



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 18th May – Fri 22nd May 2026	Y6 JCA Condover Hall Residential
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Y3 & Y4 Harpenden District Girls' Football Rally (invitation only)
Mon 25th – Fri 29th May 2026	Half Term
Thurs 21 st May 2026	Burger Day special lunch menu
Monday 1st June 2026	Y4 Multiplication times tables check week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week flown by – and what a busy one it has been! Firstly, a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the mature, positive and resilient way they approached the tests. They worked so hard and showed great determination throughout the week – they should all feel very proud of themselves.

We would also like to say a big thank you and well done to all of the other children across the school for being so calm, sensible and considerate during SATs week. The quiet corridors and thoughtful behaviour really helped create a positive environment for Year 6, and we are very grateful.

Today, Year 6 have been enjoying a well-earned celebration day – and judging by the speed the pizza disappeared, I think it was safe to say it went down very well indeed!

Next week, we are excited to send Year 6 off on their residential trip. We know they are going to have an amazing time filled with fun, adventure and lots of memorable moments.!

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wicks and Mr Comer, Co-Headteachers

Manland Values Award



Every single day, Rose comes into school with a smile, a positive attitude, and a real excitement for learning. She works incredibly hard in every lesson and always sees each challenge as an opportunity to learn something new. What makes Rose extra special is the way she learns from her mistakes and never gives up, showing fantastic resilience and determination. Her enthusiasm for learning is infectious and spreads throughout the classroom, encouraging others to try their best too. Rose is also kind, caring, and considerate to everyone around her, making her an absolute joy to have in our class. It has been wonderful to see her positivity shine through from the moment she walks into school until the moment she goes home. Rose, you should be so proud of yourself. Well done!

Manland Values Award



Nico is more than deserving of the Manland cup. He comes into school with a 'can do' attitude and perseveres through all challenges. Nico has truly put his mind and effort towards all of his work. His effort and focus has enabled Nico to truly delve into his learning and engage within the classroom. Nico wants the best for himself and takes pride within his work. We are all very proud of Nico and his outlook on school. He is a great role model of what a Manland learner looks like and he truly is deserving of the Manland cup. Well done, Nico! Keep up the aspirational hard work.



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Manland Certificate Board


**Reception
Manland
Award**
Miles E
Positive attitude and great
teamwork in Maths sitting 20
shapes into giant structures.
Signed Ms. Shorthouse and the Reception team.
Date Friday 8th May 2026



**Year 1
Manland
Award**
Oria H
For inspirational music skills
playing notes C, E and G in time
on the glockenspiel.
Signed Ms Fiedler
Date 8th May 2026



**Year 2
Manland
Award**
Valenti M-C
Use of a rhetorical question
and past progressive verbs
when describing a setting.
Signed Miss Noonan
Date 8th May 2026



**Year 3
Manland
Award**
Oli M
For constantly
pushing himself in
our maths topics of
fractions and money.
Signed Mr Brittin
Date 8th May 2026



**Year 4
Manland
Award**
Bella C
for your hard work
during maths working
with decimals.
Signed Miss Peacock
Date 8th May 2026



**Year 5
Manland
Award**
Eric B
Your exceptional maturity
in Science this week provided
a great role model for everyone!
Signed Mrs Kemp & Mr Cover
Date 8th May 2026



**Year 6
Manland
Award**
Mattie W
For creating a fantastic newspaper
reporting the "outbreak of WW2"
using classic language throughout.
Signed Mr Winchester
Date 8th May 2026



Manland Certificate Board

**Reception
Manland
Award**
Evan L
Inspirational effort with home-
learning each week, particularly
writing clues to find the hidden toy.
Signed Ms. Shorthouse and the Reception team.
Date 15th May 2026



**Year 1
Manland
Award**
Finley M
For demonstrating positive
learning behaviours during the
lesson on punctuation.
Signed Ms Fiedler
Date 15th May 2026



**Year 2
Manland
Award**
Scarlett J.
For increased confidence
and effort during our
fractions unit.
Signed Miss Noonan
Date 15th May 2026



**Year 3
Manland
Award**
Mimi LF
For having an
inspirational attitude
in her swimming lessons
Signed Mr Brittin
Date 15th May 2026



**Year 4
Manland
Award**
Sophia Johnson
always having a positive attitude,
great listening and wonderful answers.
She is a fantastic role model to her
peers.
Signed Mrs Johnson
Date 15th May 2026



**Year 5
Manland
Award**
Eric RT
For an inspirational attitude to
learning and challenging himself in
all areas of the curriculum.
Signed Mrs Kemp
Date Friday 15th May 2026



**Year 6
Manland
Award**
Mary H
For sharing a positive and
encouraging attitude throughout
SATs week with her peers.
Signed Mr Winchester
Date 15th May 2026





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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 **98.6%**

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.

Image consent



Dear Parents and Carers

On 1st May we issued a Classlist informing you that we will be updating our image consent conditions, with effect from 1st June 2026.

The deadline for parents to complete the new image consent form is rapidly approaching (**20th May 2026**) and we are still missing responses for many children.

Please be aware, if we do not receive a completed form for your child, we will not use their image.

To complete the image consent form, and to read the conditions of use, please go to our school website: <https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/forms>

Please complete a consent form for each child you have at our school.



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School Uniform

We have noticed recently that an increasing number of children are not attending school in the correct school uniform. We would like to remind families that our school uniform expectations remain the same and ask for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately each day.

School uniform is an important part of our school community. It helps children feel a sense of belonging, promotes equality and pride in our school, and supports a calm and purposeful learning environment. We ask that children wear the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear and PE kit, unless there is a specific reason that has been discussed with the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation with this.

Reminders:

- **Socks must be plain white or grey, or plain white, red or grey tights**
- **Shoes must be black** - no trainers unless special arrangements are in place
- **Long hair must be tied back** and children are permitted to wear **plain hair bands/ties/clips in red, white, black or brown**. Other hair accessories are not permitted.

If your child needs to wear trainers in school for a day, you will need to email the class teacher via admin@manland.herts.sch.uk to provide an explanation. The one exception to this is specific shoes worn as a result of a medical condition, which has been agreed with the school in advance.

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting parents where children are repeatedly not in the correct uniform so that we can work together to address this. If you are experiencing any difficulties with sourcing or providing uniform, please do reach out to the school office — we are always happy to support families wherever we can.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation with this.

Full details of our uniform policy can be found here: <https://manland.herts.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/uniform/>





Spotlight on Year 6 Celebration Day

This week, our Year 6 pupils have approached their SATs with outstanding maturity, resilience and determination. We are incredibly proud of the calm and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week, supporting one another and giving every challenge their very best effort. Each morning, the children have enjoyed a tasty breakfast together before the tests, which has provided a wonderful opportunity to settle any nerves, stay calm and come together as a year group. Their hard work, perseverance and excellent behaviour have been a credit to both themselves and the school, and they should all feel extremely proud of what they have achieved.



A big thank you to the Manland HSA for supporting the much-loved SATs week breakfast and celebration day!





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Spotlight on Reading

We had such great fun looking at all the different places our children can 'get caught reading'! Thank you to everyone who entered! It's clear that no matter where you are, nothing can stop you reading! There were sporting themes, hanging upside down and hanging around themes, children on the go, and even some children out in the wild! A huge congratulations goes to Lucas Y (Year 2) as KS1 winner, and to Amar B (Year 4) and Eric RT (Year 5) as joint KS2 winners! We hope you have fun picking your new books.



KS1
WINNER



KS2
WINNERS





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LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

Walk to School Week, 18-22 May



Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (18-22 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, Mission Move, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting our friendly cartoon secret agents along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the environment! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer? We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 18 May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes Away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation





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Safeguarding



Keeping Children Safe online

Just like you show your child how to cross the road safely, brush their teeth or lock the door, you also need to help them make safe choices online.

Talking about online privacy at home helps children to build smart habits, stay safe and equips them to make well-informed choices for the future.

Talk about online privacy with three simple steps

1 Chat

Have regular chats with your child about online privacy – you don't have to be an expert. Some good conversation starters could be:

- Ask your child to tell you about what they enjoy doing online.
- Look at the privacy settings section of their favourite mobile game, device or app together. What information is it tracking? What can you control from the settings?
- Ask how they feel about location sharing or personalised advertising? What are the pros and cons? When might it be helpful and when might it feel wrong?
- Talk regularly about what they are sharing online and who with. Could they be sharing other information without realising it? Does what they watch and click give away information about themselves? Who could see this and why might they be interested?
- Aim for regular bite-sized chats to give your child time to process what you've discussed – the same way you show them how to learn other skills like crossing the road.
- Worried about where the conversation will lead? [Internet Matters](#) and the [NSPCC](#) have advice on talking about difficult topics.

2 Choose

Help your child start thinking carefully about what they choose to share online. What feels right for your family?

- Look at privacy settings together; review who can see posts, tag them or direct message them.
- Look at which devices, apps and mobile games are accessing location data.
- Review advert settings; are you comfortable with your child sharing their information with the makers of the website, app or mobile game? Are you happy for those companies to share it with others?
- Be clear with your child what your family's rules are about sharing personal information (such as address, phone number, school, email address or photos).
- Talk about AI tools, like ChatGPT, Gemini or Claude. What information would you be happy for your child to share with these tools?

3 Check

When your child gets a new device or downloads a new game or app, check the privacy settings so they're only giving information you want them to share. Help make checking the privacy settings on any new device, game or app part of your family's online routine.





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Keeping Children Safe online - give your views!

Please see below a message from the Department for Education and an opportunity for parents and carers, as well as children, to help shape Government policy on keeping children safe when using digital technology.

Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have told us the current situation is not working well enough.

The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

The consultation closes on **26 May 2026** and a survey is available for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#). There is also an [online event](#) for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm.

Pupil News



Ernest (Year 5) and Otto (Year 3) took part in the Kimpton 4km Run over the Bank Holiday weekend. They both really enjoyed the event and did brilliantly. We are especially proud to say that Ernest came second in the race and brought home a silver trophy.

New School Fundraiser

Matt, dad to Ernest (Year 5) and Otto (Year 3), will be taking on an incredible solo, non-stop cycle ride from Big Ben to the Eiffel Tower on Friday 22nd May at 4pm to raise money for Manland Primary School.

The fundraising aims to support the purchase of essential school equipment for the children, helping to create an even better environment for them to play, learn and grow together.

Every donation, big or small, will make a real difference and is hugely appreciated.

As an added thank you, everyone who donates a minimum of £20 will be entered into a prize draw to win a souvenir from Paris, with the winner announced at Sports Day.

Thank you for your support, and please do share the JustGiving page with friends and family

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mateusz-fogel-big-ben-to-the-eiffel-tower>





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More Than A Foodbank

Right now, someone in St Albans District is sitting at their kitchen table, hungry, wondering how they will get through the week.

We've launched a campaign to fund emergency food and vital support through our More Than a Foodbank model - and we'd love your support.

Behind every food parcel is a person facing challenges that food alone can't solve – illness, job insecurity, debt, or a sudden life change.

Just one change can push someone into crisis.

“For me, it's been like a lifeline. I've struggled for years with finances and trying to find the right, proper help, but the foodbank really helps in so many ways.”

- User of our Foodbanks.

More Than a Foodbank: Creating Lasting Change

At St Albans & District Foodbank, we do more than provide emergency food.

Alongside food, people can access:

- Support from our Wellbeing Team
- Advice on benefits, debt and housing
- Connections to local organisations
- A safe, welcoming space

This approach works – helping people increase income, reduce financial pressure, and begin to move forward*.

Why We Need Your Help Now

Need for our services remains high, while donations and funding have reduced.

We have seen a 300% increase in food parcels given out per year, since 2019.

We are now having to buy more food to meet need - while also protecting the crucial support that helps people move forward.

We are aiming to raise £15,000 for:

- Emergency food and essentials
- Foodbank centres and logistics
- Our **More Than a Foodbank** model

Whether you can give £5, £10 or more, every donation makes a real difference and helps us continue supporting local people facing hardship.

It is the generosity of people like you that makes this work possible.

Please **donate today** and help people move towards a more stable future.