



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the final day of the Spring term, it is amazing to look back at what an action packed term it has been!

Since our last newsletter, our Year 3 and 4 classes have delighted us with their Spring concert, Year 6 demonstrated their musical talents at the Spring Festival, and Reception class wowed their parents and carers with their class assembly. In addition, our Year 6 House Captains oversaw fundraising for Comic Relief, raising a fantastic £180 for good causes!

We ended term today with our annual Easter egg hunt. We want to thank the HSA for their support of this event.

We hope you have a safe and restful Easter and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

*Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher*

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	InSet Day – School closed for children
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Term starts for children
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Reception parent consultations
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 6 Residential parent information session (Teams) at 1pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Chess Jamboree (invite only)  Reception parent consultations

## Manland Values Award



We can't think of a more deserving person for the Manland Values Award than Imogen! Imogen is always one of the first children in class each morning. She has a warm, infectious smile and works hard at all times, consistently show an **aspirational** attitude to learning.

Imogen's manners and behaviour are exceptional at all times. She also takes **responsibility** for the resources in our classroom.

Imogen has also shown an **aspirational** attitude in rehearsals for the class assembly. She learnt all her lines, song words and actions and has shown great confidence in her delivery. She even asked for extra rehearsal time! Well done Imogen – you are a superstar!

## The Big Walk and Wheel

The results are in!

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel this year! Manland pupils logged an impressive 1,102 journeys, which currently puts us in position 176 out of the 1,195 small schools taking part!

**Well done everyone!**





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## Spotlight on Year 3 and 4 Spring Concert

Our Year 3 and 4 students put on a fantastic Spring Concert, filling Manland with joy and energy! Their wonderful singing of feel-good songs like Thank Your Lucky Stars, Three Little Birds, Happy, and Here Comes the Sun had everyone smiling. The concert was made even more special by our talented poetry readers — **Cooper, Augustus, Edward, Darcey, Orla, Emily, Noah, and Claudia**—who brought the spirit of spring to life with their expressive performances. Well done to all the children for a truly uplifting show!







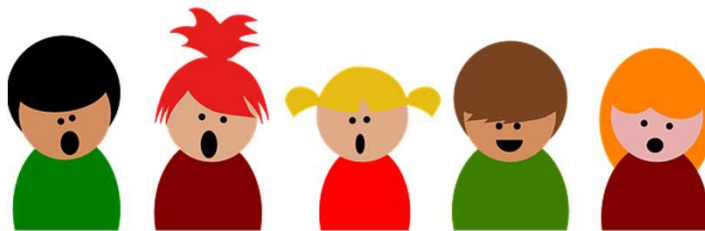
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## Harpenden Spring Festival



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Year 6 school choir performed at the Eric Morecombe Centre in the annual Harpenden Schools Spring Festival. Working alongside other Harpenden schools, the school choir sung their hearts out and performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to all the Year 6 choir members **Marcella, Gabriella, Sophie, Annabelle, Cora, Savannah, Elouise, Lucy and Rae!**



### Red Nose Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Thank you and well done to our Year 6 House Captains who raised £180 selling Comic Relief red noses! We bought more noses than normal this year, but Year 6 managed to sell all noses, in just two days! Well done House Captains!







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## Spotlight on Reception Assembly

This week, our fantastic Reception class entertained us with a wonderful assembly! It was evident just how hard they have worked and the progress they have made this term has been fantastic to see. They are learning new things every day, and their performance truly reflected their enthusiasm and love of learning. The children spoke their lines with such confidence, and their singing—especially with all the actions—was simply beautiful. It was a joy to watch! A huge thank you to Mrs. Kemp, and the team, for all their hard work in preparing the children for this special occasion. Well done, Reception!



Isabel "I liked showing my picture to my mummy and daddy and at the end and they were really proud and they loved my pictures."

Lily "My mummy and daddy said 'well done, you were great!'"

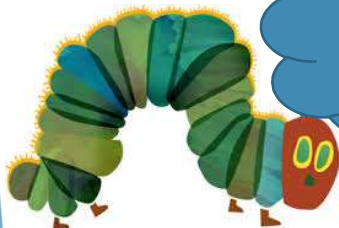
Imogen "I was really happy because I saw my parents and they saw I was smiling. I really enjoyed when I got to say why I love my mummy."

Caleb "I liked it when we said 'doubling' at the end of the maths and we put our hands up and my mummy had a big smile."

Nathaniel "I liked the songs and my grown ups were happy when they saw me singing and joining in."

Autumn "My mummy said I was amazing and my pictures were so good. She thought the singing was so excellent."

Orla "My favourite part was working together doing the songs, both singing and the actions."





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## Spotlight on HSA Volunteers



At the annual HSA AGM at the end of March, the school said **thank you** to Mr Bedingfield and Mrs Arnold, who stepped down as Chair and Vice Chair.

The contribution Mr Bedingfield and Mrs Arnold have made to our school community should not be underestimated; their events have brought families together, made life-long memories for children and enhanced the Manland community. Thank you, Mrs Arnold and Mr Bedingfield, for all the time you have volunteered to support our school – we are so grateful.



### Mrs Arnold

Mrs Arnold has been a leading figure of the Manland HSA since 2014! Over the years, she has led so many memorable events, generously giving her time to organise parents, set up stalls and run cake sales. She has also spearheaded countless summer and Christmas fetes. We are not sure how Mrs Arnold managed to do all of this, alongside her work and family commitments. We can only **aspire** to be more like Mrs Arnold!

Over the years, Mrs Arnold has also helped to enhance the school environment. She led projects to renovate play equipment and the installation of the sun canopy – these will be lasting reminders of everything she has contributed to our school.

**Thank you Mrs Arnold!**

### Mr Bedingfield

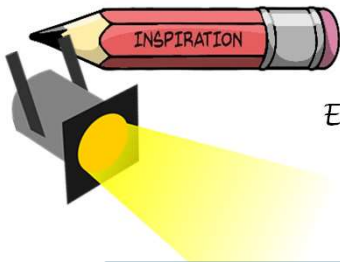
Mr Bedingfield brought passion, energy and a great deal of humour to the HSA! He commandeered the Great Manland Makeover, organising a legion of parent helpers to paint every classroom. Now, children have inviting, bright and inspirational spaces in which to do their learning.

Mr Bedingfield has also led many HSA events, including District Sports, Fetes, Quiz Nights and Family Camp Outs, to name a few. He can usually be found, flipping a burger or creating marvellous balloon animals for children!

Mr Bedingfield also oversaw the adoption of a new HSA safeguarding policy, as well as comprehensive risk assessments for events. His dedication to keeping children safe at Manland is appreciated.

**Thank you Mr Bedingfield!**





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## Spotlight on RE

Year 1 have been learning all about the Christian Easter story in RE and had a lovely visit to the local church, All Saints, last week. Reverend James greeted year 1 at the door and welcomed them into the church, where the children sat sensibly in the pews. The Christian Easter story was retold by Reverend James with the help of the children and various props. All the children used thorns to make a crown and really enjoyed looking at a large model of the tomb and stone. Well done Year 1!







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# Spotlight on Personal Development Year 5 Residential



During the beautiful mid March weather, Year 5 spent 3 days at Phasels Wood on their residential trip. What an adventure they had! From scavenger hunts and bug hotel visits to buggy building and toboggan runs, Year 5 had a thoroughly fantastic time. Other activities included high ropes, archery and the Year 5 Manland Talent show!

Over the course of the various activities, Year 5 showed us what amazing communication, teamwork and creativity skills they have. Staff were also impressed at how positive, well behaved and polite they were. Well done Year 5! We are so proud of you all.

**Journey** – “We listened to songs on the way there but on they way back we sang our own songs that we had learnt from the instructors (they’re still in our heads!)”

**Sleeping Pods** – “The beds were really comfortable but we didn’t sleep on the first night as we were too excited! When we had pod time we played games or read. We slept on the second night though as we were exhausted.”

**Night Lining** – “We wore blackout goggles so we couldn’t see and followed a rope. We had to avoid obstacles, go under nets, through tunnels and climb over tyres!”



**Buggy Building** – “We had to build buggies out of planks of wood, ropes and barrels. We then raced each other – unfortunately 2 people fell off!”



# TEAM

**Bug Hotels** – “We had to find materials in the woods to create a bug hotel.”







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# Spotlight on Personal Development – Year 5 Residential



**Team Challenge** – “We had to stay attached to a tree at all times whilst moving forwards not talking or letting go.”



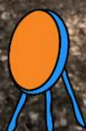
**Scavenger Hunt** – “We had to find things like a leaf bigger than your hand, an object that can represent an insect and an object that can float.”



**Bush Craft** – “We made shelters out of tarpaulin and ropes. We used steels to make fires and roasted marshmallows on them! We found out that to survive we needed an axe, rope, bucket and a fire steel.”



**Cresta Run** – “This was so much fun – we had carts that we raced down a hill and to win you had to get the furthest from the ‘brake now’ sign.”



**Archery** – Mrs Talley and Miss Jackson had a competition against each other and Mrs Talley won and did a victory dance!. The contest was to get most points but the target was so far away!







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# Spotlight on Personal Development Year 5 Residential



**High Ropes** – “I was really scared as it was so high but I was so proud of myself when I did it. We climbed an obstacle course but the scariest bit was walking across a plank.”



**Explorers** – “We identified plants, bugs and trees and even ate a leaf- it tasted like sour apple skin!”

**Talent Show** – “William won doing an impression of Mr Bean, Hayden did a Rubik's cube in 5 seconds, there were jokes, magic tricks and card tricks.”

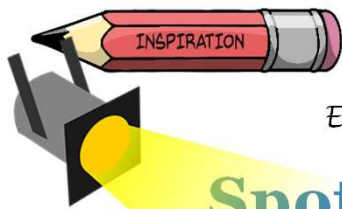
**Food** – “The was the best bit! It was really tasty. We had the chef's famous brownie. Breakfast was really good as there were lots of different options .”



**A big thank you to Mrs Barker, Mrs Talley and Miss Jackson for making it the best Year 5 Residential!**







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## Spotlight on Easter Egg Hunt



Today we celebrated the end of the spring term with our annual Easter egg hunt! Children had to solve some tricky clues as part of the hunt and there was lots of fun and laughter as children hunted around school for the answers! We want to say a big thank you to the HSA for supporting this event and providing an Easter egg for all children – it is always one of the highlights of the year! Thank you!







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

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



**Thank  
You!**

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the  
last two weeks is **97.4%**

Well done to Year 4 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.



### Thank you!

A huge thank you to **Mrs and Mr Mills**, who recently donated tickets to the HSA to see Arsenal v Real Madrid on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Champions League quarter final. The HSA undertook a silent auction for the tickets, raising valuable funds for the school. Thank you, Mrs and Mr Mills, for your incredible generosity!



### Pharmacy appointments for school age children

We all know that local GP surgeries are incredibly busy. Did you know that **pharmacies can now offer NHS clinical appointments**, with medication available if required, for 4 clinical conditions?

If your child is suffering with any of the 4 conditions below, consider making a pharmacy appointment for them:

- Earache (Children aged 1-17)
- Sore Throat (over 5s)
- Infected Insect bites (Over 1s)
- Impetigo (Over 1s)



Visit your local pharmacy for more information. To find a local pharmacy see:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>

Further information on when to keep your child off school can be found here:  
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>







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## Pupil News

Huge congratulations to **Noah** in Year 4 who was recently awarded 'Highly Commended' for his story, "Football," in the Harpenden & Village Primary School Story Writing Competition. What an achievement Noah!



*Harpenden & Villages Primary Schools  
Story Writing Competition.*

**2025**

**Year 4 highly commended**

We love celebrating our pupils' successes, both in and out of school, in our newsletter. If you would to share your child's achievement in the newsletter, please send details (and a photo if you consent), to [admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk)

## Year 5&6 Tag Rugby Tournament



A team of 9 year 5&6 girls and boys recently spent a morning at Harpenden Rugby Club to take part in a mixed tag rugby school games event. This was a great event with an emphasis on having fun and developing tag rugby skills. The children took part in 9 games all together, scoring lots of try's and making some brilliant tags! They all had a fantastic time and should be proud of how they performed, well done all!





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# Safeguarding

## Home or Out Alone

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Staying home or going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right. It can be hard to decide whether your child is ready. There's a lot to think about. And a lot you might be worried about. This guide is designed to reduce that worry, by helping you make the right decision for you and your child.

### Things to know before they stay or go:

The first thing you might think about is their age and maturity.

- Do you think they're old enough? • How long could they cope on their own? Remember, for a younger child half an hour can feel like a long time.
- Can they deal with risks?
- Will they behave responsibly?
- Will they be safe?
- Perhaps most importantly, how does your child feel about this idea? Some children like to take every opportunity to show they can be grown up, they might be really keen to be left 'in charge'. Others will feel nervous about the responsibility.

### Things to know before they go out alone:

- Where do they want to go?
- What do they want to do?
- Who will they be with?
- How far will they travel? There's a big difference between walking to the corner shop and going into town, for example.
- What time will they be out? Consider if it's safe for them



## Things to consider

**For staying home alone** – does your child have:

- Parent or carer's number
- Another trusted adult's number
- A trusted adult they could go to in person, in an emergency

**For going out** – does your child know?

- Their full name and address
- Two trusted adults' phone numbers
- How to cross roads safely

**Outside rules** - Ask yourself questions like:

- How far from home can they go?
- How long can they stay out?
- Who can they go out with or meet?
- When is their agreed home time?
- What activities are ok for them to do?

**House rules** - Ask yourself questions like:

- Who can they have over, if anyone?
- What devices or online apps, games and sites can they use? And who is it ok to talk to online?
- How long can they spend on them?
- What can they do in the kitchen?
- Where in the house can they go?
- Who can they tell that they'll be home alone?
- Can they leave the house?





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## Football

The boys A&B team visited Markyate on Tuesday with both teams playing games against Marykate's A team. The A team played first. The boys performed really well and scored some brilliant goals. Their great work resulted in them winning 5-2!

The B team were up next and with lots of brilliant teamwork and battling for the ball they were rewarded with a 2-1 win!

Well done to everyone involved, great work!

The year 5&6 boys welcomed St Nicholas to Manland this week. Lots of good football was on display with both teams putting in great efforts. The A team had a very strong game that saw them go 1-0 up and were unfortunate to concede a penalty in the second half resulting in a 1-1 draw at full time. The B team maintained their undefeated record putting in another excellent show which saw them win the game 4-0!

The boys now have their very final games away against St Dominic to complete the season.

## Netball

The girls A team visited St Dominic School on Thursday. Having **won the small schools rally and every league game they've played**, the girls were determined to win what was their last game of the season. Lots of great movement up and down court and some brilliant goals saw them finish with a 12-0 victory!

A huge well done to all the girls involved! What a fantastic season!

**WINNERS!**

**Netball Small  
schools rally  
24/25**



**UNDEFEATED!**

**Netball League  
24/25**



Look at the wonderful art our KS1 children created at lunchtime today! Chloe drew a beautiful, smiling sunshine and a group of children from Reception worked together to draw an airport, complete with aeroplane and helicopter! Wow! #Art #LOTG #Inspiration #Learningthroughplay



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