NEWSLETTER

MANORSIDE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through another busy and rewarding part of the school year, I would like to thank you for the continued support you give to our school community. Each week brings new achievements, challenges and moments of pride, and this newsletter is a chance to share with you some of the exciting opportunities we have planned so please take the time to read it.

You should all now have received your curriculum newsletters for this half term so if you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of SLT on the gate.

Please remember the importance of your child attending school, the more they are in school, the less gaps they have in their learning.

Best wishes

Miss Sutter

Nursery

This week nursery has been trialling school hot lunches. This has been really successful.

If you would like your child to take part, please book and pay via ParentPay.

Just a reminder that Nursery will be joining in with the dress-up dates recently sent out by the school. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful outfits!

Best wishes

Nursery Team

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.

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 via **Parent Pay** 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

Uniform Reminders

- Black shoes should be worn when wearing normal school uniform. Black trainers should only be worn with PE kits. Please write a note to the class teacher if trainers need to be worn due to an injury or broken shoes.
- Earrings must be of the plain stud variety and only gold or silver in colour. Earrings should not be worn on a PE day (or are taped up independently by the pupil).
- Hair bows should be in keeping with the school colours and sensible in size (so they don't block the view of a child sitting behind them in class!).
- No other jewellery should be worn including clay beads and other accessories.
- We would also like to remind parents that acrylic nails are not to be worn at school as they are not part of our uniform policy.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Parents who think they may be eligible are able to apply via the BCP website https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals or collect a form from the school office. If you are eligible, your son or daughter will be entitled to a free daily hot meal plus priority access to additional intervention groups if required. If you have any questions about applying for FSM, please contact the school office. Free school meals are available to pupils based on the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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.

World Book Day

Following on from the World Book Day letter that we asking for a **£1 contribution for dressing up on 5th March.**

The chocolate 'Sutter bars' being sold on the playground after school by the PTFA will start at £2 each. These are not compulsory to buy so please do not feel that this is an extra cost to the day.

All of the money raised goes straight into the school.

International Women and Girls in Science Day

To celebrate International Women and Girls in Science Day on the **11th February** , pupils will be learning about inspirational women in science and exploring how everyone can enjoy and succeed in STEM subjects.

Children are welcome to wear something linked to science (for example, a lab coat, goggles, a science-themed outfit or T-shirt), but this is optional and **there is no cost to the day**. Boys are **not** expected to dress as girls—this is simply a celebration of science and the important role women and girls play in it.

Dorset Cricket are running a **Free Girls Cricket Engagement Day** this February half term. The session is designed to be fun, welcoming and confidence building, and is open to **all girls aged 8-14,** whether they are completely new to cricket or already play.

Girls Cricket Engagement Day - St Edward school, Poole

Thursday 19 February 2026

13:30-16:30

St Edward School, Poole

Ages: 8-14

Free to attend

All equipment provided

The session will be delivered by the **Dorset Cricket community team** and aims to inspire more girls to try cricket in a fun, supportive environment.

Parents can register here:

https://form.jotform.com/260181926220349

Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

PARENT/CARER newsletter

NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

Parent Mental Health Day 30th January

Parent Mental Health Day on 30th January highlights how important parents' and carers' wellbeing is for the whole family. Created by the charity stem4, the day encourages you to pause, notice how you're feeling, and find small ways to restore balance.

To mark Parent Mental Health Day, this newsletter is especially for you — our school community's parents and carers. We know that when you're supported, it helps your children thrive too. This edition is focused on how you can look after your own mental health and how to access support when you need it, so you can continue to be the steady, caring presence your children rely on every day.

TEA TALK + TEENS podcast

Next Podcast Episode:

Parent Mental Health finding the balance

ALL EPISODES - AVAILABLE FREE ON SPOTIFY

bit.ly/MHSTPodcast

Parent Mental Health Video

We've put together a short, uplifting video for Parent Mental Health Day that speaks honestly about the ups and downs of parenting. It offers simple reflections on why the day matters and points you towards support that's there when you need it. We'd love you to take a moment to watch.

Watch now: bit.ly/4bS6cpg

Supporters Forum: Exam Resilience

We run termly Supporters' Forums to hear directly from parents and carers about how we can improve our service to better support your family. Each forum includes:

- A short 20-minute presentation
- Open discussion (no camera or mic needed)

Next topic: Exam Resilience

Tuesday 3rd Feb

6:15 PM (6:30 start)

Online

To sign up: bit.ly/3LgMWaf

Explore our Free Resources

We have a range of free resources to support you in looking after your child's wellbeing. You can find simple tools, guides and webinars through our Linktree whenever you need them.

Please follow us on social media for updates and support.

linktree/dorsetmhst

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Class Attendance for the previous 2 weeks

The school expectation is 96%

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3T
87.36	93.87	90.34	94.18	88.12	94.05	100	92.18
92.34	94.64	97.58	89.42	93.1	96.71	98.77	93.42
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
97.86	96.15	95.63	98.35	99.21	93.52		78.89
94.44	95.3	96.83	95.88	99.2	93.24		80.00

High Achievers for the previous 2 weeks

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3T
BENNIE	ELLIOT	ADAM	ARCHER	DOLLIE	ZANE	MARGARET	DEARE
IVY GRACE	EDWARD	RORY	HUNTER			OAKLEY	AMAIA
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
VINNIE	FREYA	NELIA	ELSA	MAYA	OLIVIA		LOLA
TAHIYAH	JONAH		SUPRATIK	JENSON H	MATEUSZ		
	MR ROBIN-SON						

Kindness	Resilient	Respectful	Unique
EVERLY ROSIE THEO	SEBASTIAN TOMMY HARRISON DOLLY HARRIS ALBIE H POPPY BUZZ	LILY SYBIL ISLA POPPY NAZRIN TOMMY BROOKE MAJA NIM	TOBY HAMDAN MEHAN AZEEN MICHAEL

Sports Class	Sports Person	Class Attendance
5CF	**SHANE**	**1W—94.18%** **3B—100%**
6E		**1S—97.58%** **6E—99.2%**

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

	DATES TO REMEMBER
3rd Feb 2026	Reception Vision Screening
6th Feb 2026	Number Day NSPCC—pupils to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. This could be their favourite sports top or even a onesie. You could also get more creative and design a unique t-shirt or even become a human sized calculator or dice
9th Feb 2026	Year 6 Dissect a squid at SAA
10th Feb 2026	Reception Together 8.35am to 8.55am
10th Feb 2026	Magna Trip to watch Mary Poppins—selected children
11th Feb 2026	Women and Girls Science Day—dress up as a female scientist or something that represents science
12th Feb 2026	Parents Evening 3.30pm until 8.00pm
13th Feb 2026	House of Maths
16th to 20th Feb 2026	Half Term
23rd Feb 2026	Children return to school
2nd March 2026	Year 4 Winchester Science Museum
5th March 2026	World Book Day—dress up as your favourite book character
6th March 2026	Holi Day—dress up in bright bold colour
11th March 2026	Year 3 Tutankhamun Trip
24th March 2026	Reception Together 8.35am to 8.55am
27th March 2026	INSET DAY
30th March 2026	Easter Holidays
13th April 2026	Children return to school