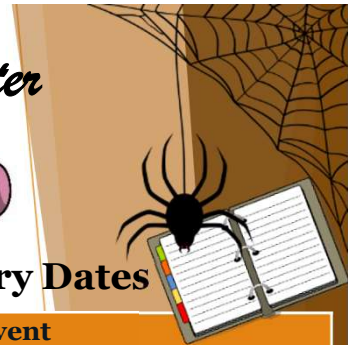




Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we are almost at the end of the first half term! And what fantastic half term we have had, with today's harvest festival providing a great opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate how well children have settled into the new term.

Rev. Brown today talked of being grateful, and I think we all can be grateful that we belong to such a wonderful school with such fantastic children. Teachers are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at next week's parents evening, and I hope you will enjoy the opportunity to see first-hand, the progress children are making in their learning. One more week to go before everyone can enjoy a well-deserved break.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Mr Comer, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Parents Evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 24th October	House Learning Day
Monday 27th –Friday 31st October 2025	HALF TERM
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Year 5 and 6 Sex Education Parent Workshop, 9.00am

Manland Values



Manland Values Award

Sophia is someone who might not always be the loudest voice in the room, but when she speaks, her words always make an impact. Her answers are thoughtful, insightful, and show a deep understanding of what we've been learning, adding real value to our class discussions. Sophia always gives her very best in everything she does, taking great pride in the quality of her work and ensuring it reflects her effort and care. She is a supportive and caring friend to others, always ready to lend a hand or offer a word of encouragement. Her positivity helps everyone feel included and valued, making her a much-loved member of the class.

Sophia truly represents what it means to be responsible, inspirational, and aspirational – a wonderful role model for everyone around her.

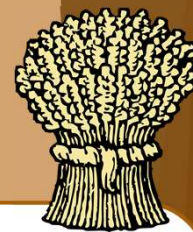
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Josh is definitely a worthy winner of the Manland Cup. He displays a fantastic working attitude throughout his lessons. He is polite, welcoming, and a true role model to those around him. He aspires to be the best he can be each day, completing tasks to the best of his ability which allows him to challenge himself with work that increases his knowledge of certain subjects. Josh shows great responsibility by taking pride in his own organisation and he also models excellent behaviour by being empathetic and compassionate towards others around him. His friends see how friendly and warm Josh is on a daily basis.

Josh is really at the top of his game in terms of his attitude to learning, listening skills, and setting the right example to those around him. Huge well done and congratulations to Josh.



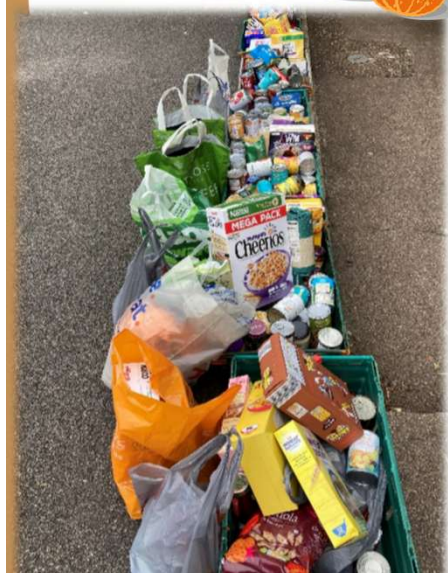
Spotlight on Harvest

Harvest Festival

What an amazing harvest festival we had today! 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.





Spotlight on Bikeability



Last week Year 5 took part in Bikeability. They first were assessed on their riding skills in a traffic free environment on the playground before proceeding onto the road. They learnt how to maintain their bicycles, glide and control their bikes. Over the week, the children learnt to improve cycle control, basic manoeuvres and drills on road junctions in the local area. These included starting and stopping, U-turns, passing a side road and stationary vehicles, turning left and being aware of other road users and hazards and recognising signals, signs and road-markings.

Well done Year 5 for showing great responsibility on the roads!



"I learnt the road rules and how to signal for cars, I felt really confident by the end of the week."



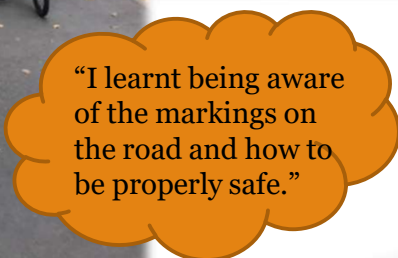
"You need to look behind you before you turn."



"I learnt that LOL doesn't mean laugh out loud it means lots of looking."

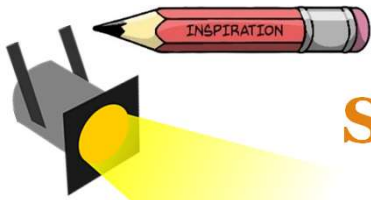


"I really liked the bike rides and learning to signal."



"I learnt being aware of the markings on the road and how to be properly safe."





Spotlight on History



On Monday, our Year 2 pupils were transported to 1666 in a captivating workshop led by *History Off the Page*. Through hands-on activities and immersive storytelling, the children experienced life in Tudor London and learned how the Great Fire swept through the city. The children took on roles such as apothecaries, leather workers, surgeons and candle makers, gaining a deeper understanding of how people lived at the time. The day was a fantastic blend of history, drama, and discovery, sparking curiosity and bringing the past vividly to life!



"I really enjoyed sewing and making a bookmark."

"We got to make metal buttons and do lots of fun activities."



"My favourite part was writing with a feather, I've always wanted to try it."





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Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school.

If you ever have a concern about a child,
please speak to:

Mr Comer, Miss Noonan or Mrs Kemp or
email them at

safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **97.8%** A big well done to Year 2 and 6 for achieving over 99%! Keep it up 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 are interested.



Harpenden Rugby Club Fireworks Tickets

Harpenden Rugby Club is holding their annual fireworks show on Sunday, November 2. They are offering a 25% commission to the Manland HSA for any tickets sold through this link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hrfc/1843837/r/manland>.

Join other local families for an evening of fun!



Can You Help Support Manland HSA Events?

We're looking for **sponsors and raffle prize donations** for this year's **Christmas Fete – 29 November 2025** and **Summer Fete – 2026**. If you, or someone you know, can help, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us:

✉ hsamanland@gmail.com

☎ 07522 050 499

Thanks for supporting the HSA!

Pupil News



Olivia in Year 3 has been inspired by the artists Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas to create her own art work based on The Sisters and The Blue Dancers. She combined both paintings to produce her own unique picture.

Amazing work Olivia!



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Safeguarding

Lanyard System

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.

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**





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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

If you do keep your child at home, **it's important to phone Manland School on the first day and every day your child is sick, before 9.15am.** Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the office know. The school office is able to administer medication throughout the school day – just come to the office and fill out a medication form.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days **(48 hours).**

High temperature - Keep them off school until it goes away.

Coughs and colds - It's fine to send your child to school with slight cough or common cold symptoms.

Chickenpox - Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Conjunctivitis - You don't need to keep your child away from school.

Ear infection - If your child has a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better.

Hand, foot and mouth disease - If your child seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Head lice and nits - There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Impetigo - They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Measles - Your child will need to see a GP. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

Ringworm - It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever - Your child will need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease) - You don't need to keep your child off school but let the school know.

Threadworms - You don't need to keep your child off school.

COVID-19 - If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.



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Win a spectacular prize for your family this Halloween

Calling all young Witches, Wizards and Muggles!

Hertfordshire Constabulary have a brilliant opportunity for young people in Hertfordshire to make this Halloween a fang-tastic one by entering their online quiz for the chance to win a magical prize for the whole family.

Hertfordshire Constabulary has teamed up with Warner Bros to give one lucky winner a family ticket to The Making of Harry Potter in Leavesden.

This Halloween and Bonfire period, they're inviting young people in Hertfordshire, between the ages of five and 16, to take part in the online quiz. Whether you're a courageous Gryffindor or a loyal Hufflepuff – they need your help to make sure everyone can celebrate responsibly.

The quiz is part of a campaign run during October and November, in partnership with local councils and the Fire and Rescue Service, to deter anti-social behaviour and make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

If children (and parents) are planning to go trick or treating, we ask that you consider the following advice to help you stay safe and not cause distress to others:

- 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.
- If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets which may be affected by the noise.

Ready to cast your entry spell? Visit www.herts.police.uk/halloween and answer the questions before midnight on Thursday 6 November. Good luck!

