



MANOR HILL NEWS

11th September 2026

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Dear Families,

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back for our first full week of the new school year. The children have settled in amazingly well and have made a wonderful start to the term.

We are excited that our extra-curricular clubs will begin next week and are delighted to be able to offer such a wide variety of opportunities for our children. A huge thank you to Team Manor Hill and Time 4 Sport for all their hard work in organising these activities.

You will also see that we have now set the dates for our Open Events for prospective Nursery and Reception children. Please share these with any friends or family members who may be interested. We would love the opportunity to show them why we believe Manor Hill is the place to be!

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Executive Headteacher & Team Manor Hill

Thinking about your child's Nursery and Reception adventure? Join us to find out if Manor Hill is the place to be for your family.

**MANOR HILL FIRST SCHOOL
OPEN EVENTS 2026**

Come and see what makes Manor Hill the place to be! ★

- Wednesday 30th September**
⌚ 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Thursday 1st October**
⌚ 1:30pm - 2:30pm ★ Places must be pre-booked
- Saturday 3rd October**
⌚ 9:00am - 10:30am ☕ Open Morning
- Wednesday 11th November**
⌚ 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Call 01785 812418 or
Email office@manorhill.staffs.sch.uk

Seesaw is Coming to Manor Hill!

We are excited to announce that Year 1 - 4 will now be using Seesaw as a new way to share learning, celebrate achievements and keep families informed about what is happening in school.

Today, children will be bringing home:

A QR code/access code to connect parents and carers to their child's Seesaw account.

A Seesaw Acceptable Use Guide, outlining how the platform will be used safely and effectively.

A consent form, which we ask all parents/carers to complete and return as soon as possible.

Seesaw provides a secure window into your child's learning journey and will become our main platform for class updates, learning celebrations and school news. We look forward to sharing your child's experiences with you throughout the year!

Manor Hill's The Place To Be!



Highlights

Bright Beginners has welcomed lots of new children this term and we have all been getting to know each other. We are learning our routines and everyone has been a little superstar! Next week we will be looking forward to learning about ourselves and our families.

Little Learners have settled really well, we have been establishing our routines. We have found our coat pegs, put our water bottles on the trolley and then self-registered our names. We each have a special place on the drying rack to keep all our pictures and have learnt where everything belongs in the classroom. We have even learnt to put on our puddle suits and Wellington boots. What superstars we are!

In Reception this week, children have settled into school life exceptionally well and are already becoming familiar with classroom routines and expectations. They are growing in confidence each day, navigating the school environment positively and engaging enthusiastically in a range of activities. It has been lovely to see them building new friendships, developing their independence, and embracing their new learning experiences so confidently.

Willow Class have settled beautifully into life in Key Stage 1, adapting to the change of structure and routines from Reception. This week, the children enjoyed our number treasure hunt in the classroom! This half term we are looking forward to learning about living things and their habitats in our school grounds as part of our science and forest school lessons.



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Maple Class have made a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled back into school routines brilliantly. Our Year 1 children have been working hard as they begin their new reading groups, while Year 2 have made a great start with their reading fluency sessions.

We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to this term! In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of place value and numbers. In Science, we will be exploring living things and their habitats, while our History learning will take us closer to home as we discover more about The Potteries. In RE, we will be thinking about caring for the natural world and the important role we all have in looking after it.

Elm Class have had an amazing week and the children have settled into Year 2 really well. We have had an amazing launch day for our first piece of writing on Jack and the Beanstalk where the children followed a scavenger hunt to find the magic beanstalk. In Maths we have started representing numbers to 100 with dienes and in Science we have begun looking at living and non-living things.

This week, Ash Class have been amazing in their first Maths lessons. They have drawn dienes like professionals to partition numbers correctly. We are looking forward to starting new projects next week.

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year in Birch Class. The children have settled in amazingly. They have been thoroughly enjoying our new class read, Llama out Loud, and have loved getting stuck in. The children have also been amazing in Maths, working hard on representing and partitioning numbers.

Elder Class have been champions this week! We have really enjoyed starting our new book "Llama out loud" and are looking forward to finding out what the cheeky llama is going to do next.

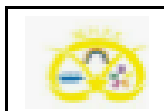


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

September	October	November	December
Thursday 3rd 1st Day of School Friday 4th Whole school Colour Run Tuesday 22nd Key Stage One Spellings and Reading Workshops 8.15am and 3.30pm Tuesday 29th Year 4 Multiplication Check Workshops 8.15am and 3.30pm	Friday 2nd Key Stage 2 Harvest Assemblies 9.15am and 2.30pm Monday 5th Oak Class Reception Phonics Parties 3.30pm Tuesday 6th Beech Class Reception Phonics Parties 3.30pm Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th Parents Evenings Tuesday 20th Spooky Discos Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm Friday 23rd Reception Room On The Broom Forest School Session with Families 2pm Week of 26th Half Term	Monday 2nd Inset Day Tuesday 3rd Photo Day- Individual and Siblings Friday 13th Children In Need Monday 16th KS2 NMA trip	Thursday 10th Festive Jumper Day Friday 11th Manor Hill Makers Market and Festive Fayre 3.30-5.30pm Monday 14th Bright Beginners & Early Explorers Festive Work Shops 9:15am Monday 14th Little Learners Festive Sing-A-Long 2.30pm Tuesday 15th Festive Discos Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm Tuesday 15th Key Stage Two Community Carols 9:15 Wednesday 16th Reception Nativity 9.15am & 2pm Thursday 17th Key Stage One Carols 9.15am & 2:30pm Friday 18th Festive Surprise Last Day of Term
			21 st Christmas Holidays



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Spring Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

January	February	March
• Monday 4th Return to School • Tuesday 5th KS1 and 2 New Vic Theatre Trip • Friday 22nd Birch Class Assembly 9.15am	• Friday 5th NSPCC Number Day Tuesday 9th Friendship Disco Nursery (BB) AM Reception 1-2 Nursery 2-3 Key Stage 1 4-5pm Key Stage 2 5.15-6.15pm • Friday 12th Elder class assembly 9.15am • Monday 15th Half Term	• Monday 15th Key Stage Two Mother's Day Session 9.15 am - Key Stage One Mother's Day Session 2.15pm • Tuesday 20th Nursery Mother's Day Session Bright Beginners 2:15pm - Early Explorers/Little Learners 2.15pm • Wednesday 30th Reception Mother's Day Session 2.15pm Thursday 4th World Book Day • Tuesday 9th Standon Bowers Information Evening 5.15pm • Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th Parents Evenings • Friday 19th Ash class Assembly 9.15am • Wednesday 24th Key Stage One Spring Assemblies 9.15am & 2.30pm Friday 26th - Good Friday - school closed • Monday 29th Easter Holidays



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Summer Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

April	May	June	July
Monday 12th Inset Day	- Monday 3rd Bank Holiday - Friday 7th Elm class Assembly 9.15am - Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th Standon Bowers Residential Year 4 - Friday 28th Maple class Assembly 9.15am - Monday 31st Half Term	- Monday 7th Inset Day - Thursday 10th - Reception 2026/2027 Information Evening- 5.30pm - Tuesday 15th - Standon Bowers Presentation Evening - 5.30pm - Monday 14th Nursery Father's Day Session Bright Beginners & Early Explorers Little Learners 2:15pm - Thursday 17th Key Stage One Father's Day Session 9.15 am Key Stage Two Father's Day Session 2.15pm - Friday 18th Reception Father's Day Session 2.15pm - Tuesday 22nd Nursery - 9:15 & Reception Sports Day 10:30 - Tuesday 22nd New Reception Class 2027-28 Teddy Bears Picnic 4pm -5pm - Thursday 24th Key Stage One Sports Day (9:15)	- Thursday 1st - Reserve Sports Day Early Years - Friday 2nd Reserve Sports Day Key Stage Two - Reserve Sports Day Key Stage One - Monday 5th Reserve Sports Day Early Years - Tuesday 6th Manor Hill Alumni event - Friday 9th Summer Fayre 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Thursday 15th Key Stage Two Leavers Show 1.30pm & 5:30pm - Friday 16th Nursery Graduation 2:15pm - Monday 19th - Year Four Graduation 2pm - Tuesday 20th Leavers Treat - Wednesday 21st Last Day of Summer Term 2026