NEWSLETTER

MANORSIDE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have celebrated a year of remarkable achievement, growth and opportunity for our children.

We are incredibly proud that our pupils have continued to achieve academic results that are above the national average, reflecting their hard work, determination and the dedication of our staff. Alongside these successes in the classroom, our children have benefited from more educational visits, residentials, visitors and enrichment opportunities than ever before. From trips that brought learning to life to experiences that broadened horizons and built confidence, this has been a truly memorable year for our pupils.

Importantly, we have continued to strengthen and improve our school, ensuring that we provide the very best learning environment and experiences for every child. None of this would be possible without the support of our families, and we are grateful for the positive relationships that help make our school such a special community.

As we look ahead to the summer break, we would also like to take a moment to recognise our wonderful Year 6 cohort. They have been exceptional ambassadors for our school, demonstrating resilience, kindness, determination and maturity throughout their time with us. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and of the positive example they have set for younger pupils. As they prepare to move on to the next exciting chapter of their educational journey, we wish them every success and happiness. They will always remain an important part of our school family, and we look forward to hearing about all they accomplish in the years ahead.

A reminder that KS1 and KS2 Sports Day will take place on Monday. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of teamwork, determination and sporting spirit, and we hope you will be able to join us in cheering on the children.

Thank you once again for helping to make this such a successful year. We look forward to celebrating the final weeks of term together. Please see attached our new mobile phones policy.

Best wishes

Miss Sutter

Nursery

What a fantastic year we have had!

We have loved watching the children grow into independent, resilient and confident learners. It has been a year full of laughter, curiosity and wonderful memories. From Cooking School, PE sessions, Nature Walks and Forest School to our everyday adventures in nursery, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and smiles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We have enjoyed sharing so many special events with you, including our Christmas Carol Concert, Christmas Craft Afternoon, Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, the Big Toddle and, of course, Sports Day. These events would not be possible without your ongoing support, so thank you for being such an important part of our nursery community.

To all of our school leavers, we wish you every success as you begin your exciting Reception journey. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and know you will continue to shine, amaze your new teachers and achieve wonderful things.

To the children returning to us in September, we hope you have a fantastic summer filled with fun, laughter and special family memories. We can't wait to welcome you back for another exciting year of learning and adventure.

We currently have spaces available for September. If you know anyone looking for high-quality childcare, we would be very grateful if you could pass on our details.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you once again for a fantastic year!

Best wishes

Nursery Team

Music and Performance

Wow! What a fantastic last couple of weeks for Performing Arts and Music at Manorside! The performing arts club put on a great performance at the Summer Fair, dazzling the crowd with their musical theatre pieces. Then a group of children, alongside Mr White, took part in the Royal Ballet and Opera Dance Workshop online where they joined with other schools to create and perform a dance piece based on self-identity.

Last week we were privileged to hear our many Rocksteady bands who were brilliant! What bravery and resilience has been shown through their hard work when rehearsing over the past term and by getting up on the stage and performing in front of so many. You were amazing!

Our Year 5's blew us away with their intricate and complex rhythmic patterns in the 'Samba Showcase.' Their listening skills and ability to work as a large group whilst performing different rhythms on different samba instruments at the same time has developed in such exciting ways and they all presented their skills with concentration and precision. Well done Year 5!

Finally, to Year 6...Matilda was a huge triumph! We are so proud of each and every one of you for the way in which you put yourselves out there and stepped into your various roles so fantastically. To see the joy on your faces was utterly inspiring and we hope that this creates precious memories that will live on for years to come. Congratulations on a wonderful performance!

Best wishes

Mrs Main

IMPORTANT Free School Meals Changes

REMINDER BENEFIT FREE SCHOOL MEAL CRITERIA HAS CHANGED. If you are currently in receipt of benefit free school meals then your entitlement will automatically end at the end of this term. You will need to reapply online via the BCP Council Free School Meals webpage: Free school meals | BCP.

If you are on Universal Credit and were not entitled before then please apply due to the criteria changing.

We strongly recommend applying online as early as possible to allow for your application to be processed in readiness for the new Academic Year. Infant free school meals will still be available for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but if you are on Universal Credit please do apply for the Benefit Free School Meals also as this allows the school to receive extra funding.

If we have not received confirmation from BCP that you have reapplied and are still entitled then we will be unable to order you a hot lunch and you have will need to provide your child with a packed lunch when they return in September.

Year 6 Graduation—2 tickets per child, 2.00pm start. Light refreshments at the end

Governor Recruitment

We are looking to fill five Co-opted Governor roles to join our Governing Body. If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in this role and is willing to take on the responsibility please could they call the school office, 01202 380103, and we would be happy to provide further information. Unfortunately parent/carers are unable to apply as our all our Parent Governor roles are full.

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

Reminder for Year 2 Parents and Carers

In September, when your child starts in Year 3, their school uniform will change. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website (www.manorside-academy.co.uk) which contains a link to order jumpers and ties. We have a selection of different sized jumpers here in the school office if you would like your child to come in and try some on. The children will still need to wear their PE kit on their assigned PE days.

Infant Free School Meals will also end when your child finishes Year 2. If you are in receipt of income base Free School Meals then please see the letter that was sent out on Monday as you will need to reapply. If you would still like your child to have a school meal these can be purchased via ParentPay.

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

Reminders

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.

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Dorset Rescue Cats

We are hosting a weekly hair braiding event at the Moordown Community Centre Cafe. We really want to highlight to families that this is a highly affordable summer activity during an otherwise expensive time of year, while simultaneously supporting two great local causes.

Event Details for Parents:

What: Summer Hair Braiding Fundraiser

Cost: Only £5 per braid—making it a fun, budget-friendly holiday treat for the kids.

When: Every Friday throughout the summer holidays, plus other times by flexible arrangement.

Where: Moordown Community Centre Cafe/Courtyard.

Why it matters: Every penny goes directly to supporting the independent care of Dorset Rescue Cats. Furthermore, the community centre cafe will be open serving affordable refreshments, so parents can relax and support the venue while they wait.

We have recently been made aware of an error in the latest Summer Issue of Primary Times Dorset.

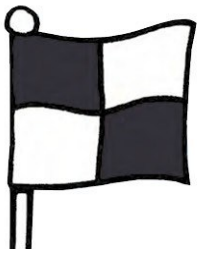
On page 11, the water safety feature contains incorrect information due to a printing error.

Unfortunately, the image labels were mixed up during the production process, resulting in the flag descriptions being matched to the wrong flags.

We have attached: The amended water safety advertisement

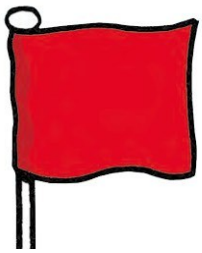
BEACH FLAGS

(FLAG 1)
Colour : Black / White
This area is for water-sports like windsurfing and surfing, kayaks & paddleboards.

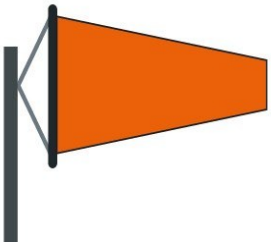


(FLAG 2)
Colour : Red/Yellow
This is a lifeguarded area. This is the safest area to swim or bodyboard.

(FLAG 3)
Colour : Red
This means danger. NEVER go into the sea where this flag is flying.



(FLAG 4)
Colour : Orange
Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. Never use inflatables when it's flying.



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.

Class Attendance for the previous 2 weeks

The school expectation is 96%

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3FT
98.62 98.47	84.67 88.15	94.35 95.17	93 97.22	95.36 97.22	96.21 98.47	96.67 97.53	91.3 94.2
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
99.26 92.59	97.86 94.84	96.43 96.03	95.38 96.15	91.79 96.83	85.45 96.97		70 77.78

High Achievers for the previous 2 weeks

RG	RK	1S	1W	2O	2W	3B	3FT
WHOLE CLASS SOPHIE	WHOLE CLASS KIRA	JIMMY ADAM	HUNTER CHARLIE	TYLER JESSE	SUMAYA S SOPHIE	WHOLE CLASS THEA	ADALIND ELI
4M	**4P**	**5CF**	**5H**	**6E**	**6G**		**PRB**
SULTAN SUMMER	DEFNE CAINE	ANGEL SOPHIA	NAZRIN	JENSON L	CONNOR PARKER		

Kindness	Resilient	Respectful	Unique
EDDIE DEARE AZEEN LUELLA	JIMMY HUGO W CLAY TOBY PAISLEY SOPHIE EMI-ROSE SUPRATIK	IVEY-GRACE ARCHER SAEE ELI LOUIE TOMMIE MAYA	AZAIRA ELI MAX J CONAN

Sports Class	Sports Person	Class Attendance
		KS1—RG 98.62% **KS2—4M 99.26%**
2W	**CAINE**	**KS1 RG 98.47%, 2W 98.47%** **KS2—3B 97.53%**

	DATES TO REMEMBER
20th July 2026	Sports Day (Lower school 9.45am –11.30am / Upper school- 1.15pm till 3.00pm)
21st July 2026	8.35am to 8.55am Receptions Together Tuesday
22nd July 2026	Year 6 Graduation 2.00pm—2 Tickets per child with light re-freshments at the end
22nd July 2026	Last school Day
23rd July 2026	Summer Holidays begin
3rd Sept 2026	Children return to school
3rd Sept 2026	Lunches will be packed lunches
4th Sept 2026	Lunches will be packed lunches