

Manor Park  
CE (VC) First School

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# Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Dear Families,

This week we are celebrating Reading at Manor Park!

Reading with children is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Sharing a book each day not only strengthens skills but also builds confidence, imagination, and a lifelong love of learning.

Research shows that reading every day truly makes a difference. For example, if a child reads (or is read to) for just **20 minutes a day**, by the age of **5** they will have been exposed to **over 1.8 million words**.

We encourage all families to join in the celebration—please take a look at all the exciting reading events happening across school this week!

Warm regards,  
Manor Park Team

## Save the Date

- 5th March World Book Day
- 5th March Speech and language therapist parent drop ins
- 6th March Tennis Taster Sessions
- 6th - 15th March British Science Week
- 9th March SEND parent meetings
- 9th-15th March The Big Plastic Count
- 13th - 29th March Keep Britain Tidy: Great Big School Clean
- 17th March Y4 rehearsal and concert at THS
- 17th March Y2 Florence Nightingale digital session
- 18th March Y2 hosting a cake sale for all @ 3- 3:30pm
- 19th March Chestnut Lyme Regis trip
- 20th March Sycamore Lyme Regis trip
- 23rd-25th March Y4 Hooke Court
- 26th March Easter Church Service @ 1:45pm
- 27th March End of Spring Term**





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**YOUNG MINDS Hello Yellow FRIDAY 10 OCT**

We're supporting Hello Yellow for young people's mental health.

We raised a total of £136.04

In total, Hello Yellow Day helped raise an amazing **£675,929** for the Young Minds charity

## HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK

♥ Hello Yellow Day update ♥

The charity, Young Minds, sent us an email this week, thanking us for raising £136.04 to support them in the valuable work that they do, working with young people. So, we want to pass on their thanks: THANK YOU!

Amitie from Chestnut Class in Year 3 has been growing flowers at home to bring into school next week. She wanted to share her passion of flowers with her school peers.



**Badge Design Competition 2026- WOW: The Walk to School Challenge**

**The Winners**

Evana - Elm Class, Holly - Beech Class, Tomasz - Elm Class

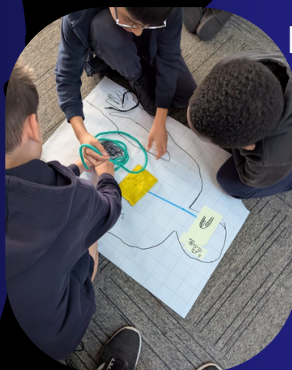
**Congratulations!**

**The Entries**

WOW the walk to school challenge WALK the SENSES

### Badge Design Competition 2026- WOW: The Walk to School Challenge

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition! We are delighted to announce that our three winners are: Evana, Holly and Tomasz! Congratulations! Their designs will now be entered into the Living Streets: Let's Walk to School competition.



The children who attended our first knitting club session this afternoon had a brilliant time trying out a new skill! Thank you so much to our volunteers for coming to pass on their skills to our Year 3 and 4 children.

Beech Class in Year 4 have started on their Science Journey The Digestive System! We created the system using everyday objects, labeled and described each of their simple functions!



# World Book Day Bedtime Story and hot chocolate

We invite children to return to school at 5pm (in their pyjamas if they would like!) for Books at Bedtime. Members of staff will take groups of children and their parents to read a story in a classroom and then return to the Hall for a hot chocolate. Parents need to stay for the event and are responsible for their own child. Bring a teddy!

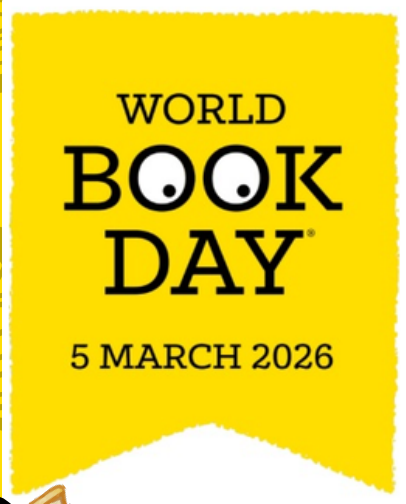
Come and see where  
a story can take you

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
5pm





Thursday 5th  
March 2026



Remember to  
bring in any pre-  
loved books for  
our book swap.





# THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 9-15 MARCH

**JOIN 35,119 people AND TAKE PART IN THE UK'S BIGGEST PLASTIC INVESTIGATION!**

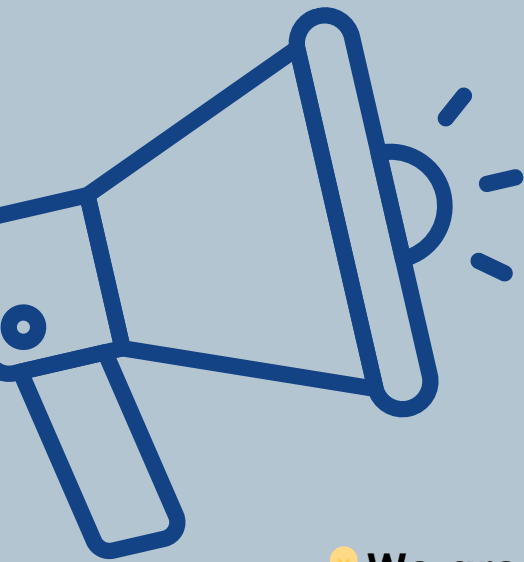
Count your plastic for one week from **9th to 15th March**.

Thousands of people from households, schools and communities across the country will take part in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste.

By taking part in The Big Plastic Count, you'll help gather important evidence to show the true scale of the crisis – and to tell the government we need them to produce less plastic. Since our last campaign, the UK has elected a new government – one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

**How to take part:**

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up/>



💡 We are very excited to announce our first Buds event of 2026: our adults-only quiz night!

The Highbrow Skin and Laser Clinic Aesthetics have kindly donated a voucher for a treatment, so you will have one free entry into the prize draw on the night.

We have teamed up with Case and Brewer Fish and Chip Shop to offer fish and chips to pre-order.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
7PM

£5 PER PERSON • DOORS OPEN 6.30PM  
TEAMS OF 4-8  
WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE UP A TEAM  
FISH AND CHIPS • LICENSED BAR  
CASH PRIZES

plus

EVERY TICKET ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A TREATMENT FROM OUR FRIENDS AT

**THE Highbrow Clinic**

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS OR USE THE LINK ON OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES

Case and Brewer

Buds

Book your tickets now:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/budsm-anorpark/index.cfm>  
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BudsOfManorPark



You are invited to  
**THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON**



**Bryanston School**

**Sunday 10th May 2026**

**Registration Deadline**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Registering**

**Register Here**



An opportunity for your child to take part in a triathlon!

1. Create a team of four children, then choose your team name!
2. Select one parent to register your team's interest in the event via the link above (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
3. You will receive an email to confirm if your team has or hasn't been successful 3 weeks after the deadline date given above
4. If your team is given a place, we will email all parents within the team to invite them to register their child for the event

**Fundraising & RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT**

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £60, with a target of £100. You can set up an [online JustGiving page](#) or download a [sponsorship form](#).

Your fundraising supports Restless Development: a global charity who champions the collective power of young people to create a better world. Watch [this video](#) to learn more!

Head to our [FAQs for more info](#) and to find out what's included!



Year Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
Year 3 & 4	50m	1000m	750m
Year 5 & 6	50m	1000m	750m
Year 7 & 8	50m	2000m	750m

As a relay, each participant completes these distances.



email us: [schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org](mailto:schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org) @schoolstriathlon

Volunteering opportunity



**VOLUNTEER**

**RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT**

at the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon!

Join Team Restless Volunteers and show your support for the work that we do and all the children taking part.

**When? Sunday 10th May 2026**

**Where? Bryanston School**

**What will I be doing?**

No experience is needed. Just bring bags of energy and enthusiasm. You'll support us to:

- Welcome budding young triathletes and their families at Registration.
- Help triathletes during their swim, cycle or run
- Steward triathletes along the course and brief them when they arrive
- Hand out medals and sweets to our excited finishers



**Watch the event in action!**

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE**

**Find out about The Schools Triathlon ?**

**Watch to learn more!**

**How long do I need to volunteer for?**

You can either help for the full day (8am-5pm) or half a day (either AM or PM)

We'll provide you with a free t-shirt and complementary refreshments.

**What next?**

Sign up today using this [link](#) to get all the information you need - and feel free to share it with friends and family so they can join too!

**Who Are Restless Development?**

We are a global charity who supports the collective power of young people to create a better world.



# Free book Every month!

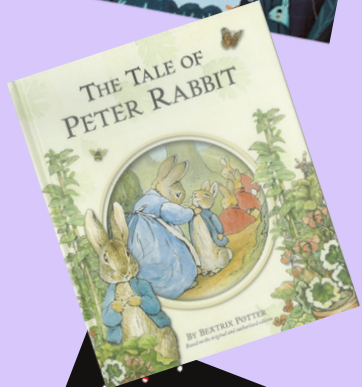


Do you live in or near Dorchester and have a baby, or a child under five? **Imagination Dorchester** offers a free book every month!

All children enrolled in **Imagination Dorchester** receive a book in the post every month until their 5th birthday. Every book is personally addressed to each individual child. All book titles are published by the Penguin Random House group and are carefully selected by a panel of experts in early childhood literacy and reading.

Enrol online today by completing a short form.

<https://imaginationdorchester.net>



*\*\*\*If the form says "your postcode is not eligible", please tell a member of the Early Years team and they will contact Imagination Dorchester to get your postcode added to list, so that you can try again.\*\*\**



# Open Day!

Visit us on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February or  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
from 10:45am

Are you looking for a preschool place for your child from September 2026?



We are delighted to invite you to our school on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** from 10:45am, where you will have the opportunity to: have a tour with Mrs Sterck, our Head of School; meet our enthusiastic Early Years 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](mailto:office@manorpark.wessex.ac)



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# 2026 FALDO FUTURES

## QUALIFIER EVENTS IN SOUTH WEST Golf

- 📍 Churston GC- 29<sup>th</sup> March
- 📍 Torquay GC- 6<sup>th</sup> April
- 📍 Lyme Regis GC- 8<sup>th</sup> April
- 📍 St Mellion GC- 9<sup>th</sup> April
- 📍 Woodbury Park GC- 12<sup>th</sup> April
- 📍 Saunton GC- 16<sup>th</sup> April
- 📍 West Cornwall GC- 26<sup>th</sup> April

- ✓ For Boys & Girls Age 7-12
- ✓ No handicap required
- ✓ Shortened 9 hole course
- ✓ Top 2 in each division progress to Regional Final
- ✓ Make new friends, improve your game and have a great time!



The Faldo Futures programme introduces boys and girls aged 7–12 to tournament golf through inclusive nine-hole qualifying events on shortened courses at local UK clubs. Designed to be accessible and enjoyable, these competitions give young players a first taste of structured competition. The top two players in each division, progress to Regional Finals, with the journey culminating at the Faldo Futures Final held at The Belfry during the British Masters — a unique opportunity to play alongside a leading professional event and meet Sir Nick Faldo.

# Eco Warriors' March Top Tips



## Biodiversity

We can make homes for bugs and insects.



## Healthy Living

We can drink plenty of water



## Global Citizenship

We can treat everyone fairly and kindly



## Energy

We can switch off screens and computers.



## Water

We can use only the water we need



## Litter

We can help pick up litter safely



## Marine

We can learn about ocean animals



## Waste

We can reuse items



## Transport

We can scoot or cycle safely



# Events

## IN THE COMMUNITY



**Barbie Brunch**  
Upwey Wishing Well

March 14  
Saturday 10 am

10AM-12PM  
£15 PER CHILD

INCLUDES KIDS BRUNCH AND HOT CHOCOLATE  
BRUNCH MENU AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS  
PAYMENT IN FULL REQUIRED ON BOOKING

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
01305 814 470



**HANDMADE**  
*with love*  
**CRAFT FAYRE**

ARTISAN BREAD & BUTTER - GIFTS  
HOME FRAGRANCE - JEWELLERY  
EMBROIDERY - BATH PRODUCTS  
PYROGRAPHY - TERRARIUMS  
PLUS MUCH MORE...

SUNDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

11 - 2  
**PRESTON VILLAGE HALL**  
PRESTON ROAD, WEYMOUTH, DT3 6BH



**NOTHE FORT**

**Science Day**

Saturday 7 March, 10am to 4pm  
**Mini Professors Exploration Stations**  
Engaging experiments and fun for all the family! Explore the Fort Scent stations, magnet games, fossil activities, and more!



**WEYMOUTH MUSEUM**

**Fossil Making**

Weymouth Pop-Up Museum  
39b St Thomas Street  
Weymouth DT4 8EH

Saturday 7 March, 11am to 4pm  
**Family Fossil activity for Science Week**  
Make your own fossils for our Weymouth display! Artist Sarah Butterworth will help you make an ammonite, a seashell or even a pliosaur bone!



**HALF PRICE ENTRY**

WITH A FREE HOT DRINK

During January and February entry is £6.95  
kids go FREE and with all adult entry a free hot drink.


Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens


Open Daily Cafe Gift Shop & Plant Centre



## Introducing Blue Light Day 2026 at Moors Valley

 14 March 2026

 10am to 4pm

 Free event

Join us for an exciting brand-new event for 2026 as we celebrate and showcase the incredible work of our local emergency services. **Blue Light Day is free** to attend (parking charges apply) and will take place just outside the front of the Visitor Centre.





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**Attendance**  
Reception - Year 4:  
**94.4%**

*Attendance Winners this week are...*

EYFS  
Hazel Class: 94.0%  
K.S.1  
Willow Class: 98.7%  
K.S.2  
Sycamore Class: 98.8%

*“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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