



Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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Weekly Newsletter

Monday 24th November 2025

Dear families

We had a wonderful week at Manor Park First School. The children have loved creating and evaluating their designs in DT. We also had a wonderful visit from the MP, Mr. Morello, who explained his work to the children and spend some time with our Eco Warriors and Happiness Heroes. The children asked him very insightful questions and learned how important his work is.

This week we will be starting our Science topics and I am sure the children will impress you with their knowledge.

Tickets for the Nativity play can now be ordered in the school office.

We are expecting a wet week so please ensure that all children have coats so that they can enjoy some fresh air.

We wish you all a wonderful week.

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Save the Date

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
28th November	Buds Crazy Christmas Hair Day
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 visit St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival
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



24 of our Year 3 and Year 4 children went to Dorchester Rugby Club for an inter-school Tag Rugby event.



Sycamore Class in Year 3 investigated strong and stable structures in outdoor learning.



More #ManorParkSuperStars completed their Children in Need "Challenge Yourself to 25".

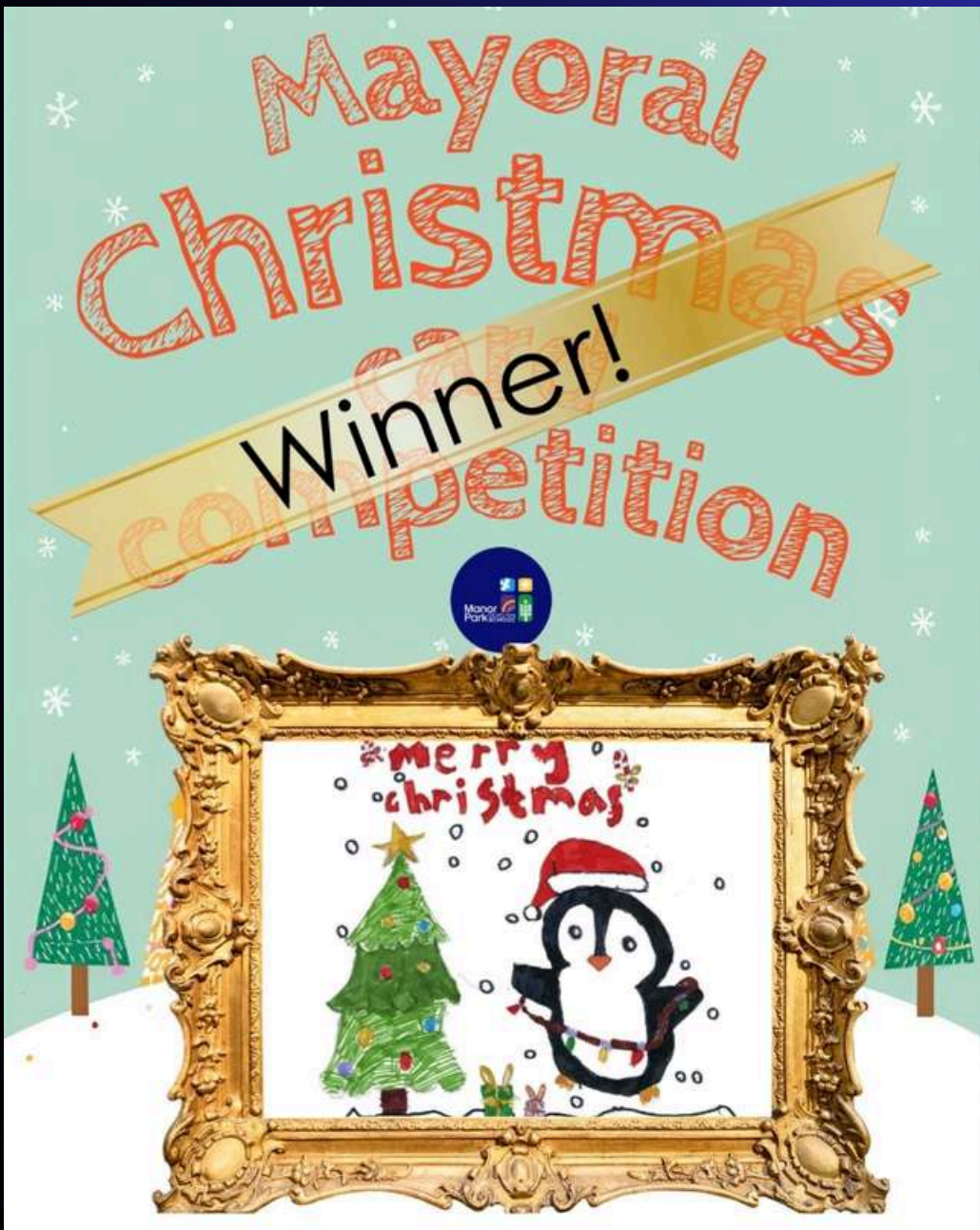


Jenson passed his black belt in Juniors Taekwondo! Only 5 people passed on Sunday, and Jenson's score is officially the highest score of passing black belt for Juniors in the UK!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Poppy appeal this year 🥰 Together, we raised £183.48.

Year 1 have been planning their fruit skewers for Pip and Pap, and this week, they got to make them.



Congratulations to Molly in Chestnut Class, who has won the Mayoral Christmas Card Competition.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition- you made it extremely tricky to choose just one design!



Christmas

CRAFT EVENTS

Preschool and Reception are holding a Christmas craft event, where we are inviting families to come and join us for some Christmas carols and craft activities.



AT MANOR PARK FIRST SCHOOL

Preschool - Friday 5th December 2pm-3pm
Hazel Class Monday 8th December 2:15pm-3:15pm
Maple Class - Thursday 11th December 2:15pm-3:15pm



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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.





Christmas Tree Festival

St. George's Church
Fordington

5th to the 8th December
Free entry



Christmas Cafe

Serving Seasonal Refreshments

Fri 05/12	6-8 pm
Sat 06/12	10am-8pm
Sun 07/12	12-4pm
Mon 08/12	10-5pm

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH PRESENTS:



CAROLS

On The Green

Saturday 6th December 6-7pm
Fordington Green

Hot Dogs, Burgers & Mulled Punch
served in church

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



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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.

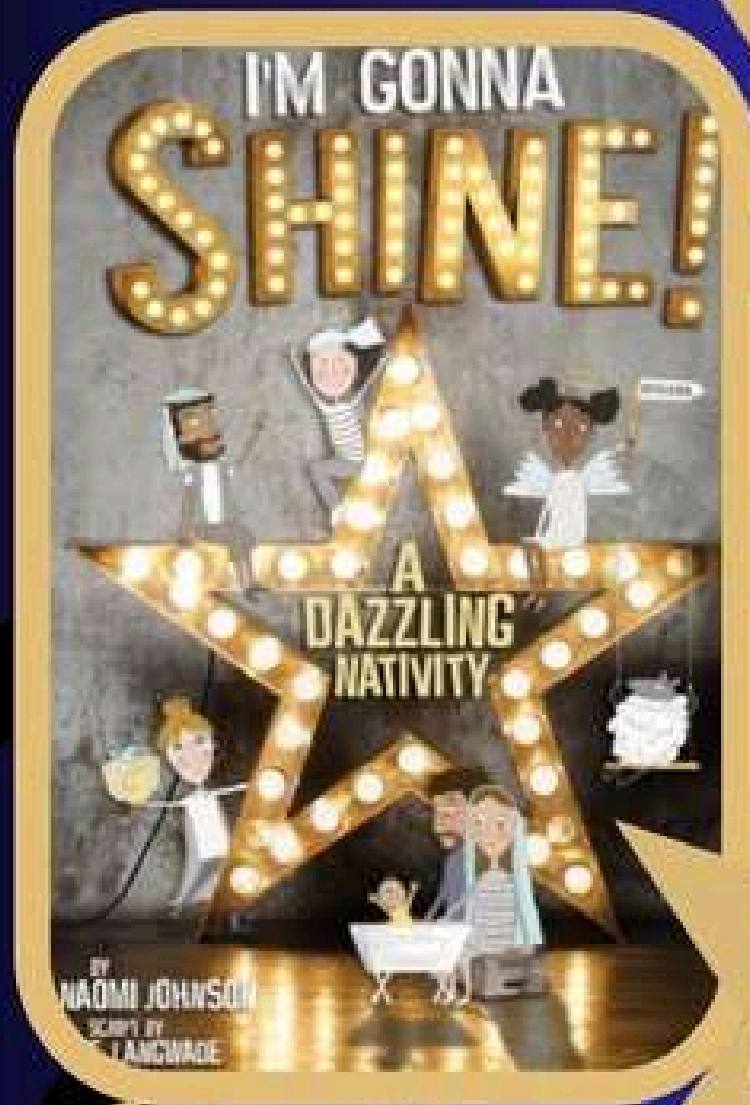
Please contact the school office on 01305 268741 or email office@manorpark.dorset.sch.uk



Check out our social media pages



Manor Park First School presents...



Performed
by Year 1
and Year 2

Tuesday 16th
December
1:45pm -
2:45pm

Monday 15th
December
10:30am -
11:30am

Two tickets available per child

Please contact the school office to
reserve your seat:

in person

email - office@manorpark.wessex.ac

telephone - 01305 268741



Application
Deadline: 15th
January 2026

Is your child starting school in September 2026?



Come and visit us to see for yourself, the fabulous provision we have for our children here at Manor Park First School.

We had two great open mornings recently. If you were unable to attend and would like to see our wonderful provision, please call the school office. We will be able to arrange a tour, where you will have the opportunity to meet our enthusiastic Reception team and see the excellent provision we offer to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

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

Applications for your child's school placement for September 2026 must be made by 15th January 2026 via the Dorset Council website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/starting-school-for-the-first-time> .



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BUDS OF MANOR PARK
CRAZY CHRISTMAS HAIR DAY
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR CRAZIEST, WILDEST, FESTIVE HAIR!
BOPPERS, BAUBLES, TINSEL OR COLOUR - ANYTHING GOES!
PLEASE BRING IN TOMBOLA DONATIONS OF YOUR YEAR GROUP COLOUR FOR THE BUDS WINTER FAIR
CHOCOLATES - SWEETS - BOTTLES - GIFTS
PRESCHOOL AND RECEPTION - PURPLE
YEAR 1 - BLUE
YEAR 2 - RED
YEAR 3 - GREEN
YEAR 4 - ORANGE

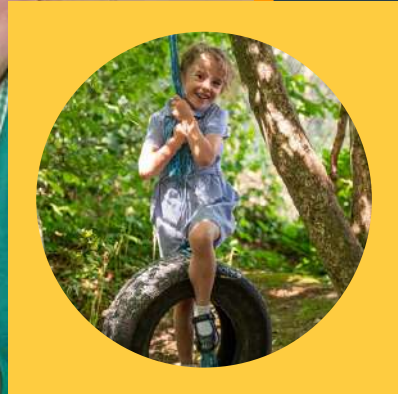
BUDS OF MANOR PARK
WINTER FAIR
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH
5PM - 7PM
FESTIVE GAMES - RAFFLE - TOMBOLA
ARTS & CRAFTS - FOOD & DRINK
LUCKY DIP - GIFTS - SWEET TREATS
PLUS FESTIVE SHOPPING WITH LOCAL CRAFT AND ECO VENDORS



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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

Winter Kids Club

Winter Dorset PIP

Ages 5-10 years with a HAF code

Scan the QR code to book your place

Tuesday 30th December 10am - 2pm
at PIPs Community Room, Poundbury

Funded by Dorset Department for Education Dorset Council

To request a space or for more information, please email: kerry@pipspoundbury.com

Winter in Dorset Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Code Required. To find out if you have a code or are eligible, please check <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Pavilion in the Park, St John Way, Poundbury DT1 2FB Tel: 01305 259142

Crafty Fools Present

ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE

1+1=10?

Seriously Silly Science for All Ages!

Sunday 30 November 2pm
Dorchester Corn Exchange
DorchesterArts

01305 266926 | dorchesterarts.org.uk

PIZZA & Praise

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

Dorchester Baptist Church

Messy Church

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

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

Free!!

Carols on the Green @ St George's Church, Fordington
Saturday 6th December at 6pm

JOIN US FOR A **Tinsel & Twinkle** SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

5PM-7PM

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

TWINKLE THROUGH YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST WITH LATE NIGHT SHOPPING & SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CRÛCHE AT **LITTLE PLAY**

FREE PROSECCO, EXCLUSIVE GOODIE BAGS AND THE UPLIFTING SOUNDS OF THE ROCK CHOIR PERFORMING FROM 6PM

WITH LOTS OF FESTIVE FREEBIES TO TAKE HOME, IT'S THE PERFECT WAY TO GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

SEVENTH SEAL Vinyl van LOCO Side

ROCK CHOIR

THOMAS & WILLIAM

BREWERY SQUARE, DT1 1GH

Discover our Christmas events programme at brewerysquare.com

POUNDBURY

Christmas MARKET

10AM - 4PM

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

GIFTS • FOODS • DRINKS CRAFT • MUSIC • ETC

LOTS OF TASTY FOOD & GIFT IDEAS TO ENJOY

Find your perfect Christmas gift!
plus meet Santa Claus at Boo's Toy Shop!

CROWN SQ. DT1 3EN

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THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, PLAY FOOTBALL

For any further information please contact:
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07967525001



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Manor Park First school, Dorchester, DT1 2BH

Dates: Mon 22nd & Tue 23rd Dec 2025 & Fri 2nd Jan 2026

Times: 9-4pm (9-1pm for 4 year olds)

Price: £26.62 9-4pm - £2 9-1pm - £13.84 per day

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: **Sibling discount available**



Our Holiday Camps keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



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*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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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
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Attendance Reception - Year 4: **96%**

Attendance Winners this week are...

- EYFS
- Hazel Class: 96.9%
- K.S.1
- Elm Class: 98.2%
- K.S.2
- Chestnut Class: 98.4%

*"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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