

Manor Park

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Weekly Newsletter

Monday 17th November 2025

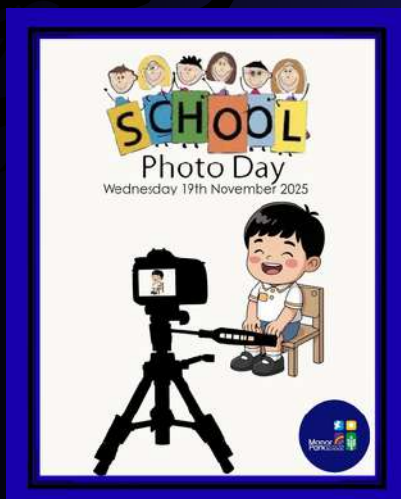
Dear families

Wow! What an amazing and busy week we had again, and how lovely it was to see the sun this morning. The children are busy making and evaluating their different designs in DT. There are some amazing creations.

It is getting colder, so please make sure your children have coats.

This week, we have some exciting visitors. The local MP is coming in on Thursday to speak with our children and the Eco Committee, as well as our Happiness Heroes. We very much look forward to the visit.

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Save the Date

19th November	Individual School Photos
20 th November	MP Edward Morello visit
24th November	UK Parliament Week
27 th November	EYFS coffee morning (9am-10am)
27th November	Buds Wreath making workshop
28th November	Signature House Christmas Bazaar
1 st December	Advent begins
1 st December	Happiness Heroes visit Corn Exchange
2nd December	SENDCo meetings
4th December	Reception visit Nutley Farm
4th December	St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival
4th December	Yr 4 Journey to the stable
5th December	Preschool Christmas Craft event 2pm-3pm
5th December	Yr 3 Journey to the stable (am)
8th December	Hazel Class Christmas craft event 2:15-3:15
8th December	Year 2 St George's Church visit
11 th December	Maple Class Christmas craft event 2:15-3:15
12th December	Open Afternoon 'Celebrate'
12th December	Buds Winter Fair
15 th December	Yr 1 and 2 Nativity Performance 10:30-11:30
15th December	Y3/4 St George's Christmas service 1:45pm
16 th December	Yr 1 and 2 Nativity Performance 1:45- 2:45
16th December	Signature House residents invited to watch the Nativity
17th December	Christmas Carols at Signature House
17th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December	End of term



**Further detailed information will be sent out via Arbor for specific events closer to the time.*

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HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



This week, the children here at Preschool have been learning all about Remembrance Day and the special meaning of the poppy.



Year 3 have been learning about stop animation in their Computing lessons.



Our Happiness Heroes led our Odd Socks assembly today to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. They also encouraged children to participate in the Children in Need 'Challenge Yourself to 25'

We came together as a school community to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict.





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Manor Park Pantry



Open every week, including the holidays

During school term time: Open Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm

During holidays: Open Wednesday and Thursday 10am-11am*

*This year, Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Thursday, so The Pantry will only be open on the Wednesdays during the Christmas Holidays.

The Pantry

All proceeds are used to replenish stock in The Pantry.

20p a ticket / £1 a strip.

RAFFLE
Tickets on sale now!

Tickets can be bought at The Pantry or from Tina Hill on the School gate.

To be drawn on the 17th December 2025.





Eco Warriors



CUT YOUR CARBON

WITH ECO-SCHOOLS

November is Cut Your Carbon Month!

Our Manor Park Eco-Warriors are excited to invite the whole school community to join us in tackling carbon emissions - **one simple action at a time**. Throughout November, we encourage you and your family to take part in six easy challenges at home designed to raise awareness and inspire positive change for our planet.

Here are the **six challenges** to complete with your family and friends!

Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month 	Make 3 journeys 'active' (walking, cycling, scooting) across the month 
Meal plan to reduce food waste for 1 week 	Lower your washing machine temperature to 30 degrees for 3 washes across the month 
Have a 'device-free' day 	Turn down the heating by 1 degree for a week 

At the end of November, we will gather the results to see how many families took part, estimate the carbon saved, and celebrate the collective impact of our efforts.

Thank you for supporting our Eco-Warriors and helping Manor Park make a difference for the environment. Together, we can create a greener future!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPPAKE ABUSE CONTENT

Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has identified a sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or AI-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remains a criminal offence under UK law.

BLURRED REALITY

Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'liar's dividend', where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

USED FOR BULLYING

Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. AI-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION

AI-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to manipulate their reaction.

DISINFORMATION

AI-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. AI is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS

With just a few photos or voice clips, AI tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particular, on social media.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs AI-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even movements can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safely.

TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared; trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Help children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.

STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

Advise children not to share voice notes, selfies or personal videos on public platforms. AI tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.

Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Limited Preschool spaces available



Are you looking for a preschool place for your child?

We have a few limited spaces available for our 3 and 4 year old children from January.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful school, please contact the school office. We welcome visits so that you can meet our enthusiastic Preschool team and see the excellent provision we offer to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

Please contact the school office on 01305 268741 or email office@manorpark.dorset.sch.uk



Check out our social media pages




BUDS OF MANOR PARK
WINTER FAIR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH
5PM - 7PM

FESTIVE GAMES ~ RAFFLE ~ TOMBOLA
ARTS & CRAFTS ~ FOOD & DRINK
LUCKY DIP ~ GIFTS ~ SWEET TREATS

PLUS FESTIVE SHOPPING WITH
LOCAL CRAFT AND ECO VENDORS


Natural Willow
Christmas Wreath workshop
With Buds of Manor Park
& Nadine Shaban

SOLD OUT

Limited spaces available!

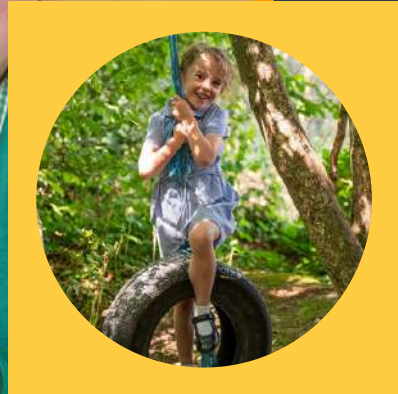
Includes a reusable willow ring, demonstration & ideas from Nadine @ Space to Make, all materials and your completed wreath, plus Christmas nibbles and a glass of prosecco! Additional refreshments available to purchase on the night.



@Budsofmanorpark

BudsOfManorPark





DORCHESTER'S SCHOOL READINESS EVENT

FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHOOL STARTERS

Tuesday 25th November 2025 - 4:45-5:45pm
Charminster Community Hall

ALL CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026 ARE WELCOME!

- Free of charge and no booking required
- Range of play opportunities on offer
- School staff on hand to support children
- School leaders available for discussions
- Experience Reception's areas of learning
- Opportunity to sample school lunches
- Tea, coffee and cold drinks available
- Develop your understanding of school life



Events

IN THE COMMUNITY



Sunnyside studio

Opening December 2025

New to Weymouth!

A new creative space in Weymouth, Dorset, where children, families, and adults can enjoy fun and affordable craft sessions together. From everyday crafting to special workshops and parties, Sunnyside Studio is all about making creativity accessible to everyone.

Pre-booking strongly recommended.

Unit 8, Basepoint, 15 Jubilee close, Weymouth. Dorset DT4 7BS

- Follow us on Facebook for updates: Sunnyside studio
- Visit our website to book your place
- Or get in touch via WhatsApp/text to reserve your spot!

www.sunnysidestudio.co.uk
07394414691

The Sunnyside Studio advertisement features a colorful logo at the top with the words 'Sunnyside Studio' in a playful, bubbly font. Below the logo, the text provides key information about the studio's opening in December 2025, its location in Weymouth, Dorset, and its mission to provide a creative space for all ages. It includes contact details for booking and social media links.

Dorchester Baptist Church

Messy Church

6th December 2025
10:00am - 12:00 noon

Games, craft, singing,
talk, cake, fun for all
the family.

Free!!

The Messy Church advertisement includes the church's name and the event title 'Messy Church'. It specifies the date and time as 6th December 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The text describes the activities as games, craft, singing, talk, and cake, suitable for all families. A prominent 'Free!!' is included. The logo for Messy Church is a red, splatter-like shape with the words 'MESSY CHURCH' inside. Below the text is a silhouette illustration of a nativity scene with camels and figures under a bright sun.

PIZZA & Praise

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
6.30PM - 7.30PM AT ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL

The 'Pizza & Praise' advertisement features a stylized logo with 'PIZZA & Praise' in a mix of bold, sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below the logo is a photograph of a group of people with their hands raised in praise. The event details are listed in a black box with white and pink text: 'SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER', '6.30PM - 7.30PM AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL'.



CHRISTMAS SCIENCE!



WOW Centre @ Sparks, Southill, Weymouth



Festive Science Fun!



Hands-on experiments that spark curiosity and build confidence.



Children feel like real scientists, learning without even realising it

- 21st Dec: 9:30am-12pm - (4-8 years) £20
- 22nd Dec: 9am-3:30pm - (5-10 years) £30

&

Santa Science
Workshop

13th Dec: 9:30 (2-5years)

& 10:30 (3-7 years) £9

BOOK
NOW



Places are limited, secure
your child's spot today

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**ART
SPORTZ+**



Artz+ Sportz+

Holiday programme for children aged 5-17 years who require additional support

Christmas Holidays 2025



- Pantomime fun and laughter
- Climbing and bouldering for TEENZ
- Crafts and Action Van antics
- Sensory and swim session
- Special family Christmas event at Monkey World

View the full programme [here](#) or visit: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz

Sign up to our mailing list: leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

or follow us on [facebook](#)



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*Attendance Winners
this week are...*

- EYFS**
- Hazel Class: 97.8%
- K.S.1**
- Elm Class: 97.8%
- K.S.2**
- Sycamore Class: 99.2%

*“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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