



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### Diary Dates

Date	Event
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Yr 5/6 District Football Tournament
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm <b>Yr 1-Yr 6</b> (Reception class postponed)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Year 4 Tate Modern class trip
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm <b>Yr 1-Yr 6</b> (Reception class postponed)
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Science Day (British Science Week)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	Year 6 Parents consultations continued 9.00am-5.00pm

Dear Parents and Carers

School has been a hive of activity since returning from the half term break!

This week we celebrated World Book Day, one of the highlights of the Manland school year. This year was the best costumes we have seen!. A great day was had by all. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and a big thank you to Miss Noonan for organising the activities.

Year 3 visited Tring Museum this week as part of their topic on animals and skeletons. The children behaved really well and demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done Year 3!

*Best wishes,  
Mrs. Wicks, Headteacher*

### Manland Values Award



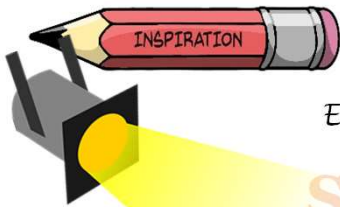
Iris is an extremely hardworking student who puts her best effort into everything she does. She always approaches challenges with a positive attitude and her love for learning is clear. Iris's attitude and ability towards learning is **inspiring**. Iris is also incredibly kind and this shines through in the way she interacts with friends; her class mates can always rely on her. Iris always looks to bring the best out of people. As her teacher, I am incredibly proud of her. I am constantly amazed by how much she reads, and how eager she is to share new stories. Iris has inspired us all to read more! Keep up the incredible work Iris. Well done!

### Manland Values Award



Sofiyah is a truly valued member of our class and consistently brings positivity and enthusiasm to her learning. She displays remarkable responsibility as a learner, always ready to engage and give her best. The effort she puts into her work is commendable and sets a fantastic example for everyone around her.

Sofiyah's recent homework truly blew me away—she crafted an amazing poem, based on the environment, that beautifully conveyed her thoughts and creativity, which she set to music and pictures. I can't think of anyone more deserving of this nomination. Her hard work, creativity, and resilience make her a shining star in our classroom. Well done, Sofiyah!



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## Spotlight on Year 3 Tring Museum Visit



Year 3 class had a wonderful trip to the Tring Natural History Museum this week. They started the day with a workshop on skeletons during which a member of staff challenged Year 3 to identify vertebrates by only their skeletons! After lunch, Year 3 spent some time in the galleries of the museum, building their knowledge of animals and examining the wide variety of animals big, small, alive and extinct!



Jack "I liked inventing a new animal best. I learned that skeletons look entirely different to the outside of the animal."

Savannah "The best part was seeing the dolphins, dogs and snakes. I learned that animal skeletons are much smaller than live animals."



Tom "I liked seeing all the different animals. Fun Fact – there is a fish called a 'LumpSucker!'."







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## Spotlight on World Book Day

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

It's fair to say that yesterday saw yet another thrilling World Book Day here at Manland! Our day started early with an assembly to talk about books children like to read, where they like to read them and what advice we would give to someone who is struggling to find the time or motivation to read. Children shared helpful tips such as:

- Ask your parents to take your devices for a little bit so that you don't become distracted.
- Speak to your friends or teachers for a book recommendation if you're struggling to find a book that excites you.
- If a book isn't your cup of tea at first, persevere with it and give it a chance.
- Don't like to read alone? Read to your parents, siblings or pets!



Each teacher read an extract from one of their favourite books whilst children listened excitedly. It didn't take long at all before hands shot up as children guessed the titles of those much-loved books being read aloud! Children at Manland certainly know their books!



We also delighted in the brilliant costumes that children prepared for the day! It was so lovely to see the thought and time that had been put into costumes. It's so interesting to see children's favourite books and changing tastes reflected in their costumes – we had a record number of Dog Man outfits! Teachers chose a winning costume in each class - we hope children are delighted with their £10 book tokens and look forward to choosing a special book!





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**BOOK**  
DAY

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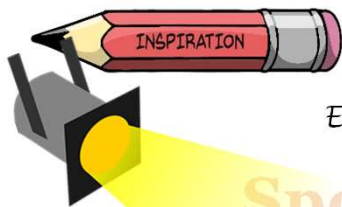
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We also shared details of our **'Get Caught Reading'** competition (which we'll be running up until the end of the Easter holidays). Children can send in photos of themselves reading in the most creative and crazy spots they can imagine. Keep a book with you at all times so you can squeeze in some sneaky reading!

Please email your  
photos to the  
office by  
25<sup>th</sup> April.







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## Spotlight on World Book Day



Reception

**WINNER**



Year 1



Year 2



A busy afternoon saw children decorate their classroom doors and meet the mystery teacher who was coming to visit them! Teachers visited different classes to read with – this is such a lovely way to meet new children (and teachers!) to share some much-loved stories. The day was rounded off with our Pupil Parliament touring the school to judge the ‘top door’. Everyone has put in so much effort to make today fun and bubbly – thank you to children and families for the thought you have put into costumes and making 2025’s World Book Day such a fun event!

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



**WINNER**

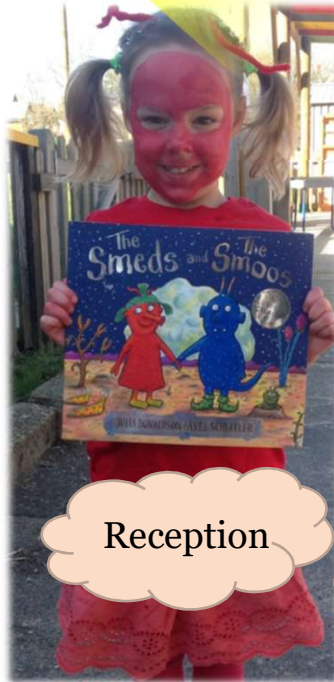




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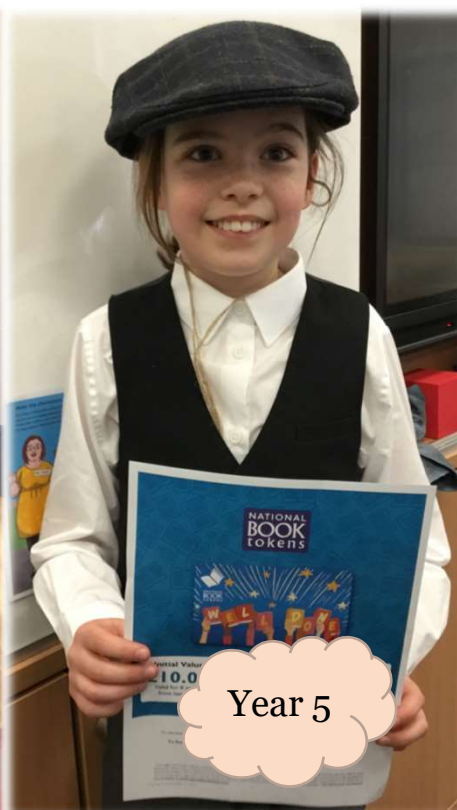


This year we saw some of the most creative costumes that we have ever seen for World Book Day!

Well done to all our competition winners – we hope you enjoy picking a book to spend your voucher on!



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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## Safeguarding

### What is CAMHS/CYPMHS?

CAMHS is a free NHS service that helps children and young people with emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties.

The service provides support and treatment, including individual and family therapy, medication, staying in hospital (inpatient care) and parenting support courses. CAMHS teams also diagnose neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism and ADHD (though in some areas this may be through paediatric teams instead).

CAMHS teams include psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists, nurses, social workers and other professionals who specialise in working with children and families. Their [glossary](#) explains the different roles.

### What kinds of problems can CAMHS help with?

CAMHS offers support for a wide range of emotional and behavioural difficulties, neurodevelopmental and mental health conditions including anxiety, depression, self-harm, violent or angry behaviour, eating disorders, the effects of abuse or trauma, obsessions and compulsions, psychosis, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.



### How to get help from CAMHS

Each local area has its own CAMHS service, which is run by a local team. To get help from your local CAMHS, your child or young person will usually need to be referred by a professional. This is often done by a GP after a GP appointment. But you can also ask your child's school, health visitor, or youth or social worker to make a referral. Self-referrals, made by you or your young person, are also accepted in some areas.

Your local CAMHS service will have its own contact details and information about how referrals work in your area. To find this, go to your CAMHS website or ask your GP or child's school for their contact details.

If CAMHS accepts your referral, your child and you (if your child is under 16) will be invited to an assessment with your local CAMHS team. It's worth understanding that there is often a waiting list for both assessment and treatment.

If you need any further information, please speak with your child's class teacher or our SENDCO, Mrs Kemp.







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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**



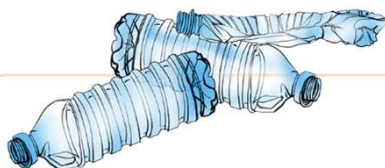
### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the  
last two weeks is **98.8%**

Well done to Year 6 who achieved  
100% attendance! 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.



### Science Day March 14th

We are looking for plastic bottles with sports  
lids (like fruit shoot bottles or water bottles)  
and glass jars with lids to be brought into  
school for our Science Day (14th March).  
Please collect any you have, and send them in  
to school with your child – thank you!

Are you a scientist? We would love  
you to come in and talk about your  
scientific jobs on Science Day. Please  
let the office know if you are  
interested/available. We look forward  
to hearing from you!

### Thank You

**A big thank you** to Mr Kirsop, grandfather to  
Alex and William, who has been in school this  
week, supporting and advising school on some  
exciting premises projects! Our capital allocation  
for premises improvements is incredibly small,  
so Mr Kirsop's support, expertise and knowledge  
is invaluable. He is also extremely adept at  
sourcing best value and reputable suppliers for  
the school!



**Thank  
You!**

From everyone at Manland, **thank you**, Mr Kirsop, for  
all the time and effort you volunteer to our school!





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## Football

The boy's Year 5&6 footballers have been busy with two league fixtures in the last couple of weeks.

Before half term, the boys A team visited Sauncey Wood school. A fantastic team effort saw the team come away with a 5-0 win!

Then, this week, both the A & B teams visited St Helens school. Both teams put in a great effort against some strong players from St Helens. The A team unfortunately just missed out, with a 1-0 loss. The B team worked hard to finish with a 1-1 draw. Well done to everyone involved!



## Netball

Manland A team hosted the Sauncey Wood netball team this week. The girls did very well in what was a close game at times. Their great teamwork paid off though and they finished the game with a 7-3 win! A special well done to **Scarlett** for being voted player of the match by the opposition. A second big well done to the whole team who are **so far unbeaten in the league!** The girls are all looking forward to their netball rally next week!



The Year 5 & 6 girls had another league game on Friday with Beech Hyde visiting Manland. Another great performance by all the girls involved. Lots of good team work saw them come away with another win! The final score was 11-4 to Manland. Well done everyone!!

## Eat them to defeat them!

Eat Them to Defeat Them is back and will be launching in school next week!

Eat Them to Defeat Them is an award winning campaign to get children eating more vegetables, with the aim of turning the behaviour into lasting habits.

Look out for rewards charts which will be coming home with children. Children who eat a vegetable during lunch will receive a sticker to bring home and stick on their reward chart.

Further information for parents and carers can be found here: [Home - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)

Good luck everyone on the march to victory!



Thank you to Head cook Nicola and the team for preparing all the veg!

