



Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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Weekly Newsletter

Monday 15th September 2025

Dear families

We had a very good week at Manor Park First and have enjoyed seeing the children settling into school life. Our science topics are in full swing and the children have enjoyed starting learning about their brain and how it works. We are very proud to be a Happy Mind school and following the NHS backed program. Teaching young children about their brain and how to keep it healthy is so important and we want to empower our children to become resilient young adults. I hope that you have all downloaded the app which is full of useful information and strategies which can be used at home. Mr. Martin is also leading some parent workshops which will be helpful when dealing with school anxiety or avoidance, general mental health and resilient building.

As the weather is turning please may I remind you all to send your children to school with a coat so that we can enjoy the fresh air despite the occasional drop of rain.

Have a wonderful week all

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Save the Date

DATE	EVENT
16th September	My Happy Mind Parent workshop (9:00 am)
17th September	My Happy Mind Parent workshop (2:30pm)
19th September	Hooke Court meeting @ 3:15pm
24th September	Storyteller visit
24th September	SEND Family meetings
25th and 26th September	Year 4 Roman House Trip
7th -13th October	Scholastic Book Fair
9th October	Mayor of Dorchester visiting the school
10th October	Hello Yellow Day (Young Minds)
13th/ 14th October	Teacher and SENDCo meetings
15th/ 16th October	Literacy Festival
16th October	Reception New Parent Tour (10:30am)
20th October	Parents' evening
21st October	Parents' evening
22nd/ 23rd/ 24th October	INSET Days
27th -31st October	Half Term

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HIGHLIGHTS
of the **WEEK**



Year 3 children conducted an experiment to look at the erosion effects of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks against one another.

Year 1 have visited the library this week. The children enjoyed choosing their own book to share with their grown-up at home.



A huge thank you to the local Baptist church for donating these crosses for our reflection areas.



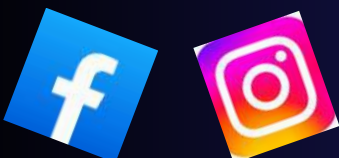
The children in year 4 enjoyed learning how sound travels in their outdoor learning sessions this week.



As part of their Science lesson, Ash Class, in Year 2, went on a hunt for things that were alive, never been alive and dead.



Welcoming back our current Preschool children and a big hello and welcome to our new children.





MyHappyMind Parent workshops



Join us for a short workshop, introducing MyHappyMind. We will introduce the structure and content of the programme and explore the FREE parental app, which will allow you to understand and support what your child is learning at school.



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Open Days!

Visit us on 16th
October or 6th
November at
10:30am

Are you looking for a school place for your child who is due to join Reception in September 2026?



We are delighted to invite you to our school on **Thursday 16th October** or **Thursday 6th November** at 10:30am, where you will have the opportunity to: have a tour with Mrs Sterck, our Head of School; meet our enthusiastic Reception team; and see the excellent provision we offer to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

*If you are unable to attend on the above dates, please call the school office to make an appointment at a time to suit you.

To book a tour, please contact the school office on 01305 268741 or email office@manorpark.wessex.ac



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*Attendance Winners
this week are...*

K.S.1
Willow Class: 99.6%
K.S.2
Sycamore Class: 98.1%



Days off school add up to lost learning!

100% attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success.	
96% attendance	1 week 3 days of missed learning	Well Done!	
95% attendance	2 weeks of missed learning	Poor attendance Worrying!	
92% attendance	3 weeks 1 day of missed learning		
91% attendance	3 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Very Poor attendance	
75% attendance	9 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Extremely concerning!	

*"Love is a safe place of shelter,
For it never stops believing the best for
others. Love never takes failure as defeat,
for it never gives up. Love never stops
Loving. 1 Corinthians 13: 7-8*

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