



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I hope everyone has now settled back into the rhythms and routines of the school week.

It has been such a fantastic start to the new academic year and it has been wonderful to see how well all of the children have settled into their new year-group. We have hit the ground running at school, and **democracy** has been the watchword this week, with the election of our new our new House Captains all complete – and what a great team children have elected!

Pupil Parliament elections have also taken place, with a record number of children standing. It has been fantastic to see so many children delivering their speeches with such bravery and conviction. Results for this will be announced on Monday!

We are particularly proud of our new Reception class, who have impressed everyone and so quickly become part of our school community. Today they attended their first ever celebration assembly, with Arlo receiving the first certificate for some amazing work with repeated patterns. We can't wait to see what this cohort will go on to achieve.

The autumn term is always jam packed so I just wanted to remind you to keep an eye on our school website for diary dates and on Classlist for any updates from class teachers or our admin team.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I will see you all next week,

Best wishes, *Mr Comer, Headteacher*

Manland Values Award



William has truly embraced every moment of Year 3. From the very first day, he has have settled into our class with a smile, showing kindness, politeness, and a willpower to give their all. It has been a joy to see how much they are enjoying their learning and how positively they approach every new challenge that our year has thrown at him. What stands out most is how carefully this child listens, always eager to follow instructions and do their very best. They put their heart into their work, and it really shows. Their positive attitude inspires those around them and makes our classroom a happier place to be. I am so proud of how much effort they put into everything and how they are already a wonderful role model for our class. Keep shining brightly and keep up your fantastic hard work.

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Uzay makes an instant impact on anyone who meets him! Almost immediately, Mrs O'Connell and I have been struck by his inspirational qualities: everything he does is performed with a lovely sense of integrity and openness. Uzay is a genuine friend to all and he cares about everyone. In our classroom discussions (which sometimes include tricky concepts), he carefully reflects before making his contribution. Uzay always wants to do his best and he strives to be his best! His manners are faultless: always holding doors for adults, never forgetting to make eye contact when he speaks and always using 'please' and 'thank you'. I always look forward to greeting Uzay each day - he is naturally inquisitive and this means being his teacher is extra fun!

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British Values

Democracy was in action this week! After listening to speeches from all prospective candidates, children took part in a private ballot to vote for their House Captains! The votes have now been counted and verified and we are delighted to present to you our new House Captains for 2025-26.

Well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who took part. It takes a great deal of courage to put yourself forward for a role, and we are incredibly proud of each and everyone one of you!

**Sofiyah and
Mattie**

**Jude and
Henry**

**Virginia and
Eliza**

**William and
Ava**

Dragon

Unicorn

Phoenix

Griffin

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Spotlight on Reception



We are so proud of how well Reception have settled into school. They come into school every day brilliantly and are ready to learn and play. The children have enjoyed exploring all of the areas, such as the home corner, writing area, construction, music and the sandpit. This week we have even started phonics! We are so proud of them.



James "I like making pictures"



Sienna "I really like the home corner"



Kleio "I love playing with the kitchen"



Arlen "My favourite is playing with the dinosaurs"



Lottie "The sandpit is so much fun"





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Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team

At Manland we have a Safeguarding Team who work with our pupils, families and outside agencies. They also support all of the staff in ensuring we provide the best care for our pupils. Safeguarding is our number 1 priority at Manland.

If a member of our school community ever has a safeguarding concern regarding a pupil, they should contact school and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mr Comer), or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Kemp and Miss Noonan). Mrs Wicks and Mr Comer are also trained in Safer Recruitment.

The following methods of communication are available to reach a DSL or DDSL:

Telephone: 01582 713452 – please ask to speak to a DSL or DDSL

Office: Please come to the office hatch and ask to speak to a DSL or DDSL

****New**:** By emailing the DSL and DDSLs: safeguarding@manland.herts.sch.uk

As a reminder, safeguarding concerns regarding pupils should only ever be discussed with a member of the Safeguarding Team (Mrs Wicks, Mr Comer, Mrs Kemp and Miss Noonan).

Please do not discuss any details of your concern with other members of staff or parents. Our Safeguarding Governor is Chris Wardle who monitors that the school meets all statutory requirements in regard to Safeguarding. Our deputy Safeguarding Governor is Libby Montgomery.

All of the adults in our school help to keep children safe.



Our Manland helpers have been very busy at the school!

The Nicholl family led and organized the painting of the train, happy hut and reorganized the HSA cupboard alongside Ella and Casey Rees, Ed Curry and Nathaniel, Claire and Tom Wollaston and Lisa Booth.

Thank you!





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Harpenden Colts

Do you know any boys or girls in your school who love their football and are keen to play, but struggle to take part in mainstream sport?

If so, Harpenden Colts would love to invite them (and their parents) to our Inclusive Football Taster Session:

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Date: Sunday 5 October 2025

Venue: Roundwood Park School 3G Pitch



Harpenden Colts offers **free weekly inclusive football sessions** for players aged 6–21 with any kind of learning or physical impairment. We also welcome neuro-diverse players and those who would like an alternative to mainstream football, for any reason. The sessions are every Sunday afternoon at the venue and timings above.

Our sessions are led by experienced, disability-trained coaches and focus on building core football skills, communication, and teamwork. Most importantly, they're designed to be fun—with at least half the time doing what our players want to do most; and that's play a match!

As places for the taster session are limited, please ask parents to register their interest by emailing harpendencoltsinc@gmail.com by **Friday 26th September**, including:

- Name
- Age
- School
- Details of learning or physical impairment
- Parent/guardian's name, contact email and telephone number



Confirmation of their place along with further information about the taster session will be provided.

Flu vaccination

Flu has had a serious impact on the health of England's population over the past two winters. Vaccinating your child helps reduce the risk of serious illness and plays an important role in protecting vulnerable individuals in your community, friends and family.

The vaccination team will be visiting Manland school on **Tuesday 30th September.. You can choose between the quick, painless nasal spray or a pork gelatine-free injection.**

For further information about the vaccines, please visit [Vaccination UK Immunisation](https://www.vaccinationuk.org). The form is available in 10 languages— select yours when it opens.

If you **do not** want your child to be vaccinated, please **submit a decline** via the same link to avoid further contact from our team.

Note: School aged children cannot receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Thank you for your support.





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ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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

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



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the
last two weeks is **98%**

Well done to Year 1 who achieved
attendance of 99.5%! Wow!

Manland hall for hire!

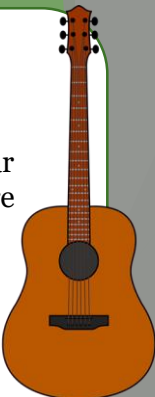
The hall at Manland School is
available for hire for family
birthday parties on weekends.
Please contact the school office if
you are interested.



♪ Music Lessons at Manland School ♪

Would your child like to make music and have fun learning a new instrument? Mrs Newman offers friendly and inspiring lessons in flute, clarinet, recorder, ukulele and guitar right here at school. Whether they're complete beginners or already play a little, lessons are a great way to build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of music. Please ask in the school office for more details or go to the Hertfordshire Music Service website to register your child:

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-lessons-in-hertfordshire/music-lessons.aspx>



Pupil News

Congratulations to
Olivia in Year 3 who has
passed her ABRSM
Grade 2 piano exam.

What a fantastic
achievement. Well
done!



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd September 2025	Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' 9.00 am
Tuesday 30 th September 2025	Flu vaccination day for all classes
Tuesday 30 th September 2025	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9.00am
Wednesday 1 st October 2025	Reception Phonics Workshop 9.00am

