/Classes and select your child's class.

Best wishes,

*Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher*

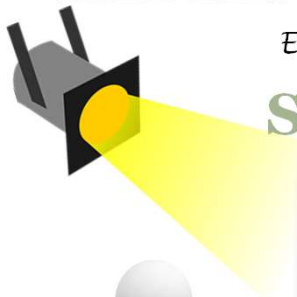
## Manland Values Award

I am thrilled to nominate Jasper for the Manland Cup! He is genuinely a fantastic pupil who embodies all the qualities we admire. He has shown remarkable responsibility in everything that he does. His focus is inspiring, and he consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic that encourages others. Not only is he diligent but he is also a good friend to everyone in our class ensuring that no one feels left out. This makes our classroom a much friendlier place to be! What truly sets him apart is his ability to put others first. He inspires those around him, showing that teamwork and friendship are more valuable than winning. For all these reasons, I wholeheartedly believe Jasper deserves the Manland Cup!

## Manland Values Award

Whenever I think of Josh, I think of a student who is cheerful, strives to do his best and excels in helping others! He is a loyal friend who cares greatly about those around him. I've been struck by his patience and kindness towards different members of our class and whoever he is working with. Josh's inquisitive nature means he approaches any task with a positive attitude. In English, he is really careful to check his writing and quickly self-corrects any mistakes. In Maths Josh is adept at applying his mathematical knowledge to the reasoning and problem-solving tasks that require deeper thinking. He displays great resilience and curiosity. The one thing that has really stood out is his mature attitude. Year 6 is indeed a journey and Josh is well on his way!





THANK YOU

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## Spotlight on Play Leaders



"Playtime will be more varied and fun."

"KS1 children will now want to come and play as everything is new. We hope they enjoy the new equipment"

Our Year 6 Play Leaders would like to say a huge thank you for a life skills grant from Harpenden Lions towards our Play Leader scheme.

At Manland, pupils in Year 6 can volunteer to be a Play Leader. The job of a Play Leader is many and varied. With training from the Key Stage 2 leads and PE teacher, Play Leaders create and deliver positive play experiences for children in our school; whether it be developing a game which teaches children to take turns, a game which helps less confident children find their voice or a game that helps children find a new skill they excel in. Play Leaders use the interests of the children when developing these games. They set the games up, oversee the game, and support children to learn new skills and develop new friendships. The scheme breaks down barriers between year groups.

Our Play Leaders develop their leadership and mentoring skills via this scheme and they are encouraged to be great role models and think of others. Learning these types of skills is an important step in their transition to secondary school and we regularly receive reports from adults around school, complimenting our Play Leaders on their ability to assist with play and reassure younger children.



"With our new play equipment we can make games more interesting and fun."



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[www.harpenden-lions.co.uk](http://www.harpenden-lions.co.uk)

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## Letter from our Manland Prime Minister

Dear Parents & Carers,

Hello, I am the Manland Prime Minister and I am writing to you about new equipment for the school playground.

Recently we had a vote with all the classes, about how we can improve our school. A lot of children voted for new equipment and we have decided that we would like to get table tennis tables for the playground.

If any families have a table tennis table that they no longer use and would like to donate it, we would be very grateful!

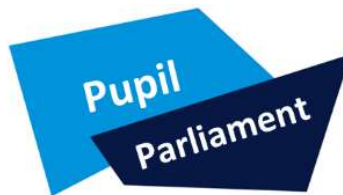
Thank you for reading this, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Atticus Perry

Prime Minister

Manland Primary School



Thank you very much to each family who bought books from last term's Scholastic Book Fair! Your support has meant that we were able to purchase a range of non-fiction texts for our library. These have been carefully chosen to support History, Geography and Science topics across the school, although they can be enjoyed by all curious readers. The next Scholastic Book Fair will be held **between 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March** – we might see you there!





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## Time Out are recruiting!



**TIME OUT**  
**AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**  
Registered Charity Number 1172436

Time Out Club is an independently run charity that provides wrap-around care at Manland Primary School. We are looking for a Playworker to join our team, helping to provide childcare to 4-11 year olds before and after school.

The role of the Playworker is to create a safe, fun and welcoming environment for all children and to deliver the highest standards of welfare and support to all the children in Time Out's care.

The Club is open Mon-Fri, term time only, from 7.30-8.40am and 3.20-6.20pm (5.20pm on Fridays). Days and times for the role can be negotiated.

**If your child attends Manland, they can come to Time Out with you and play with their friends while you are working.**

More information about Time Out Club can be found on our website at <https://time-out-club.org/> Please feel free to contact Time Out Club directly with any questions on **07807 921 246** or email [manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com](mailto:manlandtimeoutclub@gmail.com).



## WANTED!

### SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



Herts County Council are urgently looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol at



### Manland Primary School

THE PAY IS £12.26 PER HOUR  
(excluding enhancements)  
(Job Share Considered)



IF YOU ARE OR YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Joanne Morris on 01992 556803

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,  
Farnham House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage SG1 2ST  
[scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk) January 2025

**Can we please respectfully remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely.**





**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](mailto:safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk)

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



## Attendance

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

Well done to Reception, Year 1 and  
Year 6 who all 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.



**Next week will see the  
first House Quiz of  
2025!**

All of the quiz questions are based on our curriculum  
intent documents, which can be found on our website

<https://manland.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/subjects/>

Name the missing oceans:



A = Indian Ocean  
B = Atlantic Ocean

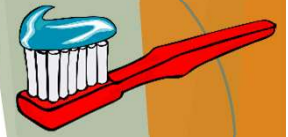
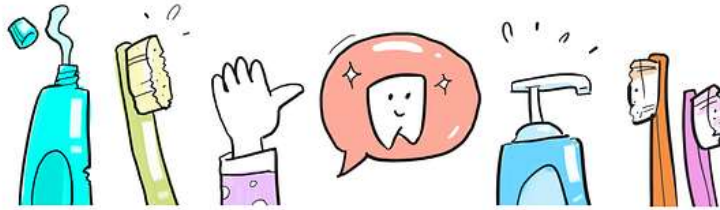
Name the missing processes in the  
water cycle:

evaporation, condensation &  
precipitation





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## Oral health

Oral health is an important part of every child's wellbeing. It impacts on the ability for children to eat and sleep, to socialise with confidence and to concentrate at school. However, many children experience problems with their oral health.

Tooth decay affects around a quarter of five-year olds in England and it is also the leading cause of hospital admissions for five to nine-year-olds by some distance. Many children who go to hospital because of tooth decay need to have teeth removed under general anaesthetic.

This is despite the fact that tooth decay is almost entirely preventable.

### The key messages for children 3+ are:



- "Twice a day" which is to encourage brushing your teeth twice a day
- "Protect their smile" which is a reminder for free NHS dental checks for under 18s
- "Encourage them to spit not rinse" which is to encourage children to spit not rinse as they get older
- "Skip the sugar" which is about avoiding food and drinks with too much sugar

### When should I take my child to a dentist?

See a dentist as soon as possible if you think you or your child has tooth decay. Early treatment can help stop it getting worse.

NHS dental care in England is free if you are:

- a child under 18, or under 19 and in full-time education
- pregnant or have had a baby in the last 12 months

You can also take your child to your own dental appointments so that they get used to the experience. It may help to reduce any fear or worry they may have about visiting the dentist as they grow.





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## Pupil Premium grant

Government support and financial assistance is available for families who are experiencing hardship. This funding is called the Pupil Premium grant and it is available to any pupil attending a state school in England.

Some of the support families are entitled to as part of the Pupil Premium grant, include:

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

- free school meals
- meal vouchers for the holiday periods
- access to free holiday clubs (Herts HAPpy activity camps)
- assistance with music lesson fees
- assistance with travel costs

### Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Reception, 1 and 2)

- meal vouchers for the holiday periods
- access to free holiday clubs (Herts HAPpy activity camps)

In addition to the above, the school receives funding from the Government for every pupil who qualifies for the pupil premium grant. The school uses this funding to improve the educational outcomes of pupils.

Any parent or carer can make an application for the Pupil Premium grant by visiting [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). We encourage all parents and carers to apply, even if you suspect the period of hardship will only be temporary (e.g. a parent/carers has been made redundant and is in between jobs).

Alternatively, the school office can make an application for you – please just contact us on [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk).

Full details of the Pupil Premium grant can be found here:

[Pupil premium: overview - GOV.UK](#)



## Clothing bank

If you are having a new year clear out why not help our school community recycle and also to earn some money for the school by donating to the clothes bank in the school carpark

**The bank accepts: Clean clothing and paired shoes, in bags please** e.g. men's clothing, women's clothing, kids clothing, towels, bedsheets and paired shoes.

It does not take: dirty or damp clothing, carpets, rugs, single shoes, paper or rubbish. If you notice the bin is getting full, we should be grateful if you could let us know on [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk) so we can get it emptied.

Happy recycling!

