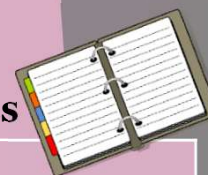




# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Spring bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 4 'Maths Challenge' event (invite only)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 3 & 4 Boys 'District Football Rally' (invite only)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	'Smartphone Free Childhood' presentation – Roundwood Park School 7pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 6 SATs week (Mon – Fri) Year 6 Breakfast from 8.10am)

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome children back to school at the start of this summer term. Children settled really well and adapted to school routines quickly and confidently.

Thank you to parents of Reception who have been in school recently for rescheduled parents evening appointments. Mrs Kemp really enjoyed meeting with you all and sharing details of your child's learning journey.

This week we were fortunate to welcome Mr Singh to school for a whole school assembly on Sikhism, followed by a workshop for our Year 5 pupils. This visit really enriched our pupil's learning. A big thank you to Mr Singh and the Sikh Education Service for sharing your knowledge with us.

Best wishes,  
*Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher*



I am delighted to nominate Arlo for the Manland Cup! Arlo truly embodies the value of being **responsible**, coming into school each day with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn. He shows kindness to everyone around him and is always willing to lend a helping hand when friends need support.

What's even more impressive is Arlo's perseverance; when faced with challenges, he doesn't back down. His determination is noticeable, and it's paying off beautifully across all subjects. Arlo's fantastic progress is a joy to witness, and I wholeheartedly believe he deserves this recognition. I know that as he progresses through the school he will build on the successes of this year. Well done Arlo!



If there is one student who personifies all of our Manland values, it would have to be George P! George's integrity means he works extremely hard in lessons. Not only **aspirational** for his friends, George pushes himself to be the best he can be – both inside and outside of the classroom. George delights in his friends' achievements and is highly thought of. He is always on hand to thrash out a complex maths problem with a friend! George works hard, knowing that refusing to give up means success will come. His zest for learning and thirst for knowledge means George makes links between topics, takes ownership of his learning and makes rapid progress. George is an absolute asset to Year 6 and I know great things are in store for him!



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## Spotlight on Teaching Assistant

We are so incredibly lucky to have a team of skilled, caring and dedicated support staff who work with children across the school. We want to recognise the fantastic support they give to teachers and children and thank them for being so wonderful! Take a look below to see what our children have to say about their Teaching Assistants!



"Mrs Talley looks after us and is there when we need help."



"Mrs MacFarlane helps me with my spellings, she is kind and helps me understand."



"Mrs Gourlay always helps us with our work and explains things to us if we find things tricky."

"Mrs Lorek is fun at teaching, nice and I can always talk to her."



"Miss N. Sweeney makes our choosing area really fun."





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## Spotlight on Teaching Assistant

"Miss Chan makes the most amazing things and draws us lots of pictures. She makes us laugh and is really kind."



"Mrs Read is patient, listens to us and is kind and thoughtful."



"Miss Jackson looks after me when I am sad and is a really good listener."



"Miss S. Sweeney is nice and helps me with my work."



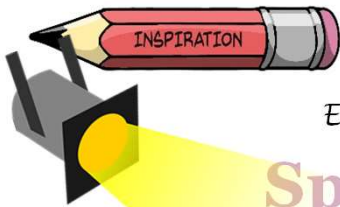
"Mrs Himpfen helps me with my phonics and reading."



"Miss Morris really helps me with my writing and phonics."







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## Spotlight on RE: Sikhism



Thank you to Mr Singh from the Sikh Education Service who visited school this week to give a whole school assembly, followed by a workshop for Year 5 on Sikhism. Mr Singh had a wealth of knowledge and his visit really enriched our pupil's learning on Sikhism. Thank you!

"Martial arts are learnt to protect themselves and others but not to hurt anyone."



"We learnt after you are baptized, Sikh boys get the surname Singh (meaning lion) and girls have the surname Kaur (meaning princess)."



"In Sikhism, they believe that God has no name and he lives in everyone."



**Kirpan**



**Kachera**



**Kara**



**Kesh**



**Kanga**





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## Spotlight on Attendance: Minor Illnesses

Attendance is crucial for school children. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work.
- Miss out on the social side of school life.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, through primary school, will also help your child later on in their life.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**NHS guidance is that it is usually safe to send your child to school with mild illnesses, such as a cough, runny nose, or sore throat.**

**No**

### Should I keep my child off school?

**But please inform school so we can monitor case numbers**

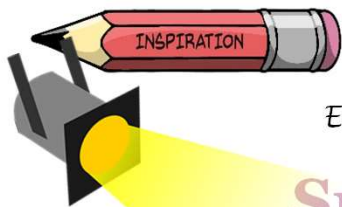
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

**Yes**

### **Until**

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics





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## Spotlight on Reception Knebworth House class trip



On Wednesday our Reception class were intrepid explorers, venturing forth to Knebworth house, to take part in the Storysaurus Stomp! The children behaved wonderfully and had a “roar-some” time, furthering their learning on their dinosaur topic!







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**TikTok**



## Safeguarding

**Age: 13+**

### Keep your child safe on TikTok

#### What is TikTok?

TikTok is a video-sharing app that's very popular with children and teenagers. Users can gain followers and watch other people's short-form video content or slideshows. Anyone can make and upload their own videos, which often include:

- Dance routines
- Lip-syncing to music
- Comedy sketches

There are also videos of news and world events – such as live footage of sports events, protests, natural disasters and world crises.

The age recommendation for TikTok is **13 and above**, but it's easy for younger children to sign up too.

#### 7 steps to keep your child safe

Use Family Pairing (also known as family safety mode)

Keep their account set to private and limit profile information

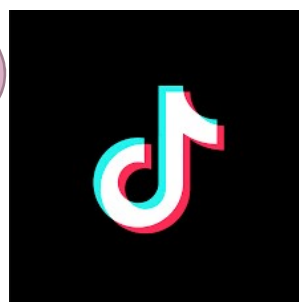


Enable Restricted Mode so your child doesn't see inappropriate content

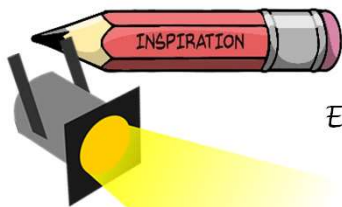
Restrict in-app purchases to block spending

Consider setting a time limit on use

Check settings on interactions like duets, stitching, direct messages and comments



Make sure your child knows how to report content and user



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## Spotlight on Reading

In keeping with World Book Day's theme of 'read your way', we challenged children to 'get caught reading' over the Easter holidays. Whilst there was a definite 'by the water' theme, it's clear that nothing can distract the children at Manland from reading! A huge thank you to everyone who entered – we really appreciate the efforts you went to in remembering to bring your books with you. Congratulations must go to Nina in Year 2 and Iris in Year 4 who were the KS1 and KS2 winners – a £10 book token is on its way to each of you!

**KS2  
Winner!**

**KS1  
Winner!**



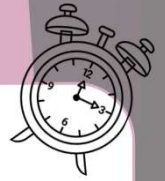




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### Safeguarding

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 **97.6%**

Well done to Year 1 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.



### Herbert the hedgehog has returned!

Herbert the Hedgehog returned to school this week and has been making himself comfortable in the wildlife area!



Hedgehogs are nocturnal, which means they are active at night. As well as putting holes in fences and rewilding areas to encourage insects, you can leave fresh water out in your gardens for hedgehogs to drink.







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## Thank you

A huge thank you to the **Harding** family who recently took out a subscription with First News and nominated Manland as part of the process. As a result of this, Miss Noonan, our English Lead, received a £100 voucher to spend on Usborne books for the school.



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Thank you so much to the Hardings!

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## Broadband costs - Support



Home broadband is increasingly essential for supporting learning. Did you know, households in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit could be eligible for discounted social tariffs, helping you to stay connected at lower costs?

To find out if you are eligible, and for more information, please visit [Ofcom's website](#).



## PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents and schools navigating smartphones, social media and addictive technology with children

A talk with Children's Mental Health Expert  
and Smartphone Free Childhood Leader  
**Nova Eden**

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 7pm

Roundwood Park School, Harpenden, AL5 3AE



**COLLECTIVE POWER**

**6<sup>th</sup> May at  
7pm**





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**Chess news:** Well done to the Manland chess team who took part in the annual Harpenden & District Chess Jamboree this week.

The team worked hard, managing to secure a place in the play offs. Their determination paid off, with the team coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Small Schools Cup and 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 14 schools. What a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to **Casey, Oskar, Josh William, Henry and Atticus** for representing the school so well!



### **Wheathampstead 2k Manland runners needed!**

The annual Wheathampstead 10K/2k run is just around the corner with the schools race open to all schools in the area!

Families can sign up independently but the children select their school when they do so and their placing will go towards the schools competition.

If you, or your child, would like to take place, please enter via:

<https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/wheathampstead-10k-and-2k-fun-run-9130>

Best of luck to everyone taking part!

