



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy couple of weeks here at Manland, and I have seen some genuinely amazing examples of progress in children's learning recently. There have been some fantastic examples of writing in lots of classes, not to mention some very impressive pieces of home learning.

I know that the Year 1 assembly this week was a huge success and there are more class assemblies to look forward to in the next couple of weeks, where parents can see first-hand all the work that children have been doing.

Mrs Montgomery, our Chair of Governors, sent out a letter recently explaining that Mrs Wicks is starting her return to work after her parental leave, and I know she is very excited to get back into school to see everyone.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her back as she returns from parental leave. We will look forward to seeing her around school again more and more over the next few weeks!

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

Best wishes,

Mr Comer, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	SEND coffee morning with Mrs Kemp 9.00am (approx. 10am finish)
Monday 9 th February 2026	Year 6 parents SATs meeting at 11.00am (Teams online finish 11.30am)
Monday 9 th February 2026	Y5 & Y6 SJL visit Gym & Dance display
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Reception Class Assembly 9.10am (approx. 9.40am finish)
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.10am (approx. 9.40am finish)
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Y5/Y6 District Tag Rugby Tournament (invite only)
Friday 13 th February 2026	House Learning Day

Manland Values Award

I am absolutely delighted to be able to nominate JJ for the Manland Cup this week! JJ's wealth of talents and lovely attributes lead him to be a highly thought of member of our class. JJ's calm approach mean he is rarely phased and takes everything in his stride. He asks thoughtful questions and takes the time to think deeply about sensitive subjects - he won't be rushed into an opinion or an answer that he doesn't agree with or understand. On the playground, he is an asset to any football team; it's lovely to watch JJ play with such determination and enthusiasm! JJ is a great friend to all in our class - his easy-going demeanour means he gets on with everyone whilst his strong moral compass compels JJ to call out unfairness. All of this is topped off with a contagious smile that is impossible to reciprocate. You have a shining future ahead of you JJ - not just here at Manland, but wherever you go!



Manland Values Award

From the very first bell each morning, Ernest is consistently among the first students to arrive in class, demonstrating his enthusiasm and readiness to engage with the day's learning. His eagerness to embrace new challenges is truly commendable, as he approaches each lesson with a positive attitude and a determination to excel. Ernest exemplifies a strong work ethic, dedicating himself to his studies every single day. He takes ownership of his learning journey and listens attentively to feedback leading to continuous improvement and growth. Ernest is a beacon of kindness and support within our school community. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to teachers and staff. Furthermore, his friendly nature and inclusive spirit make him a cherished friend to his peers. Ernest embodies the qualities that the Manland Cup represents: responsibility, inspiration and aspiration showing a commitment to excellence.



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Manland Certificate Board

Reception Manland Award
Finley S
For a fantastic week - teamwork in the construction area, model making and kindness. Well done.
Signed Mrs Kemp and the Reception Team
Date Friday 25th January 2024

Year 1 Manland Award
Annie C
For presenting a detailed and inspirational show and tell on her favourite music artist.
Signed Ms Fiebler
Date 23rd January 2024

Year 2 Manland Award
Isla Beaton
Mathematical use of a number line to calculate change.
Signed Miss Noonan
Date 23rd January 2024

Year 3 Manland Award
Teddy N
For outstanding descriptive writing, using rich language and layered detail with links previous lesson.
Signed Mr Brittin
Date 23rd January 2024

Year 4 Manland Award
Isabelle H
You have inspired others around you by writing a short story at home, in your own time.
Signed Miss Peacock
Date 23rd January 2024

Year 5 Manland Award
Orla A
For showing great perseverance with some tricky maths.
Signed Mrs Barker
Date 2nd January 2024

Year 6 Manland Award
Ella L
For persevering throughout our Fractions unit to achieve a fantastic result in a recent test.
Signed Mr Winchester
Date 23rd January 2024

Manland Certificate Board

Reception Manland Award
Rafa
Being really engaged and showing aspiration in construction this week.
Signed Ms Shorthouse and Mrs Kemp
Date 30th January 2024

Year 1 Manland Award
Sophia M
For taking responsibility for her learning by demonstrating she is always ready to learn and to share her fantastic ideas.
Signed Ms Fiebler
Date 30th January 2024

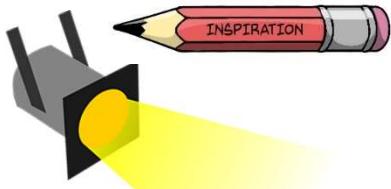
Year 2 Manland Award
Chloe S.
Demonstrating teamwork when creating a sequence of balances and rolls in gymnastics.
Signed Mrs O'Connell
Date 30th January 2024

Year 3 Manland Award
Charlie C
For creatively innovating the ending to their story.
Signed Mr Brittin
Date 30th January 2024

Year 4 Manland Award
Casey R
for working hard to understand remainders, explaining methods clearly and helping others succeed.
Signed Miss Peacock
Date 30th January 2024

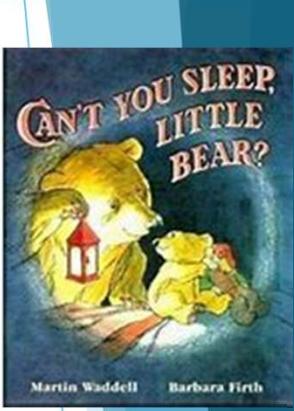
Year 5 Manland Award
Chloe S.
For her responsible attitude towards her learning.
Signed Mrs Barker
Date 30th January 2024

Year 6 Manland Award
Eliza B
For going above and beyond during our History lessons to create a brilliant piece of art!
Signed Mr Winchester
Date 30th January 2024



Spotlight on Year 1 Assembly

We loved showing our learning from this term. We have been reading 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' and have written instructions about a bedtime routine. We shared our knowledge of the explorers we've been learning about in History. Our PE choreography, which showed a straight, tuck and star shape, was in perfect timing and we even included 'canon' – where one move is sequenced after the other. A highlight was preparing our class song to 'Golden'. This showed how proud we are of ourselves, whilst also demonstrating perseverance and resilience. We hope you enjoyed it!





Spotlight on fundraising

Did you know, there are two easy ways you can raise vital funds for Manland when you are shopping? These donations really mount up and make a big difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

EasyFundraising.org

Manland School HSA is registered with easyfundraising.org, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/manlandschoolhsa/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-tw1

 AmazonSmile No donations	 eBay Up to 1.00% donation	 JUST EAT Up to 2.00% donation
 John Lewis & Partners Up to 1.00% donation	 Viking Up to 6.00% donation	 M&S Up to 5.00% donation
 Etsy Up to 2.00% donation	 Waitrose & Partners Up to £1.23 donation	 Screwfix Up to 0.50% donation
 Sports Direct Up to 1.50% donation	 H&M Up to 3.00% donation	 Booking.com Up to 4.00% donation

My School Fund: Sainsbury's and Argos

You, your family and friends can also raise funds for Manland when shopping at Sainsbury's and Argos. My School Fund is an initiative that combines the spending power of parents and carers to boost school budgets. For every £1 spent in store, **1% will go to Manland** (terms and conditions apply) **and 2% will go to you**. This cashback is redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be accessed by logging into your account on the My School Fund website. To register, take the following steps:

- Step 1: Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://www.myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link your account to Manland Primary
- Step 2: Register your credit/debit card to your account
- Step 3: Spend at participating retailers
- Step 4: Start receiving your eGift Cards!





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Safeguarding

We have a **Safeguarding Team** in school. If you ever have a concern about a child, please speak to:
Mrs Wicks, 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 **94.6%**

This is largely due to illness. Please remember, Moments Matter, Attendance Counts!.

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.



Manland Primary School are recruiting!

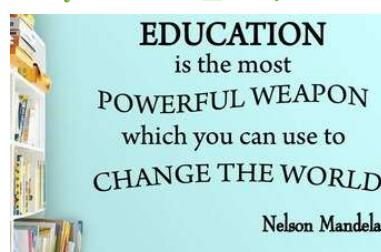
We are looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to support our children at lunchtimes. The position is Monday to Fridays, from 12pm to 1pm.

No experience or qualifications is required, full training will be provided. The role is term time only (with pay being split evenly over 12 months).

This role can provide a good stepping stone into classroom support work and would suit someone good humoured and adaptable, with the ability to listen to children.

If you are interested in working with the children at our school, please do get in touch. Or if you know someone who might be interested, please share these details with them.

For full details, and to apply, please go to Teach in Herts: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant_110418.htm





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Upcoming Sporting Fixtures

Tag Rugby

Thursday 12th February 2026

Boys Football League

Friday 6th February 2026

Home vs Beech Hyde (3.30pm)
A&B teams

Friday 13th February 2026

Home vs The Lea (3.30pm)
A&B teams



Girls Netball League

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Home vs St Nicholas (3.30pm)
A&B teams

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Away vs Sauncey Wood (3.30pm)
A team only



Football



After last week's disappointment of having to postpone our fixture against Markyate, both our A and B teams started their seasons with great energy and determination against St Nicholas. The As delivered an excellent performance, securing a 2-0 victory with goals from **Marcus** and **Noah**. The defending on display was particularly impressive. **Mattie**'s fantastic save and **Jude**'s goal line clearance allowed us to keep a clean sheet, and the defenders demonstrated great strength and teamwork throughout the match. Everyone loves a clean sheet, and it allowed us to take a valuable 3 points to start the season!

Attention then turned to the Bs, who played with enthusiasm and confidence, chasing down every loose ball and showing great team spirit. **Noah** opened the scoring with a lovely finish, and although St Nicholas equalised soon after, a series of outstanding saves from **AJ** ensured the match finished 1-1. **Eric** and **Henry S** showed excellent tenacity throughout, pushing the team forward and searching for a winner. All players should be very proud of such a positive start to the season. We will now work hard at training as we look forward to playing Beech Hyde (06/02) and The Lea (13/02) before half term.



Netball



This week some of the year 5&6 girls visited The Lea school to play in their first league game of the year.

All the girls played really well and showed off some of the hard work they have been putting in in training.

The B team played first, lots of great teamwork saw them finish the game with a 4-1 win! The A team were next and worked hard in what was a close game. The girls all did really well and were rewarded with a 10-7 win!

Well done all involved. An extra well done to **Eliza B** who was voted player of the match in the A team game by the opposition!



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Safeguarding

Get SMART

Find out how you can be SMART with a heart and follow our top tips for using the internet safely and positively

Wondering how to stay safe online? Be SMART with a heart and follow our top tips for using the internet safely and positively.



S is for safe

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



M is for meet

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk



A is for accepting

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



R is for reliable

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



T is for tell

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



Be SMART with a heart

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





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SEND Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to our SEND Coffee Morning

An informal opportunity to chat, ask questions, and connect with others



Date: Tuesday 3rd February 2026



Time: 9:00 – 10:00am



Address: Manland Primary School, Sauncey Avenue



We are pleased to welcome representatives from:



To register interest, contact the school office:



admin@manland.herts.sch.uk



01582 713452

We look forward to seeing you there!



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School Holiday Cycle Training

Does your child want to learn to ride a bike? Ready to boost their cycling skills? Missed out on Bikeability training? If you answered yes to any of these, we've got you covered this February half term!

Cycle training sessions are running across Hertfordshire, with options for all ages and abilities. Check out what's happening near you:

Watford Cycle Hub
King George V Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane
More details: www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk

Stevenage Cycling Hub
Fairlands Valley Park, Stevenage
Find out more: www.stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk

St Albans Cycle Hub C.I.C
Cottonmill Estate, St Albans
Course info: www.stalbanscyclehub.co.uk

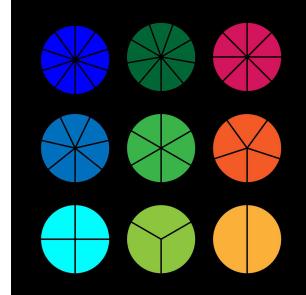
SEND Cycling Courses
Various locations across Hertfordshire during most school holidays

In partnership with the Herts Disability Sports Foundation, we offer specialist 1 to 1 cycle training for riders with additional needs.

Find out more: www.hdsf.co.uk/find-an-activity/cyclingactivities/



Thank you also to the **Yallop family** for the fraction action sets! They were very gratefully received by Mrs Barker.



Thank you to the **Budd family** for supplying us with an indoor plant garden. Miss Noonan and the gardening team are looking forward to planting and growing their own herbs.



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EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS FEBRUARY HERTFORDSHIRE LIBRARIES

Sanskriti dance returns to Hertfordshire Libraries this half term as they perform their spectacular South Asian dance theatre show 'Tree of Life'.

The show explores the connection between science and spirituality through the medium of trees and dance. Aranyani, the goddess of forests and the wild, is dying. If the plants and animals that she supports are to thrive, she must have nourishment and balance in the world. Can a Spiritual Sage and a Scientist – and you, the audience – discover how to save her? The recommended age for this show is 7+, though younger children are welcome. Please book tickets for all persons attending, including parents/carers and younger children. Tuesday 17 February performances: Hatfield Library, 10.30am – 11.45am Hitchin Library, 3.00pm – 4.15pm Wednesday 18 February performances: Oxhey Library, 10.30am – 11.45am Watford Central Library, 3.00pm – 4.15pm Tickets: £4 per person

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Worlds Beyond the Page with Jonathan Stroud On Saturday 21 February join us in welcoming bestselling local author and number 1 Netflix creator, Jonathan Stroud to St Albans Library. In this interactive event, Jonathan will talk about his different series (Lockwood & Co, Bartimaeus and Scarlett and Browne), what life is like as an author, and where he gets his inspiration. Plus, get a look at the Lockwood graphic novel hot-off-the-press and an exclusive sneak peek at Jonathan's Top Secret new project! Best suited for ages 10-14, but ages 8+ very welcome to attend. All attendees must have a ticket, including parents and carers. Saturday 21 February, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, St Albans Library Tickets: £5 per person

<https://herts.spydus.co.uk/cgibin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=14925352>

Does your baby or young child have their own library card?

Children aged 0-5 years can now get their first library card!

Featuring the character Tala the Storyteller, the new library card is part of our My Firsts promotion, helping families to celebrate those first early years milestones.

We think joining the library is exciting as there is so much to explore and be inspired by. When your child first joins the library, they will be presented with a special certificate to mark the occasion.

Celebrate those first milestones with Hertfordshire Libraries

Babies growing their first tooth, young children starting school and of course that special first birthday are other key events to celebrate. Visit any Hertfordshire library with your little one, at any time, so they can be presented with their relevant My First certificate. Babies and young children are welcome at our weekly Baby Rhyme Times and Storytimes and we will mark their first visit with a welcome certificate too.





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Hertfordshire Parenting and Relationship

Autism and ADHD workshops for parents

We have commissioned **workshops**, between 1-2 hours, on a variety of different topics to support parents when an issue comes up, enabling them to 'dip in and out' for support when necessary.

Topics on offer include:

- Anxiety
- Transitions
- Siblings
- Sleep
- Anger
- Understanding the SEN world
- Executive functioning skills
- Girls with ADHD or Autism
- Puberty

And more...

We have also commissioned **webinars** to support parents on a variety of different topics with titles including:

- Understanding Autism
- Understanding ADHD
- Navigating SEND World
- Navigating SEND Post 16
- Demand Avoidance
- Applying for an EHCP
- Working with school to support your child
- My Autism Experience
- Parenting your child with ADHD
- Understanding Challenging behaviour for parents
- Understanding neurodivergent teens



Universal Workshops

We also have new universal workshops available with a catalogue of topics which include:

- It's a dad's life
- Empowered Parenting. Providing tools and strategies for real life situations
- All Feelings Matter (even the strong & uncomfortable ones)
- Communication
- How can my child learn to manage their feelings?
- What is going on in my teenager's head?
- Why does my child behave like that?
- How do I get my child to listen to me?

And more...

The universal workshops can be found on the Hertfordshire County Council [Parenting Directory](#)

These workshops and webinars are fully funded. Parents can self-refer and do not need a formal diagnosis of Autism/ADHD. You can find all workshops and webinars through the Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer

Rucksack

Early Years Autism Programme for Families

Early
Years
Service
Hertfordshire County Council

About: This course is designed specifically for parents/carers of autistic children or children on the autism pathway. It aims to provide you with the essential knowledge, practical strategies and valuable resources to support both you and your child in navigating everyday life.

Week 1: Understanding Autism
Week 2: Sensory
Week 3 : Communication

Week 4: Play and Social Interaction
Week 5: Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour
Week 6: Using My Rucksack

To self-register an interest in the Spring 2026 course starting end of Jan 2026, scan the QR code or click the link and fill in the registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8BkjfzexnF?origin=IprLink>





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Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer - courses, events and things to do



Herts Inclusive Theatre - Sparkle Theatre group (ages 5-12) Hemel Hempstead - 31/01/2026

Sat, 31 Jan, 9:30am
The Old Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead
Starts at £7
Booking until Sat, 31 Jan at 10:30am



Gaming club (SPACE) St Albans
Sat, 31 Jan, 3:00pm
Oaklands College, St Albans
Starts at £16
Booking until Sat, 31 Jan at 3pm



SEND Yogis - kids yoga (ages 5+)
Stevenage - 01/02/2026

Sun, 1 Feb, 10:00am
Fairlands Valley Park, Stevenage
Starts at £7
Booking until Sun, 1 Feb at 10am



Understanding Sensory Differences - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP
Mon, 2 Feb, 7:00pm
Online
Booking until Mon, 2 Feb at 7pm



Natural History Museum Tring - SENDsational Morning (ages 5-15)

Sun, 1 Feb, 10:00am
Natural History Museum, Tring
Booking until Sun, 1 Feb at 10am

Potential Kids - Family Football session, Hatfield

Sat, 31 Jan, 4:00pm
Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield
Booking until Sat, 31 Jan at 4pm



Understanding Dyslexia (SPACE)

Mon, 2 Feb, 10:00am
Online
Booking until Mon, 2 Feb at 10am



DSPL9 - Emotionally Based School Anxiety - coffee morning, Watford

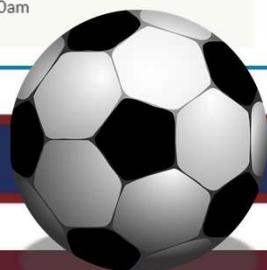
Mon, 2 Feb, 10:00am
ASDA Watford
Booking until Mon, 2 Feb at 10am



WHEATHAMPSTEAD WANDERERS F.C.



CHARTER STANDARD DEVELOPMENT CLUB



Current Yr2's WWFC U7's needs you!!

We are looking for new players for our U7 squad.
We train at Gosling Astro on Saturday mornings until end of March,
before moving back to Marford Road Playing Fields.
If you are interested please contact Nic
Wwu720252026@gmail.com

