



Manor Park  
CE (VC) First School



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# Weekly Newsletter

Monday 15th December 2025

Dear families

Manor Park First School

## Save the Date

|                                 |                                                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December       | Yr 1 and 2 Nativity Performance 10:30-11:30             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December       | Y3/4 St George's Christmas service 1:45pm               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December       | Yr 1 and 2 Nativity Performance 1:45- 2:45              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December       | Signature House residents invited to watch the Nativity |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Carols at Signature House                     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Jumper Day                                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Lunch                                         |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>End of term</b>                                      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January         | INSET Day                                               |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>Start of Spring Term</b>                             |



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

GOULDS  
— GARDEN & HOME —



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## HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



Sycamore Class in Year 3 finished off their animation topic in Computing by creating and animating their own Morphs.



Cedar Class in Year 4 had a super time putting their teamwork skills into practice in PE.



Beech Class in Year 4 enjoyed small-sided Parallel Games of 'handball'.



A huge round of applause for our three Year 4 children, who wowed us with their fantastic violin and trumpet performance!



Beech Class in Year 4 recreated the Water Cycle



🌟 IT'SSSSS SHOW TIME!!! 🌟

With the dress rehearsal successfully completed, we can't wait to show our adults our 2025 school nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine' ✨



The human fruit machine at our Winter Fair!



Thank you, Buds of Manor Park, for organising and running the Winter Fair!



# Is your child starting Middle School in September 2026?

You must apply for a Middle School place through the local authority where you live.

## If you are a Dorset resident:

**Apply online** on the website [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions) via a smart phone, tablet or computer. You can create an account and then complete the application which should take no longer than half an hour. You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted your application. If you cannot access the internet, please call 01305 221060 to discuss alternative ways of applying.

Please read the Parents' Guide before making your application. You can read or download the guide and the schools' admissions policies on the website:

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions).

# The Pantry

## RAFFLE

Tickets on sale now!

All proceeds  
are used to  
replenish stock  
in The Pantry.



20p a ticket/  
£1 a strip.

Here are just  
some of the prizes  
up for grabs!

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

To be drawn  
on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2025.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

### Meet Our Expert

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Application  
Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto: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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*The Pantry*  
and



invite you to some festive fun on

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Pantry** will open at 3pm as usual, for toys and food, and their fabulous raffle draw is taking place at 3.30pm

**Buds** will be there too, holding their last tuck shop of the year, which will include  
Reindeer hot chocolate cones £1.50

Soft drinks 50p

Sweets from 20p  
and

a Lucky Dip at 50p with a prize every time

Free tea and coffee will also be available

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Raffle tickets for The Pantry  
are still available to buy  
from Tina or the office**



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BudsOfManorPark



# Events

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**DORCHESTER FAMILY HUB COMMUNITY DAY**

**MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 11AM - 2PM**

Discover what your Family Hub has to offer and celebrate the festive season with us! Meet the teams who support families in Dorchester, and enjoy Christmas crafts and activities.

Meet the teams!

- Family Support Workers
- Target Youth Workers
- Early Years Advisors
- Midwives and Health Visitors
- DorPip
- Home Start Dorset

**NO NEED TO BOOK!**

Dorchester Family Hub and Library  
South Walks House, Dorchester, DT1 1EE

**AND OF COURSE...**

- Christmas nibbles
- Sensory fun with our new interactive projector
- Christmas Crafts and activities
- Baby massage
- More family fun and freebies!

**FREE: FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE THERE TO HAND OUT GIFTS!**

**BEST START IN LIFE** Dorset Council

Part of Dorset's Family Hub network



**24**

**Wednesday 24 December 2025 from 16:00-17:00**

**Crib service**

Come and join us at St George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester for our family friendly Crib service with Carols and nativity characters.



**24**

**Wednesday 24 December 2025 at 23:00**

**Midnight Mass**

St George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester

Come and join us at 11pm to celebrate the first Holy Communion of Christmas. It finishes just after midnight so is the perfect way to start your Christmas Day Celebrations of Jesus' birth.

*Carols in the Gardens*



Thursday 18th December, 6.30pm  
The Borough Gardens, Dorchester

Featuring  
Durnovaria Silver Band & Encore Singers  
Carol books provided  
Festive refreshments will be available.

Bring your own homemade lanterns!  
To find out how to make your own lantern from recycled materials scan the QR code.



Friends of the Borough Gardens  
Supported by Dorchester Town Council & Keep D66

**Children's Nativity Service**



**10.30am 21st Dec 2025**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**St George's Church, Fordington**

<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgeDorchester/>

Christmas refreshments provided after the service!

*Christmas in the woods*

Festive fun for the whole family!

- Reindeer food mixing
- Festive scavenger hunting
- Willow star making
- Christmas decoration creating
- S'mores & 'fancy' hot chocolates under the twinkly fairy lights!

**Day 'till dusk**

Monday 22nd December  
2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Limited spaces!



**Child of the Wild Forest School**



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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!

**CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!**



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

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



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**Attendance Winners this week are...**

| Class          | Attendance Percentage |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Hazel Class    | 94.8%                 |
| Ash Class      | 96.2%                 |
| Sycamore Class | 96.6%                 |

*"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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