



Love for God ~ Love for Each Other ~ Love for Learning

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful term of learning we have all enjoyed. I am incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved across Science, History, Maths and English. Throughout the term, they have immersed themselves in rich learning experiences, and I have loved seeing their curiosity, confidence, and independence grow.

We were also delighted to offer several wonderful school trips that enhanced and deepened the children's learning, as well as a fantastic residential that created special memories and brought our community even closer together.

As we approach the joyful season of Easter, we are reminded of the heart of our school values: love. Easter is a time when we reflect on the powerful message of hope, renewal, and the greatest gift of all—God's love for us.

At our school, this inspires us to live out love for God through prayer, worship, and gratitude for the world around us. We show love for each other in our kindness, compassion, and the way we support and uplift one another as a community. And through our curiosity, perseverance, and enthusiasm, we demonstrate our love for learning, embracing every opportunity to grow and flourish.

May this Easter season bring peace, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose to all our families.

Mrs Sterck

Save the Date

27th March	Open Afternoon YR -Y4 @ 2:45pm - 3:15pm
27th March	End of Spring Term
13th April	INSET Day
14th April	Start of Summer Term
14 th -17 th April	NSPCC Pants week
14th April	YR and Y1 Train Platform workshops
15th April	SEND parent meetings
15 th April	Y2 and Y3 Train Platform workshops
16 th April	Y2 Mary Seacole digital session
20th -24 th April	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe
27th April	Y4 Train Platform workshops
28th April	Y4 Train Platform workshops
29 th April	Y4 Train Platform Journey
6th May	Y4 Train Platform Journey
7th May	Y2 Poole theatre 'The Enormous Crocodile'
12th May	SEND parent meetings
18th -22 nd May	National Walk to school week
19th May	Y3 Explore the Orchestra Bournemouth
20 th May	Eco-Warriors Chesil beech litter pick
22 nd May	Buds Disco





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HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



Today, Year 1 were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Rose and his two snakes!



Year 4 are working hard to learn their times tables!



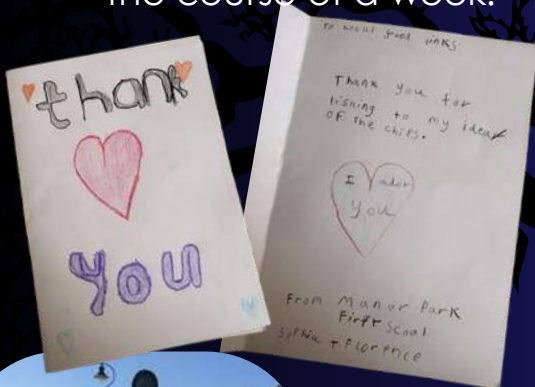
Lovely bit of Tag Rugby in the glorious sunshine for Beech Class (Year 4) this afternoon



This week in Buds Club, we made colourful shakers with tissue paper and plastic bottles.

We enjoyed a wonderful violin concert this morning, with pupils who are learning the violin showcasing their talents. A big well done to all the violinists!

Ash Class in Year 2 had some wonderful results back from our 'Big Plastic Count' project, where the children were asked to collect data about how much plastic waste we have in our homes over the course of a week.



We are very proud of two of our Year 2 children! They asked Local Food Links to make a change. They then sent them a card to say thank you to them for listening to their suggestion.



We love this photo of one of our children completing the plastic count at home!



Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Lyme Regis, learning all about Mary Anning at the museum and hunting for fossils on the beach.





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Knitting Club has been a huge success this half term! Our lovely knitting ladies have inspired our young children to start knitting at home (and in the car!) too!

Some of Hazel Class went to visit Signature House for one of our Truth be Told sessions which was focused on valuing ourselves.



Here's another talented pupil at Manor Park First School, who truly shone in assembly! He filled the hall with beautiful music and joy.

Manor Park First School worked together to count how much plastic we throw away, so we can understand the problem and help protect our planet!



Well done to Ameya, who earned her Blue Peter Book Badge!

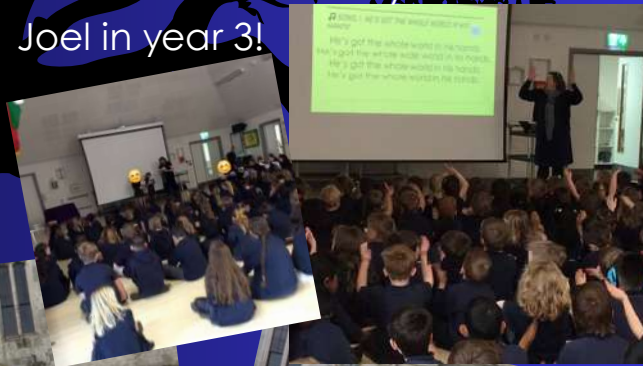


During the Year 3 trip to Lyme Regis last week, this ammonite was discovered by Joel in year 3!

Year 4 children who stayed at school had a fun week!



We had two Easter Services, led by Rev. Cora, this week.



Year One enjoyed a visit to Lulworth Castle as part of their history learning. We saw how the rooms looked in the past and walked up lots and lots of steps to the top of the tower!





HOOKE COURT

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE





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EASTER RAFFLE

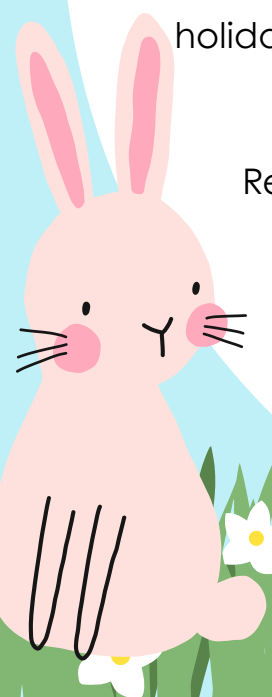
BY THE PANTRY

Thank you so much for your support with the Raffle for the school Pantry. A
fabulous **£126 was raised!**

We appreciate that people were buying right up to the last minute before
the draw today. Fundraising like this will enable The Pantry to keep going
throughout the whole year.

We will hold another raffle in the Summer term. It would be fantastic to
have prizes from events and companies for people to enjoy over the
holidays, so if anyone knows of anything or anyone that can offer this, it
would be really appreciated.

Reminder: **The Pantry is open throughout the school holidays on
Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 11am.**



It is so lovely to see so many support and use our pantry.

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Happy Easter Holidays!



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HOLY WEEK

April 2026

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, FORDINGTON

29 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

1030 FAMILY SERVICE

2 APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1830 SUPPER & SERVICE

3 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

1300 SERVICE & WALK

5 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

1030 FAMILY SERVICE



**SUNDAY SERVICES: MUSIC AND
CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNTS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at [GAMINGbible](https://GAMINGbible.com).



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®



We're delighted to share that the 'Wet Play' (when children have to stay indoors during breaktime due to the rain) games we've purchased for each class at Manor Park First School have arrived!



Each set was carefully chosen by the teachers, and we can't wait to see the children enjoying them during those rainy playtimes.

This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing support from our fundraising events—thank you to everyone who contributed!

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 22nd May – End of Term Disco



@Budsofmanorpark

BudsOfManorPark



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



The Great Egg-scape!

Friday 3rd - Monday 6th April
10am - 3pm

The Easter Bunny has lost his eggs!
Can you help him find them?



FREE EVENT

Easter Egg ROLLING

EASTER MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2026
THE GREAT FIELD, POUNDBURY

BRING YOUR OWN DECORATED HARD BOILED EGG OR DECORATE FOR FREE AT PIPS (NO GLITTER PLEASE!)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM - FREE EGG DECORATING AT PIP CAFE
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM - QUIET EGG ROLLING AND DECORATION JUDGING (SEND)
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM - EGG THEMED GAMES ON THE GREAT FIELD
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - EGG ROLLING AND BEST DECORATED EGG COMPETITION FOR THE FOLLOWING AGE CATEGORIES:
3-5 YEARS, 5-10 YEARS, 10-15 YEARS, 15 YEARS+, 60+ YEARS

Come and join us for:

- Activities
- Songs
- Food
- Crafts
- Games
- Stories



Taking place at
The Storehouse Church DT1 2LR
On Easter Saturday 4th April 2026 11am-1pm.
Free event open to all, Please note that this event is for parent/carers to attend and stay with their children.
To confirm your space or for more information please email office.thestorehouse@gmail.com or phone 01305267045



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Friday 27 March
to Sunday 19 April

Come and enjoy our free
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Spring is a season of new
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emerging flowers and how they
are interwoven into folklore.

Follow the Thorncombe Loop to
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scattered around the reserve.
Pick up a free pocket map
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Our off-road mobility scooters
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POUNDBURY

Easter Market

10AM TILL 3PM

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

ARTISAN SELLERS, FOOD & DRINK

LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES

plus Easter Egg Hunt!

organised by  Boo's
the magic toy shop

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The Easter Story

A morning for children and their families



Stories, Drama, Song and Craft

Tuesday 31st March

10.30 am — 12 noon

St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL

All welcome, please let us know if you would like to come

dorchesterstmarys@gmail.com

Entry free



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Attendance
Reception - Year 4:
91.7%

Attendance Winners this week are...

EYFS
Hazel Class: 93.8%
K.S.1
Ash Class: 97.8%
K.S.2
Sycamore Class: 96.1%

*“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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