



MANOR HILL NEWS

9th October 2026

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Dear Families,

What another action-packed week it has been here at Manor Hill First School!

A huge thank you to everyone who entered our Scarecrow Competition. The entries look incredible and showcase such wonderful creativity. We hope you had lots of fun making them with your families.

Our Key Stage Two pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit from Severn Trent Water, who delivered an engaging assembly and a series of workshops focused on the important topic of water safety. The children learned a great deal and represented the school brilliantly.

Team Manor Hill has also loved welcoming both new and existing families during our recent open events. It has been wonderful to share our school with so many visitors, and, due to popular demand, we are delighted to have added an additional open event date.

A reminder that the admissions window for Reception and Middle School places for September 2027 opens on 1st November. Applications can be made via the Staffordshire County Council website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/applying-primary-and-middle-school-places>

As always, if you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs L Harris
Executive Head Teacher & Team Manor Hill



**AND THE WINNER IS
MR & MRS SCARECROW!**

**WELL DONE AND THANK
YOU TO ALL OF OUR
ENTRIES**



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Highlights

The Bright Beginners have been busy exploring scented Play Doh, we have enjoyed squeezing, rolling, squashing and pinching it. All of these actions help the small muscles in the hands and fingers to develop.

This week in Little Learners, we have been exploring conkers and creating a large conker run. The children had lots of fun through collaboration and teamwork, developing their problem-solving skills as they explored different ways to make conkers roll.

Reception Class have been busy making and tasting our very own pumpkin soup, using the pumpkins we picked from the allotment. The children loved being involved in the whole process, from seeing where the pumpkins came from and, of course, tasting the finished soup!

Willow Class have enjoyed collecting materials to build our bug houses, in Forest School this week. We sorted them into bags of sticks, leaves, and other natural bits like seeds, stones, moss and grass. We are looking forward to making them next week!

Maple Class have loved learning about the Pottery industry in History. They have learned about bottle kilns, The Trent and Mersey Canal and Josiah Wedgwood. We look forward to our trip later this half term to Middleport Pottery Museum.

In R.E. this week, Elm Class have been learning about Christianity and how Christian's worship through reading the bible, going to church and praying. In Science, we have been learning about microhabitats.

As part of our new History project this week, Ash Class have really enjoyed learning all about Skara Brae. We have created some fabulous posters showing why it's history is so important.

This week, Birch Class have loved learning about flowering and non-flowering plants. We have also smashed Maths this week, we have compared and ordered numbers to 10,000.

In Science this week, Elder Class have been studying the classification of plants, this has included looking at a variety of plants that grow flowers to reproduce, which then turn into fruits and seeds. In Maths, we have looked at numbers to 10,000 and in English we have compared the emotions of Yasmin and Levi in the book "Lama out Loud".



YELLOW DAY AT MANOR HILL



MANOR HILL FIRST SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2026

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



Wednesday 11th November



5:00pm - 6:30pm

Call 01785 812418 or

Email

office@manorhill.staffs.sch.uk



Thursday 19th November



1:30pm - 2:30pm ★

Places must be pre-booked

Reception Applications open on 1st of November 2026
via <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions>



Walton Warriors Football Club are holding A Night at the Proms with the Lea Hall Brass Band, supported by Stone Lions, on Saturday 17th October at Walton Community Centre.

We are fundraising towards the purchase of a portable defibrillator for Walton Warriors, which can be taken with the team to matches and training. Having immediate access to a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac emergency could make an enormous difference, so this is something we're really keen to make happen for the club and our young players.

**A Night at the Proms
Saturday 17th October 2026
Walton Community Centre, Whitemill Lane, Stone, ST15 0EQ
Doors open 7pm | Starts 7.30pm
Tickets £10
Flags and bunting provided
Bring your own food and drink**

Tickets are available by calling Stone Lions on 01785 814852, or from Arcadia Café or Plants the Jewellers.

Every ticket sold helps us get closer to having this potentially life-saving piece of equipment available for our local children.

Thank you so much for supporting a local grassroots football club.

Walton Warriors Football Club



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



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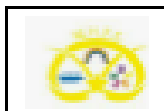


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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2026-2027

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 21st 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