



MANOR HILL NEWS

2nd October 2026

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful week it has been here at Manor Hill First School!

We could not be prouder of our Key Stage 2 pupils, who ended the week with a fantastic Harvest Celebration performance. Their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work were a delight to see, and they represented our school brilliantly.

Our incredible Reception children also had a fantastic time visiting the local allotment, where they enjoyed exploring the outdoors and learning more about where food comes from. A huge thank you for your generous Harvest donations. Your kindness will help to support local families within our community and is greatly appreciated.

We are also looking forward to seeing your entries for this year's Scarecrow Competition. We have an amazing Autumn-themed hamper up for grabs, so get creative and join in the fun!

If you have not yet booked your Parent Consultation appointment, please do so. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps in learning.

It has been wonderful to see such positive engagement with SeeSaw. We hope you are finding the platform easy to use and a helpful way to stay connected with school life. As a reminder, for any urgent messages or information relating to your child's health or medical needs, please contact the school office directly at office@manorhill.staffs.sch.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Executive Headteacher & Team Manor Hill

Highlights

The Bright Beginners have been busy learning all about Autumn this week. We have created leaf hand paintings for our display board and decorated our windows with everything Autumn! We have discovered the different textures of pumpkins and pine cones.

We have had another very busy and exciting week in Little Learners!

This week, we have enjoyed sharing our Autumn treasures and reading the story *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert. The children loved exploring the different leaves, seeds and natural objects they collected. Thank you so much for your support in helping your child bring in their Autumn treasures. As part of our learning, we have been exploring stripy and spotty patterns. The children have been busy creating their own patterns.

In Reception this week, to support our learning around the story *Pumpkin Soup*, we went on a walk to our local allotment. We looked at lots of growing vegetables and even dug up our own potatoes, this is in preparation for tasting our very own pumpkin soup before half term.

Willow Class have created some superb pottery designs, based on Josiah Wedgwood's Jasperware. We enjoyed being creative and we are looking forward to using clay next week!

In Art this week, Maple Class have enjoyed learning about Paul Klee and his works of abstract art forms and vibrant colours. In History, we have loved learning about bottle kilns and 'firing' clay to harden it.

In History this week, Elm Class have been looking at Josiah Wedgwood and the Wedgwood blue pottery design. We have written some amazing sentences in English using 'when' and 'because' to describe Jack's feelings during different events in the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Ash have done some fantastic sketching of landscapes, taking inspiration from the artist L.S Lowry! We used different size sketching pencils to add detail to our creations. We can't wait to add the paint on top!

This week, Birch Class have learnt to classify animals into invertebrates and vertebrates. We have researched mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish!

Elder Class have been working super hard to perfect their Harvest Performance. They have put so much hard work and effort into it! We were so excited for families and friends to watch our performances!





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!

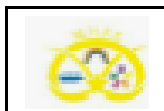


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

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