



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful year at Manland Primary School.

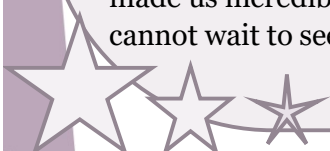
First and foremost, we want to say how incredibly proud we are of our pupils. Throughout the year, they have demonstrated our school values of **Responsibility, Aspiration and Inspiration** in so many different ways. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, during educational visits, performances, leadership opportunities or simply through the kindness they show to one another each day, our children continue to impress us. Their enthusiasm for learning, resilience when faced with challenges and willingness to support others make our school a very special place, and they should all be extremely proud of everything they have achieved.

Behind every successful school is a committed team, and we would like to thank our teachers and support staff for everything they do. Our teaching team works tirelessly to provide high-quality learning experiences for every child, while our Teaching Assistants play an invaluable role in supporting pupils both academically and personally. Their commitment, care and professionalism ensure that children feel safe, valued and encouraged to achieve their very best every day. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff team.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to our wonderful parent community. The partnership between home and school is something we value enormously, and your encouragement, trust and support make a real difference to the experiences we are able to provide for our children. In particular, we would like to thank our incredible Home School Association (HSA). Their fundraising efforts, generosity and willingness to give up their time have enabled us to purchase resources and equipment that greatly enrich children's learning and school life. Whether through organising events, fundraising or simply offering a helping hand, the HSA continues to make a significant contribution to our school community. We are equally grateful to the Friends of Manland, whose support, volunteering and commitment help strengthen the sense of community that makes our school such a welcoming place for children and families alike.

It has also been another exceptional year for sport at Manland. Our pupils have represented the school with tremendous pride, determination and excellent sportsmanship across a wide range of competitions and events. This year, we have celebrated success across many different sports, including football, netball, cricket and chess, with our teams demonstrating not only skill and determination but also exemplary teamwork, resilience and respect. Alongside these achievements, Sports Day, District Sports and the many sporting festivals and events throughout the year have showcased the enthusiasm and commitment of so many of our children. While we are always delighted to celebrate successes and trophies, we are even prouder of the way our pupils conduct themselves whenever they represent the school. Our thanks go to all of the staff, volunteers and families who have supported these opportunities throughout the year.

As we reflect on the year, we are reminded that every child at Manland has their own achievements to celebrate. Whether they have reached a personal goal, discovered a new talent, overcome a challenge, grown in confidence or simply shown kindness to others, each child has made us incredibly proud. Watching our pupils learn, develop and flourish is a privilege, and we cannot wait to see what they go on to achieve in the years ahead.





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Finally, we would like to pay tribute to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been fantastic ambassadors for Manland throughout their time with us and have approached their final year with maturity, determination and kindness. From SATs and residential visits to performances, leadership roles and the many memories they have created together, they have much to be proud of.

As they prepare to begin the next exciting chapter of their education, we wish each and every one of them every success and happiness. They leave us with wonderful memories, and they will always remain a valued part of the Manland family.

On behalf of everyone at Manland Primary School, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have enjoyed another fantastic year full of learning, laughter, achievement and community spirit. We wish you and your families a safe, happy and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and success.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Wicks and Mr Comer

Date	Event
Saturday 18 th July 2026	HSA Summer Fete
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.00am
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	Last day of term school finishes at 1,15pm
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	InSeT Day – School closed for children
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	InSeT Day – School closed for children
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Term starts for children

Manland Values Award



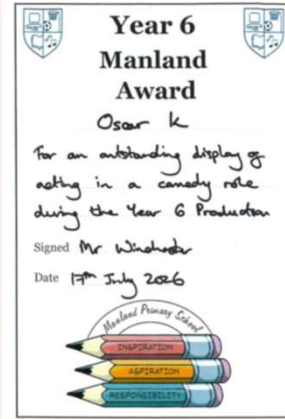
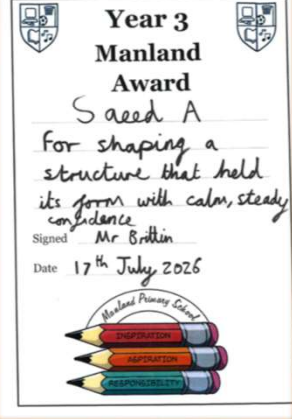
Sammy arrives at school each day with a smile on his face and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. He approaches every challenge with determination, willingly contributes thoughtful ideas, and consistently demonstrates the Manland Values through his kindness, respect and consideration for others.

Sammy always strive to achieve his very best, completing every task to a high standard and regularly asking for additional challenges so he can extend their learning even further. His confidence, positive attitude and friendly personality help create a happy and supportive classroom where everyone feels encouraged to succeed. They are a fantastic role model, showing excellent behaviour, resilience and focus in everything they do. It has been an absolute privilege to teach Sammy. Watching his confidence grow and seeing the progress he has made this year has been a real pleasure. He treats both staff and classmates with the utmost respect. He has also been a fantastic Prime Minister and with the job now open, definitely deserves a seat in Parliament! Congratulations, Sammy!



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Manland Certificate Board



We are in Waitrose!



Friends of Manland are in Waitrose as part of their Community Matters scheme. The project with the most votes receives £1,500, while the second and third receive £1,000 and £500 respectively. Look out for the Community Matters token unit as you leave the store. The scheme will be running throughout the summer.



COMMUNITY
MATTERS



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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

Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the
last two weeks is **98.8%**

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.



Year 5 Sikhism Workshop at The Lea School



Last Friday, Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit The Lea School for a Sikhism workshop. The children enjoyed a thoughtful and engaging session led by Mr Singh from the Sikh Education Council, who spoke to them about key aspects of the Sikh faith. This visit was a wonderful way to consolidate the learning they have completed throughout the year. The children listened carefully, asked insightful questions and showed great respect throughout the workshop. It was a valuable experience that helped deepen their understanding and appreciation of Sikhism.

A Fantastic Day of Maths Fun at St George's School



On Monday, 10 children from Year 5 attended a Math Enrichment Day at St George's School, and what a brilliant day they had! The event was packed with exciting maths challenges and games, giving everyone the chance to solve problems, think creatively and work together. The children really enjoyed it and approached each activity with enthusiasm and confidence. They also loved the lunch provided, which was a lovely treat in the middle of such a busy day. It was wonderful to see them engaging so positively with maths and returning with plenty of smiles and stories to share.



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Pupil News

Congratulations to Matthew in year 6, who started learning the piano in Year 4, has recently completed his Grade 5 Piano examination and achieved a Merit. Well done Matthew.



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Saeed in Year 3 attended the annual Hertfordshire Karate tournament this weekend where his hard work earned him 1st place in Team Kata and a third place in the individual round. Well done Saeed.



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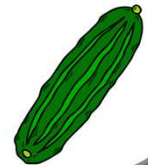
Amar in Year 4 and some friends on his road were recently featured in the St Albans Times for running a lemonade stall to raise money for charity. They made an impressive £156.88!

If you would like to read the full article see the link (page 15) and attachment:

<https://stalbanstimes.co.uk/latest-issue/>

Pupil News

Well done to Imogen in Year 1 who has been selling her home grown cucumbers raising £62.60 for Friends of Manland from two sales. Fantastic fund raising Imogen.



"Year 6 Mean Business!"

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 children for their incredible efforts during this year's **Young Enterprise project**! Working in their teams — **Foamy Dreams, Infinite Fun, JAMS, JCA and Ringo Rovers** — the children showed outstanding teamwork, creativity and determination throughout the entire process. From planning and designing to making, marketing and finally selling their products, every team worked extremely hard and approached the challenge with amazing confidence and enthusiasm. Their fantastic creations included fidget toys, Monster Top Trumps, World Cup Top Trumps, pens, football toys and gliders, to name just a few! The children also added even more excitement to their stalls with a Lucky Dip and Spin the Wheel, which proved to be great fun and helped create a brilliant atmosphere throughout the event.

We would also like to say a **huge thank you to the HSA for their generous investment and support**, which allowed the children to purchase the materials and items needed to bring their exciting business ideas to life. Their contribution played an important part in making the Young Enterprise project such a fantastic and memorable experience for our Year 6 children.

We are delighted to announce that the children raised an amazing profit, which will be sent to support **Great Ormond Street Hospital**. We are all incredibly proud of the way Year 6 coped with every stage of the process and the maturity, resilience and enthusiasm they demonstrated whilst planning, making and selling their products. Well done, Year 6 — what an incredible achievement!



Spotlight on Sports Day

Last week the whole school enjoyed another fantastic sports day. Each and every child showed great effort and competitive spirit to step on the track put in their best for their house.

There were some brilliant races and amazing performances in what was a very hot morning. Well done to reception for doing so well on their first ever sports day at Manland and to the year 6 house captains for being such great role models and a great help on the day.

The morning was finished off with watching many very deserving individual and teams receive various awards for achievements on the day and throughout the year.

Well done all.. and a last big congratulations to Phoenix house for winning the house trophy!!



House Cup Winners
2025/26:
Phoenix House



Spotlight on Sports Day





Spotlight on Year 5 & 6 Performance

What an absolutely phenomenal couple of performances from our talented Year 6 children in this year's production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*! Every single child should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. From the confident acting and expressive performances to the energetic dance routines and enthusiastic singing, the cast entertained audiences from start to finish. Their commitment, perseverance and resilience throughout weeks of rehearsals were truly remarkable. Learning lines, perfecting songs, mastering choreography and bringing each character to life required dedication, teamwork and a great deal of hard work, and the children rose to every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Watching their confidence grow throughout the process has been a real privilege, and they created memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff and parents who gave up so much of their time to help make the production such a wonderful success. Whether supporting rehearsals, organising costumes and props, designing the scenery, managing sound and lighting, or working tirelessly behind the scenes, their dedication ensured the show was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. We are incredibly grateful for everything they did. And who knows... in years to come, we might just be saying, "We taught them before they won their first BAFTA!"





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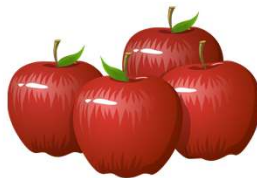
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Year 4 D&T

As part of our learning in Year 4, the children recently enjoyed making a delicious apple crumble during their food technology lesson.

This hands-on activity gave the children the opportunity to develop a range of practical cooking skills, including chopping, measuring ingredients, mixing, and following a simple recipe. They also learned about food hygiene, kitchen safety, and the importance of working carefully as part of a team.

The children showed great enthusiasm throughout the lesson and were very proud of their finished apple crumbles. We hope they enjoyed sharing their baking experience with you at home and talking about the skills they learned.





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Safeguarding

Going out or staying home alone

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence or want to explore alone during the summer holidays. But are they ready to stay home or go out alone?

Is it legal to leave a child home alone?

A child who isn't old enough or who doesn't feel comfortable should never be left home alone. If this is the case, it's best to look into childcare options that might work for your family. Read our advice on this below.

There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk¹. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

Checking your child feels safe home alone

As your child gets older, talk to them about how they feel about being left home alone. If they're worried, work out what parts of being home alone worry them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark?

Talk about anything that's bothering them and discuss a solution. Understanding why they don't feel comfortable will give you an idea of how to help – or why they might not be ready to be left alone.

We would always recommend leaving a child younger than 12 years old with family, a friend or in childcare.

Leaving a child alone with siblings

If your child has an older sibling or step-sibling, you might feel more comfortable leaving them home together, especially if one child is older.

There's no legal age a child can babysit – but if you leave your children with someone who's under 16 you're still responsible for their wellbeing.

You should also think carefully about leaving your child alone with an older brother or sister. If they fall out, you won't be around to make the peace.

Babies and toddlers

Infants and young children aged 0-3 years old should never be left alone – even for 15 minutes while you pop down the road. This applies not just to leaving them home alone but also in your car while you run into the shops.

Primary school children

While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to walk home from school alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision.

If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering leaving them at a friend's house, with family or finding some suitable childcare.





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FREE EVENT

YOU'RE INVITED!

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

TOGETHER FOR A SAFER ST. ALBANS

Come along to hear how we are tackling anti-social behaviour in St. Albans and what more we can do – together.



**WEDNESDAY
22ND
JULY 2026**



4:30PM – 6:00PM (FINISH)
STARTING AT 4:30PM
WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



LOCATION:
COLLECTIVE ART GALLERY
18 HOLYWELL HILL,
ST ALBANS, AL1 1BZ

JOIN US TO FIND OUT:



What action is being taken locally to tackle anti-social behaviour



How the police and partners are working to reassure communities and support victims



How you can report concerns and what happens after a report is made



The steps being taken through patrols, enforcement, partnership working and problem-solving



**FOR THE RESIDENTS
OF ST. ALBANS**

INVITATION
ONLY**



**LIMITED SPACES –
BOOK YOUR SPACE
TODAY!**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – REPLY ASAP!



**REPLY TO THIS EMAIL
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE**



**RSVP BY
TUESDAY 9PM
21ST JULY 2026**



**ONLY A FEW
SPACES ARE
LIMITED –
DON'T MISS OUT!**



**PLEASE ARRIVE
BY 4:15PM**
FOR REFRESHMENTS
AND REGISTRATION



**ACCESSIBLE
VENUE**
WHEELCHAIR
ACCESS AVAILABLE



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT ANTONELLA
FOR ANY QUERIES



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FOR RESIDENTS
OF ST. ALBANS**



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Worries

Ages 2-19

Helping children deal with worries & anxious thoughts

Does your child seek constant reassurance? Do their worries stop them from trying? Practical strategies to support children who worry.



Tuesday, 29th September 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/43aimafn>

Thursday, 19th November 2026, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/3rdp5f66>



Eating

Ages 2-19



How do I get my child to eat better?

No matter how restrictive your child's diet is, there are things you can do to help.

Tuesday, 13th October 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/mc2hw6oh>



Behaviour

Ages 2-19

The 7 underlying causes of behaviour

Understand why your child behaves the way they do, and how you can respond as a parent.



Tuesday, 20th October 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/58r5ec9r>

You will get the most from attending live, however, recordings will be available if you are unable to make it.

Parent newsletter: <https://supportinglinks.co.page/pg1q>



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BITESIZE WORKSHOPS



Anger

Ages 2-19

Helping children manage their anger

Practical tools to help your child cope with their angry feelings and behaviours.



Thursday, 5th November 2026, 10-11am <https://tinyurl.com/32y6ayhd>

Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/5k2t2mwk>



Teenage Brain

Ages 11-19



What's going on in my teenager's head?

How & why adolescent development affects teenage behaviour.

Monday, 9th November 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/ytdnpxsu>



Difficult Conversations

Ages 9-19

How do I talk to my child about...?

Talking to our young people about tricky issues like sex, drugs, going out & social media.



Thursday, 26th November 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/2vyz5wuf>



Parenting Styles

Ages 2-19



What kind of parent do you want to be?

Strict, soft, gentle, friendly, how do you want to parent? What effect does it have? What if your co-parent has a completely different approach?

Thursday, 3rd December 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/35pbj3df>

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POTENTIAL
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For Neurodivergent Children
& Young People



Summer booking is open.

3D Printing

Ages 7-12

Water Play

Ages 4+

Neon Splatter Room

Ages 12-15

Fun Rings

Ages 8+

Arts & Crafts

Ages 5+

Jewellery Making

Ages 8+

Cooking

Ages 5+

Splatter Room

Ages 5-12

Water Wipeout

Ages 8+

Pony Mornings

Ages 5-11

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Booking via

potentialkids.org.uk/events

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