



MANOR HILL NEWS

18th September 2026

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Dear Families,

This week, it has been wonderful to see our school values of Collaboration, Creativity, Resilience, Respect, Exploration and Kindness shining through in every classroom I have visited. Our children continue to demonstrate these values in their learning, friendships and wider school life, making Manor Hill the place to be!

It has also been fantastic to see so many children taking part in our wide range of after-school clubs. These enriching opportunities are only possible thanks to the enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of our talented teaching team, who generously give their time to provide such a varied and engaging offer for our pupils. A huge thank you to all staff involved.

We are excited to have launched Seesaw across the whole school, providing families with a wonderful way to stay connected with their child's learning and achievements. If you do not yet have access to Seesaw, please contact the school office at office@manorhill.staffs.sch.uk and we will be happy to help.

Year 4 Families: Middle School Open Events

As you begin to think about the next stage of your child's educational journey, local middle schools are hosting open events for prospective families. These events are a fantastic opportunity to visit schools, meet staff and pupils, and learn more about what each school has to offer.

Christ Church Academy Open Morning

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Book your visit:

<https://www.christchurchacademy.co.uk/>

Walton Priory Middle School Open Evening

Thursday 15th October 2026

Further information and booking:

<https://www.waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk/events/month/2026-10/>

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Executive Headteacher & Team Manor Hill

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

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Highlights

Bright Beginners have been exploring "Myself and My Family" through sharing family photos, mirror play and creating self-portraits. We've had lots of fun!



This week, Little Learners explored blackberries through a range of exciting activities. The children enjoyed using blackberry play dough to develop their fine motor skills and creativity. In the texture kitchen, they explored fresh blackberries and fruity tea bags, using their senses to investigate different textures and smells. During Forest School, we went on a blackberry hunt, exploring the outdoors and learning about nature.

In Reception this week, the children have been introduced to our new story, *The Three Little Pigs*. They have been learning the story using a story map and have loved retelling it using actions. They performed the story with so much enthusiasm and confidence, we were very impressed!

Willow have continued to work hard this week. In our English lessons, we have been looking at the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children have been learning about nouns and adjectives to describe Jack and have written some super sentences - I am super proud of their writing! In Maths, we have been working on rapid recall of number facts within 10. Try asking them quick facts for 1 more and 1 less than any number to 10 and see how quickly they can answer. We began learning about The Potteries in our History lessons this week, thinking about why Stoke on Trent is called The Potteries and locating the River Trent and the Trent and Mersey Canal on a map. A great week of learning!

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Maple Class have enjoyed learning about living things in Science, this week. We have enjoyed finding living things during Forest School. In R.E, we are learning about caring for the natural world and we had lots of ideas of how to look after gardens and plants.



This week, Elm Class have started to partition numbers into tens and ones, we started writing sentences including adjectives and nouns to describe Jack from *Jack and the Beanstalk*. In Science, we have started sorting items into living and non-living things. The children even went on a scavenger hunt to find living things out in forest school - what an amazing week!

This week, Ash Class have worked really hard on our character descriptions for our new text *Llama Out Loud*. Year 3 have used some brilliant adjectives to describe Levi and we will continue with this next week.

What an amazing week Birch have had! In Maths, we have been learning all about partitioning numbers, and the children have really enjoyed exploring different ways to partition numbers. We have also had lots of fun in Science, learning about Mrs Gren and the seven life processes.

Elder Class have been super mathematicians, partitioning and representing numbers to 10,000. We have also been writing a character description about the appearance of the llama from our book called Levi. They have come up with some amazing adjectives to describe him. 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.

Aspens Updates



Primary Promotion Dates

ASPENS	MONTH	DATE	THEME	ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR CENSUS DAY	SPECIFIC EVENT DATE
	September 2026	17/09/26	Welcome Back		2026/27 Academic Year Begins
CENSUS DAY	October 2026	01/10/26	Jungle Fest	Lucky Plate	4th World Animal Day
	November 2026	05/11/26	Sparkle Spectacular		5th Bonfire Night
	December 2026	17/12/26	Festive Fun		25th Christmas
CENSUS DAY	January 2027	21/01/27	Let's Explore!	Lucky Plate	
	February 2027	11/02/27	Lunar New Year		6th - 20th Lunar New Year (Fire Goat)
	March 2027	04/03/27	World Book Day		4th World Book Day
	April 2027	15/04/27	Planet Heroes		22nd Earth Day
CENSUS DAY	May 2027	20/05/27	Out Of This World	Lucky Plate	7th National Space Day
	June 2027	17/06/27	Sunshine Splash		Summer Official Starts: June 1 (Meteorological) or June 21 (Astronomical).
	July 2027	15/07/27	Food FESTIVAL		

Dates are based on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless it relates to a specific event date e.g. census day



Manor Hill's The Place To Be!

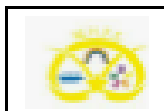


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

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 23rd Nursery Mother's Day Session Bright Beginners 2:15pm - Early Explorers/Little Learners 2.15pm • Wednesday 31st 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