NEWSLETTER

MANORSIDE ACADEMY

19th December 2025 **Edition 40**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic end to the term with lots of opportunities for parent(s)/carer(s) to come into school to watch performances and it has been a pleasure to see the children thrive in different roles in these shows. This has ranged from pupils on stage, to those helping more behind the scenes; we are proud of all of them! Thank you for all your support this term and we look forward to welcoming you back after the two week break.

Best wishes

Miss Sutter

After school and Breakfast Club Name Change

We have changed the name of breakfast club and after school club. They will now be called

Dawn (breakfast club) **and Dusk** (after school club).

ROUTINE REMINDERS

Dawn and Dusk

Bookings are to be made on **Parent Pay by 2:00pm for Dusk and by 2:00pm for Dawn the following day**. The end of the Dusk is now 6:00pm.

Please ensure that when you've booked your child into Dawn, you bring them to the office and wait with them until a member of staff has signed them in. Thank you for your cooperation!

Lunches

Please place your orders by **Midnight on Tuesday** for meals the following week.

Communication

Please remember to add your child's full name and class when emailing/leaving phone messages.

Items from home

Please note children are not to bring in toys, football cards, notebooks etc from home, unless agreed with SLT

Collecting pupils early from school

We are having an increasing number of pupils who are being collected before the end of the school day for appointments eg dentist. Whilst we understand that emergency appointments are needed, where possible please can routine appointments be made outside of school hours/during school holidays. Collecting your child early from class not only means that they miss vital learning but also means the whole class is interrupted. Thank you for your support with this.

Consultation - Admissions Policy 2027-28

We are consulting on removing our catchment area from our Admissions Policy. Further details can be found on our website https://www.manorside-academy.co.uk/About-Us/Admissions/ If you would like to make a comment regarding this please email manorside@ma.weareauthentic.education

The closing date for the consultation is 24th January 2026.

Nuts

Please be advised that we are a nut free school as we have some pupils who have nut allergies. If we do notice any food items that contain nuts we will keep them to one side so that the pupil can take the item back home at the end of the day.

Head Lice

We have had a few reports of head lice.

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly.

Easy and Secure Donations: Introducing Paydit

We are very grateful for the fundraising efforts of the Manorside Academy community. The money we receive enables us to provide additional resources and opportunities for our pupils, creating a richer, more engaging learning environment.

To make donating to the academy easier and more effective, we have introduced Paydit, a simple and secure system that allows you to make donations using a smart phone.

Paydit is an established, secure payment service provided by Lloyds Bank. To donate, simply click the link https://i.paydit.to/authentic-education-group-manorside-academy-donations or scan the QR code below.

The Paydit platform includes a built-in Gift Aid feature which means we can claim an extra 25% on eligible donations at no cost to the donor, making every donation go that little bit further.

We want you to feel reassured about using this system, so it's important for you to know that your financial details are protected and nobody has access to that information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

This is in addition to ParentPay. ParentPay will remain the same.

Thank you for your continuing commitment and generosity.

Responsible parking

Why it Matters:

Visibility is Key: Parked cars can hide children from drivers, creating dangerous situations when they cross the road.

Emergency Access: Double parking or blocking driveways can prevent emergency vehicles from reaching the school quickly – seconds save lives.

Community Respect: Parking inconsiderately affects local residents and creates unnecessary congestion for everyone.

Please Remember:

No Parking on Zig-Zag Lines: Never stop on or near the zig-zag lines, even for a moment.

Park Legally: Avoid double parking and don't block residents' driveways or pavements.

Park Further Away: If possible, park a little further from the school entrance and walk the last stretch with your children. This also helps them learn road safety skills.

Children's Safety First: Always check for children around your vehicle when parking, dropping off, or setting off.

Let's work together to make the journey to and from school is safe and stress-free for everyone. Your cooperation makes a huge difference in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

WELLBEING BEAR newsletter

Buddy and Hope have had a wonderful time visiting schools this term and meeting so many of you! Thank you for giving them such a warm and welcoming reception — it truly made their visits special. If we haven't met you yet, we're excited to visit your school soon and can't wait to see you all in 2026!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Buddy & Hope's Top Calming Christmas Tips

Christmas can be an overwhelming time for lots of children, so here are Buddy and Hope's favourite ways to stay calm and enjoy the festive season:

🎅 **Create a Cosy Calm Corner**
Find a quiet space with blankets, cushions, and fairy lights to relax away from the noise.

🖍️ **Mindful Colouring**
Colour Christmas-themed pages like snowflakes ❄️ and trees 🎄 to help focus and unwind.

📚 **Story Time**
Read a gentle festive story or listen to an audiobook in a calm space.

🎨 **Decorate a Kindness Tree**
Draw or make a paper Christmas tree and add "kindness ornaments" with positive messages or compliments

Hot Chocolate Breathing

🎄Imagine you're holding a warm cup of hot chocolate. It smells delicious and cosy.
🎄Take a slow breath in through your nose as if you're smelling the yummy chocolate.
(Inhale for 4 seconds)
🎄Now blow out gently through your mouth to cool it down so you don't burn your tongue.
(Exhale for 4 seconds)
🎄Repeat 3–5 times until you feel calm and relaxed.

Watch the bear video's
https://bit.ly/3LmJvOY

Class Attendance for the previous 2 weeks

The school expectation is 96%

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3T
96.26% 95.89%	93.45% 92.94%	96.33% 96.23%	95.41% 94.96%	94.19% 93.42%	97.51% 97.9%	97.36% 97.14%	96.4% 95.95%
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
96.76% 96.68%	94.18% 94.04%	97.87% 97.41%	96.29% 95.8%	95.06% 94.81%	96.86% 96.6%		86.67% 86.66%

Pen Licences Awarded

EMERALD	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	Platinum

The links below are for those parents who would like to purchase pens in advance to practice with their children.

Silver - Swäsh Komfigrip Handwriting Pens, Triangular Grip Handwriting Pen For Added Control, Premium Manuscript Handwriting Pens, Washable Ink Hand Writing Pens, Vibrant & Durable Fibre Tip Pens - Blue 12PK : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen

Gold - Paper Mate InkJoy 100ST Ballpoint Pens, Ultra Fine Point (0.5 mm), Blue, 50 Count : Amazon.co.uk: Everything Else

High Achievers for the previous 2 weeks

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3T
		Aydan	William	Jasper	Harry	Chloe	
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
Aiya	Pixie	Ella	Remy	Mirabelle	Michael		

Kindness	Resilient	Respectful	Unique
Archie Freddie Giovannah Luna	Natan Emillia Harrison Arthur Millie-Rose	Jakub	

Sports Class	Sports Person	Class Attendance
		2W—97.51%
6E	**Beau**	**2W—97.9%**

Reminder clubs are on a Monday. The clubs finish at 4.00pm

	DATES TO REMEMBER
5th Jan 2026	Children return to school
5th Jan 2026	Year 6 Early Starts continues
14th Jan 2026	Reception Library Visit
21st Jan 2026	Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 Robin Hood Pantomime
23rd Jan 2026	Year 2 Marwell Zoo Trip
28th Jan 2026	3B Hengistbury Head Trip
29th Jan 2026	3T Hengistbury Head Trip
3rd Feb 2026	Reception Vision Screening
12th Feb 2026	Parents Evening 3.30pm until 8.00pm
13th Feb 2026	House of Maths