



Manland Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Reception Knebworth House class trip
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Y1 De Havilland class trip
Thursday 25 th June 2026	KS2 Harpenden District Sports – field & track events (from 3.30pm)
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Y4 & Y6 Food & Farming Day class trip
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	New Reception Pupils – Welcome morning from 9.30am

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we head towards another sunny weekend, there is plenty to celebrate!

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Verulamium this week. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed bringing their learning about the Romans to life.

We are also delighted to share that our cricket team won the Kwik Cricket Tournament! A huge congratulations to all of the children involved, who demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

Meanwhile, Beryl has had a particularly busy week around school. She has been helping to supervise the tidying away of playground equipment, accompanying Mr Dwyer as he measured up for some new welcome signs, and even attending a few meetings. Whilst her contributions were largely limited to tail wagging and looking adorable, she certainly kept everyone in good spirits!

With the hot weather set to continue into next week, please ensure that children come to school with a named water bottle and sun hat, and that sunscreen is applied before school where needed.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wicks and Mr Comer, Co-Headteachers



Manland Values Award

Henry arrives each morning with a huge smile on his face and a positive attitude for learning. He eagerly shares ideas, embraces new challenges, and consistently demonstrate the Manland Values through kindness, respect, and consideration for others. Henry is determined to do his best, regularly completing tasks and asking for extension tasks to learn above and beyond the curriculum. His confidence and friendly nature helps create a supportive and happy classroom environment, and he shows excellent focus and behaviour throughout the day.

Henry's progress and growing confidence this year has been fantastic to see. He shows great respect to both staff and peers.

Well done to Henry!



Manland Values Award

This week's nomination goes to a student who truly embodies our Manland values in everything he does. William gives his very best in every single lesson, always striving to achieve great things. He is motivated by success, but even more impressively, he is motivated by mistakes, using them as stepping stones to improve, grow and push himself further.

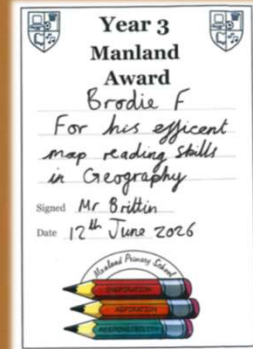
As his Year 3 class teacher for the whole year, I couldn't be prouder of the polite, respectful and thoughtful young person he has become. His strengths stretch far beyond the classroom. During playtimes, William is the friend who lifts others up, supports them when they need it most, and helps make our school a kinder place.

William, you are a shining example of what it means to live our values every day. You should be incredibly proud of yourself.



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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 **96.1%**

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.



Harpenden District Schools' Sports Association Kwik Cricket Festival



Our Year 5&6 Kwik Cricket team enjoyed a fantastic day at the Harpenden District Schools' Sports Association Kwik Cricket Festival held at Harpenden Cricket Club, producing an outstanding performance from start to finish.

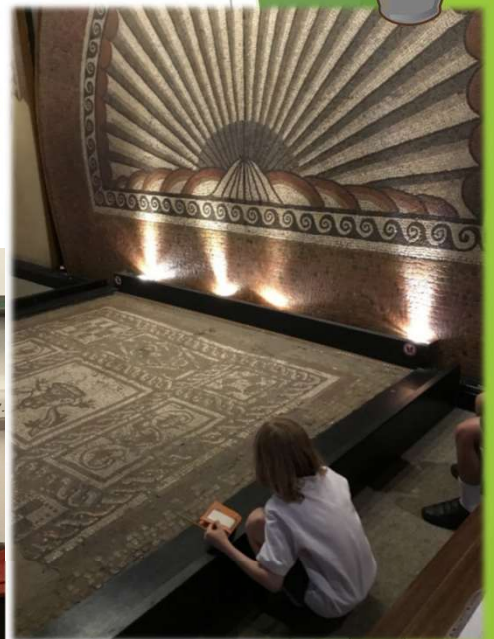
The team progressed through the group stages with an incredible record of six wins from six matches, demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork and determination throughout the day. Their success earned them a place in the final against Beech Hyde, where they held their nerve to secure victory and bring home the trophy as Small Schools' Champions. Remarkably, they remained unbeaten throughout the entire competition. Their batting was superb, their bowling was accurate and disciplined, and their fielding was exceptional, with every player contributing to the team's success. A special mention must go to Eric in Year 5, who produced a memorable moment in the final by hitting three consecutive sixes, helping to steer the team towards victory and the trophy!

We are incredibly proud of all the players for the way they represented the school and for the outstanding sportsmanship they displayed throughout the day. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Bethell and Mr Brittin for all their support, encouragement and dedication to cricket during this year. Their hard work has helped so many children develop their skills and enjoy the game, and we are extremely grateful for everything they have done.



Spotlight on History

Our Year 3 class had a fantastic day exploring the Roman city of Verulamium. The children were fascinated by the real ruins, colourful mosaics and incredible artefacts uncovered from the ancient settlement, and it was wonderful to see their classroom learning come to life. The workshop helped them understand just how many ideas, inventions and traditions the Romans brought to Britain, opening their eyes to the lasting impact of Roman life. It was a memorable trip where we all learnt so much and returned to school buzzing with new knowledge and curiosity.ge





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Strengthening Parent-Child relationships after separation – Free Parent Workshop

This workshop is for parents who are separated or divorced and would like to:

- Better understand parental alienation and its impact on children
- Recognise unhelpful patterns in themselves and others
- Support their child's emotional wellbeing
- Improve communication and reduce conflict with co-parents
- Maintain strong relationships with their children, even with reduced contact
- Feel more confident when working with professionals

About the workshop

A free online workshop delivered by Coram Family Lives via Microsoft Teams. Choose one of the following sessions:

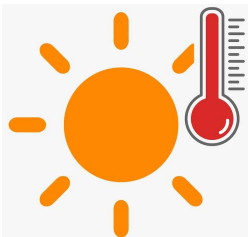
- Tuesday 7th July, 9:30–11:30am
- Thursday 9th July, 7– 9pm

How to register

To book your place: Complete the Coram Family Lives - Parent Alienation Workshop Referral Form Email: services@familylives.org.uk Call: 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 870

Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

Keeping children safe in hot weather



A little reminder to all parents and carers to help us keep children safe during the hot weather. On hot days, please remember to send your child in with **water, a sun hat and suncream, already applied**. Per NHS recommends for children, sun cream should be with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30, and 4- or 5-star ultraviolet A (UVA) protection. Many thanks

Walk to School Week – Climate Action

The Active and Safer Travel Team would like to say a big thank you to all the Hertfordshire schools who took part in Walk to School Week this year. Over 150 schools registered for this year's resources, encouraging around 42,000 pupils to get involved. It's fantastic to see so many children choosing more active journeys. We hope the week helped reduce car use at the school gates, but even more importantly, that it inspired lasting changes in attitudes towards travelling to and from school.

Well done to everyone at Manland who took part!





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Pupil News



Harpenden Colts U9 Girls, featuring Sophia and Isabella of Year 4, made the trip to Butlins on the South coast to compete in the prestigious ESF football festival of 2026. After a string of excellent performances and results over two enduring days, they found themselves in the final against an elite team full of Arsenal academy players. In front of a partisan crowd, they were fantastic, narrowly going down 1-0 in a match that could have gone either way. Their sportsmanship throughout the tournament was rewarded with the Fair Play trophy. The weekend was a triumph in talent, discipline, teamwork and camaraderie. Well done girls!

Pupil News



Congratulations to Emily in Year 3 who received Harpenden Colts U9 Player of the Year. Nominated by her teammates for showing excellent skills, great goals and for being a valuable team member. Well done!

Be Water Aware

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are reminding young people how they can enjoy the water safely this summer.

Activities in or around water can be a fun pastime, especially during warmer months. In Hertfordshire we have a number of lakes, rivers and reservoirs. And around half accidental drownings happen to people who didn't intend to go into the water. Between 2000 and 2025 HFRS have attended 120 water related incidents. And the majority of inland water fatalities occur whilst taking part in walking, running, swimming or jumping in. Twenty-one lives were tragically claimed during this period.



It's important to know how to stay safe:

1. Keep your phone charged so you can call 999 if you need help.
2. Keep clear of the water's edge - riverbanks can be unstable after very wet or very hot weather.
3. Follow the proper pathways – they're much safer.
4. Avoid unlit routes near water at night and plan a safer path away from the water.
5. A location app on your phone (like what3words) can help emergency services know your location.

If someone gets in trouble in the water or if you come across someone in trouble:

- 1) Phone 999 straight away to get help. Ask for the fire service – never enter the water to attempt a rescue.
- 2) Tell the person to stay calm and float on their back.
- 3) Throw something that floats if it is safe to do so.



BE WATER AWARE

Drowning prevention and water safety

#BeWaterAware

For more information on how to stay safe, visit this dedicated webpage:

hertfordshire.gov.uk/watersafe



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Safeguarding

Online hate: misogyny

Misogyny is when someone dislikes, disrespects, or treats women or girls unfairly.

Online this kind of behaviour could include:

- making sexist, disrespectful or degrading comments
- using intimidating, threatening, or violent language towards women
- content that blames women for men's negative behaviour
- promoting or sharing content that discriminates against women's rights

This type of online behaviour can also lead to acts of hate and violence in real life.

Why you should talk to your child about misogyny

Misogyny, online and in real life is a growing problem.

The consequences of misogyny, sexism, and reinforcing stereotypes on children and young people can be harmful – socially, emotionally, and physically.

Ignoring it can normalise unacceptable behaviours and misogyny can lead to more extreme actions like violence against women.

Spotting the signs of misogyny

Online algorithms and toxic influencers are pushing misogyny into mainstream to generate views and money. This kind of content has a real-life negative impact on the children and young people that watch it.

Being able to spot the signs that your child has seen or believes misogynistic content can make it easier to recognise when they need support.

These may be different for every child, but many will be similar.

Spotting the signs of misogynistic behaviours

Signs that your child might have seen or believe misogynistic content could be:

- using language which insults or generalises women and girls
- mocking kindness or empathy as being 'weak'
- being critical of themselves, their body or appearance in comparison to others
- following social media 'alpha male' accounts, which promote controlling behaviour
- increased anger, aggression or dismissiveness towards female family members, peers, or teachers

The long-term impact of misogyny

Boys and young men who believe misogynistic ideas are at greater risk of:

- mental health issues (including low self-esteem, self-harm and suicide)
- difficulty maintaining healthy relationships
- committing sexual harassment/sexual offences
- committing violent crimes
- being radicalised by extreme beliefs





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Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a **serious, life-threatening allergic reaction** and our school policy sets out how our community (staff, pupils and families) will support pupils at our school with allergies, to ensure they are safe and are not disadvantaged in any way whilst taking part in school life. **Please can all parents and carers read the policy in full.** Please also share it with anyone who prepares/gives your child food to bring in to school for breaktime or lunch.

Based on the latest advice from Anaphylaxis UK, our school has adopted an **allergy aware approach**. We ask parents and carers **not to include foods containing nuts and peanuts in lunchboxes or snacks**, as some of our pupils have severe allergies. Whilst we take steps to reduce risk, it is not possible to guarantee a completely nut, or peanut free, environment. For this reason, we are focussing on promoting awareness, encouraging careful food choices and following safe practices around the school community to help protect pupils with allergies.

It takes the whole school community to keep a child with allergies safe. You can help, by reinforcing the following messages with your child:

- Ensure your child only eats their own food; let your child know that touching other children's food or swapping food could make some children poorly
- Ensure your child is able to wash their hands with soap thoroughly every time after eating so they don't get any crumbs/splashes on anything in the classroom or lunch hall
- Talk to your child about allergies and how they can make a child feel (adults can watch this short video about a child's experience of living with an allergy: <https://youtu.be/MqncMJY1rLo>)
- Ensure you do not send in cake, sweets or food for birthdays, religious festivals and other celebratory occasions
- Ensure you talk to other parents and carers about the best way to include children with allergies in out of school parties and events

Classics on the Common

Rotary in Harpenden is seeking help in relation to our Classic Cars event on 22nd July. At that event we raise a considerable amount of money for specifically nominated charities, and other good causes that Rotary in Harpenden support. From the money that we raised at the 2025 event, we were able to fund the purchase of books which have been donated or are being donated to Manland school.

We are looking for volunteers who might be able to spare a couple of hours during the afternoon for bucket shaking at this year's Car Show.

