



# Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week at Manland, and the children have been working very hard.

Year 5 treated us to a fantastic Class Assembly last week, and Year 3 wowed us with their Assembly on Wednesday.

We held our second Prospective Parent morning which highlighted what a wonderful school we have.

We are edging ever closer to the festive period, and next week we will be putting up our school Christmas tree ahead of the Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> November, at which I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Until then, enjoy the extended weekend.

Best wishes,

*Mr Comer, Headteacher*

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Occasional Day – <b>School Closed</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 3 last swim of the term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Year 6 NHS nursing visit
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.00am

## Manland Values Award



Charlotte is always so enthusiastic and bounds into school with a smile on her face ready to learn and show how knowledgeable she is. Not only has she consistently shown the Manland Values but sets the perfect example by being so polite and welcoming to those around her. Charlotte aspires to be the best she can be each day, completing tasks to the best of her ability and modelling excellent behaviour throughout. Her books are neat and tidy, and she makes sure presentation is always a priority. Her outgoing personality brings the classroom to life and makes our learning environment such a fun place to be. It is such a pleasure to be able to teach this student, and watching her improve and succeed makes me so proud.

Charlotte is always respectful of both her teachers and classmates and has excelled since the start of the year. Congratulations Charlotte!

## Manland Values Award

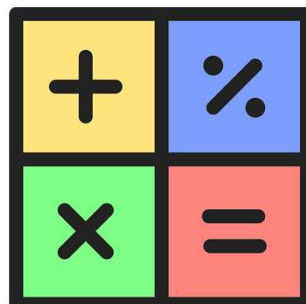
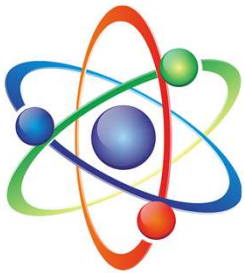


Isla understands the value of teamwork and is always willing to contribute more than her share. Her strong sense of fairness makes Isla a natural role model for those around her. Her caring approach brings a sense of calm and positivity: Isla genuinely cares about her friends. Isla is a creative student, who has a wonderful ability to capture just the right hues of a sunset. Isla works steadily and consistently, approaching every task with genuine effort and a desire to do her best. Whether she is collaborating in a group or working independently, Isla demonstrates responsibility and thoughtfulness. This extends to life outside of school: our class was recently delighted to receive a postcard Isla sent whilst on holiday. It was such a thoughtful gesture, and Isla might have started a trend! Isla's lovely nature means one cannot help but smile when she enters our classroom. Isla, we are very lucky to have you in Year 2!



## Spotlight on Year 5 Assembly

What an amazing assembly Year 5 put on last Thursday, 13th! They truly did their teacher proud, showcasing all their learning. Even when a technical issue struck, they sang without music like pros! A big thank you to Mr Heineike for stepping in with some background tunes on his phone. Well done, Year 5!



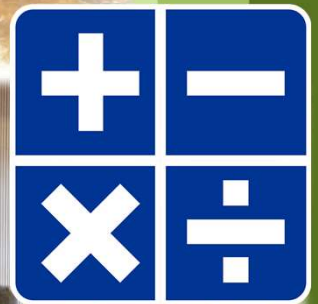




## Spotlight on Year 3 Assembly

We were delighted by Year 3 showcasing their learning this week! Highlights included: our budding journalists reading their newspaper articles about the REAL story of the three little pigs, explaining how to use the column method to solve 3-digit addition and their artwork inspired by Monet. Year 3 shared lots of messages with us: how to be kind, brave and to celebrate each other's successes. We're super proud of Year 3 and the way they confidently presented their learning.

Well done Year 3!







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## 5 A Side Football Tournament



On November 7<sup>th</sup> 10 year 5 boys and a mixture of 10 girls from year 4&5 spent the afternoon attending a 5-a-side football tournament at St Margarets School in Bushey. The children all had a great afternoon playing different schools in their groups before both the boys and the girls team progressed to the main cup final in their respective tournaments.

The boys came up against a very strong Berkhamsted team, they worked really hard and battled well. Unfortunately, Berkhamsted finished on top to win the main cup. Manland boys however did amazingly to finish runners up and all came away with a lovely medal each to show for their hard work. Well done to Harrison whose tireless work on the pitch saw him nominated as the most valued player and awarded a separate medal.

Following the boy's final it was over to the girls to play theirs. They were all outstanding from beginning to end, an excellent display of skill and teamwork saw them control the game and finish with a 3-0 win to become the main cup winners! Amazing achievement! The girls also received individual medals and came back to school with a very impressive trophy. Well done to Cali who was voted most valued player by the opposing team.

## Cross Country



Last week 20 boys and girls from year 5&6 took part in the Harpenden district cross country event. They all raced in their respective year groups divided into boys and girl's races. A massive well done to everyone that took part, a tough two laps around a very big muddy field! They should all be very proud of themselves!

An extra well done to the following students who managed to finish in a top 10 spot out of over 80 children.

**Harrison 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Saga 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ava 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Marcus 10<sup>th</sup>**



Manland did very well to come second in the small school competition and the boys team came third out of both small and large schools!



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



## MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks is **96.7%**

Please remember, **every moment matters** to a child's development and education.



## 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.



## Reception 2026 Open Events

We will be holding our final event for the September 2026 intake on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you have a child that is due to start Reception next September and would like to come along, please feel free to join us. A sign up link is available on the school website.

Even if you do not have a child due to start school in September 2026, please help us to promote the school.

If you have access to any local newsletters or noticeboards, and would be willing to share the attached poster, we would be really grateful. If you need school to print any copies of the poster please just ask in the office. Thank you for your support

## Reception 2026

We would like to get an idea of sibling numbers for our September 2026 Reception intake. If you have a sibling who is hoping to join us in September 2026, we should be grateful if you could email us on [admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.Herts.sch.uk).

Thank you!







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## Reminders



### Year R, 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> December

Years R, 1 & 2 are busy working hard on their Nativity!

- Performances will be taking place on:
- **15<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.30pm – parents and younger siblings welcome
  - **16<sup>th</sup> December** – adults only

### Rotary Carol Concert (evening)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

High Street Methodist Church for the Year 5 & 6 choir. Tickets will be given to choir members – 1 per child.

### Christingle Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christingle Service will be taking place on **17<sup>th</sup> December** at **9.15am** in the school Hall.

Parents are welcome to attend the service, so please come straight to the Hall after morning drop off. The whole school will be in the Hall so space may be a little tight.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the Christingle Service, please let us know by emailing the school office on [admin@manland.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@manland.herts.sch.uk).



### Christmas Lunch Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

The two options are a meat roast lunch or a vegetarian roast lunch.

**There are no other options on this day, and hot lunches need to be pre-ordered by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**, The link will be sent out via Classlist next week.

If a hot lunch is not ordered by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> children will have to bring packed lunch from home.



### Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Please provide a packed lunch for your child on this day.** If you are in receipt of Free School Meals a packed lunch can be provided by school (please let the office know by **5<sup>th</sup> December** if you want to order).

A bag of ready salted crisps and a juice box is given to each child at the performance. **If your child is not able to have this it is really important that you inform us,** and send them in with their own snack to take.



### Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Pupils are welcome to come to school with a festive jumper on.

Please note that all other school uniform should be worn.





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## Safeguarding

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### Term-Time Holidays and Leave of Absence

At Hertfordshire County Council, we are committed to ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. A key part of this is regular school attendance, which is essential for your child's academic success and personal development.

Following changes to legislation introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) in August 2024, schools are now required to treat requests for term-time leave—such as holidays—as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such cases, a penalty notice must be considered.

Exceptional circumstances are typically unavoidable, one-off events. Holidays taken for leisure or recreation do not meet this threshold.

If you believe your request involves exceptional circumstances, please discuss it with your child's Headteacher. Schools must consider each application individually, taking into account the specific facts and background of the request.

If leave is granted, the Headteacher will determine the number of days permitted.

Please note:

- All requests must be made in advance by the parent/carer with whom the child normally resides.
- The decision to authorise or unauthorise absence rests solely with the Headteacher.

Schools may apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice to be issued for unauthorised leave.

Once issued

- There is no statutory right of appeal.
- The Local Authority may only withdraw a notice if it was issued incorrectly.
- If the penalty is not paid within the required timeframe, the Local Authority will initiate legal proceedings.

If you disagree with the Headteacher's decision, you should follow the school's complaints policy.

We know that you want the best for your child. By ensuring that any leave of absence is taken during designated school holidays, you are helping to support your child's learning, development, and attendance.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

At Manland, we expect children to achieve attendance of 96%. Please see our website for more information about attendance







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## Pupil News



On Sunday (9th November) Chloe Meller, Petros Roche and Kleio Roche took part in the SAADI Gymnastics Recreational competition. They competed on both the floor and vault and were awarded the following medals...

Kleio - 1 x Silver 1 x Gold  
Petros - 2 x Silver  
Chloe - 2 x Gold



Chloe was also awarded a certificate for being an Encouraging Teammate.

We are so very proud of them for competing and doing so well.

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