



# MANOR HILL NEWS

16th of January 2026

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful week of learning it has been here at Manor Hill! The children have settled back incredibly well and we are super proud of them. Well done!

This week Mr Tapp and I met with our awesome PTFA who have lots of exciting events planned for the coming months including Friendship Discos and a Chocolate Bingo Event as well as some Mother's Day surprises. If you'd like to get involved or help out, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With the amazing **£2,065** raised in Autumn Term through events such as the Festive Fayre, Discos and refreshment sales we are looking at investing in new staging. Your generosity makes such a difference to our school community. **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Lindsay Harris  
Executive Headteacher & Team Manor Hill

## Keeping Our Children Safe Online

We had an Online Safety assembly this week based on health, wellbeing and lifestyle choices around screen time. We learnt about the impact of too much screen time on our health and wellbeing. We also learnt about strategies on how to combat this. Our children were amazing at giving advice to their friends! We will continue to cover this strand of online safety learning through our computing lessons this half term.

**S** Speak to somebody if you need help

**A** Ask an adult before going online

**F** Friends are real people we know

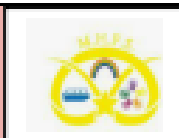
**E** Enjoy play, have fun and stay safe

e-safety adviser

**Stay safe online**

## Highlights

- Bright Beginners have been exploring the use of different tools and textures to make colourful winter patterns.
- Early Explorers have been looking at the cold weather. We have crunched the grass and observed the trees and hedges.
- Little Learners have enjoyed a lovely winter walk. We explored frost, made footprints and discovered ice patterns. We observed winter trees as part of our seasonal learning.
- In English, Reception Class have learnt and performed their story maps for Little Red Hen. What an amazing job they did!
- One of Willow's favourite activities this week has been learning about The Great Fire of London. We can tell you what, where, when and why it happened! We are also doing a super job at counting forwards to, and backwards from 20. We super Maths Experts we are!
- Year 2 in Maple Class have been absolutely smashing column subtraction using dienes to help. Year 1 have been amazing at ordering and building numbers from 10 to 20. We have also been focussing on teen numbers being made up of one ten and a number of ones.
- This week Elm Class have started writing our Pirate Scavenger Hunt instructions using time connectives, adjectives and commas. One of our favourite things we learnt about was The Great Fire of London and what, where, when, who, why and how it happened. We also learnt about Eid in Religious Education.
- This week, Birch Class has been learning about push and pull forces. We thought about objects that can be pushed and pulled. We even talked about push and pull forces that we have in our homes and whether we use them everyday.
- Ash Class have had a fantastic week. We have been multiplying two digit numbers by a one digit number. Ash Class have used their times tables knowledge brilliantly! Children have also loved their gymnastics lesson using the apparatus to travel and balance.
- Elder Class have had an amazing week writing brilliant scenery descriptions for The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe!



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## Spring Term Key Dates and Events 2025-2026

January	February	March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School</li> <li>• <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Elder Year Four Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Reception Library Visit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b> NSPCC Number Day</li> <li>• <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Birch Year Three Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>• <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> Half Term</li> <li>• <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 'Gotta Sing' Choir at The Gatehouse - Evening (Times TBC)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b> World Book Day</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage Two Mother's Day Session 9.10 am</li> <li>Key Stage One Mother's Day Session 2.15pm</li> <li>• <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b> Nursery Mother's Day Session 9.10 am</li> <li>Reception Mother's Day Session 2.15pm</li> <li>• <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Parents Evenings</li> <li>• <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Elm Year Two Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>• <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Standon Bowers Information Evening 5.30pm</li> <li>• <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Reception Balance &amp; Beam</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage One Spring Assemblies 9.10am &amp; 2.30pm</li> <li>• <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Holidays</li></ul>



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## Summer Term Key Dates and Events 2025-2026

April	May	June	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Inset Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Year One &amp; Two Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday</li> <li>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Standon Bowers Residential Year 4</li> <li>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Reception Shop Visit</li> <li>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Willow Year One Assembly 9.15am</li> <li>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Half Term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Inset Day</li> <li>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Standon Bowers Presentation Evening - 5.30pm</li> <li>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Reception 2026/2027 Information Evening- 5.30pm</li> <li>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Key Stage One Father's Day Session 9.10 am Key Stage Two Father's Day Session 2.15pm</li> <li>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nursery Father's Day Session Bright Beginners &amp; Early Explorers 9.10am Little Learners 10.30am Reception Father's Day Session 2.15pm</li> <li>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nursery &amp; Reception Sports Day (am)</li> <li>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Reception Class 2026- Teddy Bears Picnic 4pm -5pm</li> <li>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Key Stage One Sports Day (am) Key Stage Two Sports Day (pm)</li> <li>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Transition days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Reserve Sports Day Key Stage One &amp; Two</li> <li>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day Early Years</li> <li>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teachers 3.30pm and 5.30pm</li> <li>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Key Stage Two Leavers Show 1.30pm &amp; 6pm</li> <li>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre 3.30pm to 5.30pm</li> <li>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nursery Graduation 9.15am</li> <li>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Year Four Graduation 9.15am</li> <li>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Summer Term 2026</li> </ul>