



# Manor Park

CE (VC) First School



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

## Weekly Newsletter

### Monday 27th April 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful week of learning, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors in the lovely weather. As the days continue to be sunnier, may we kindly remind you to ensure your child brings a sun hat to school and has sunscreen applied each day.

This week, our collective worship has focused on the Holy Spirit and the strength He gives us to use kind words. We have been thinking about how positive communication helps us to build a caring and supportive community where everyone feels valued.

We would also like to say a big well done to everyone for another positive week of attendance. Our attendance this week was 95.5%, which has helped us raise our overall year attendance by 0.1%. If we continue at this rate, we are on track to achieve 95% by July. Thank you all for your continued support with attendance. If you are experiencing any difficulties or need support, please do let us know—we are always here to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### Save the Date

- 27th April Y4 Train Platform workshops
- 28th April Y4 Beech Class Train Platform Journey
- 29<sup>th</sup> April Y4 Oak Class Train Platform Journey
- 1st May INSET Day**
- 4th May Bank Holiday Monday**
- 5th May Preschool Open morning @ 10:45am
- 6th May Y4 Cedar Class Train Platform Journey
- 7th May 9-10am EYFS games and puzzle event with SALT and BSIL advisor
- 7th May Y2 Poole theatre 'The Enormous Crocodile'
- 8th May Sir David Attenborough 100 years old
- 12th May SEND parent meetings
- 18th -22<sup>nd</sup> May National Walk to school week
- 19th May Y3 Explore the Orchestra Bournemouth
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Eco-Warriors Chesil beech litter pick
- 22nd May 'Spice Up' your bike event
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Buds Disco
- 25th -29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term Week**



This week in collective worship we were looking at the great Commission and the Ascension of Jesus. We focused on small acts of service that we can do and how we can share our love. This is shown through our new Hero Orion who helps us to show Love for each other.



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## HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK

Chestnut Class in Year 3 showed skills and awareness of safety when they practised their chopping, grating, snipping and peeling skills in DT this week.



In Book Club last term, children wrote to their favourite authors. The replies have started coming back and the children are thrilled!



The sunshine finally made an appearance, and our preschoolers couldn't wait to head outside!

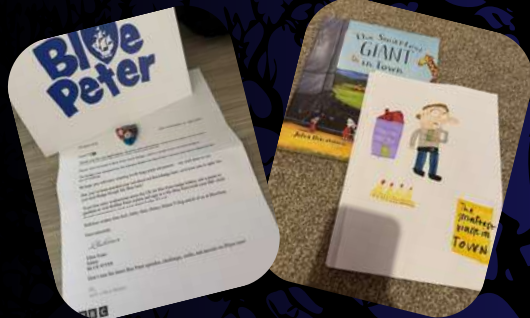


Meet our KS2 Chaplaincy Team. They are ready to go and support our KS1 children on the playground sharing our value of Love for Each Other.

Cedar Class in Year 4 enjoyed their PE lesson with Mr Woodward from PH ActiveEd .



This week, Preschool set off on our very own pirate treasure hunt across the school field! This opened up their learning, as this was their topic over the past couple of weeks.



We were delighted to receive a message from a parent, telling us that their child had received their Blue Peter badge for designing a front cover for their favourite book and writing their thoughts about the book.

In DT, Year One are going to be designing and making a 'moving picture'. This week we have done our research by looking at some books that have pictures with moving elements.





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**NOTICE OF  
SPORTS DAYS**

**Manor Park Sports Week**  
**Summer Term 2026**

**22nd June 2026** Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Morning (9:15 - 11am)

**23rd June 2026** EYFS Sports Morning (9:00- 10:00am)

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** Year 1 and 2 Sports Morning (10:30 - 12:00pm)



**Reserve Days:**

24th June 2026 - Yr 3 and 4

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - EYFS and Year 1 and 2





# Open Day!

Visit us on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 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 **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** 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 date, 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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STARTS  
FRIDAY  
24<sup>th</sup> APRIL



# FAB FRIDAYS

£1 ICE LOLLIES

Every Friday on the  
playground after school



CASH  
OR  
CARD



TOTAL RAISED  
THIS WEEK:  
£203!!!



**Buds**  
of Manor Park

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

### EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

### SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

### WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



See full reference list on our website

# Eco Warriors'

## April

# Top Tips



### Biodiversity

We can let some grass grow long.



### Healthy Living

We can be active every day.



### Global Citizenship

We can choose Fairtrade products.



### Energy

We can use natural daylight.



### Water

We can report dripping taps.



### Litter

We can keep our playground clean.



### Marine

We can reduce our use of plastic.



### Waste

We can recycle properly.



### Transport

We can use public transport.



# Events

## IN THE COMMUNITY



**MADDISON MAE ORGANISATION FAMILY FESTIVAL**

AT CERNE ABBAS BREWERY

**MAY 16TH 2026**  
FROM 11AM

**FEATURING :**

KIDS CRAFTS	LIVE MUSIC	MAGICIAN
CIRCUS WORKSHOP	BAR	BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING	CAKE STALL	HOT FOOD
HAIR BRAIDING	SWEET TREATS	STALLS
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY	AROMATHERAPY	HEALING

**MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**FAMILY TICKETS FROM £20**

[WWW.MADDISONMAE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.MADDISONMAE.ORG.UK)  
FIND US ON FACEBOOK



**PIRATES and Princesses**

Forest School Special Event!

**TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
HALF TERM

**10.30AM - 1PM**

Create a willow pirate hat or princess crown

Make a stick sword or wand

Go on a scavenger hunt to find the hidden treasure!

And much more...



**Child to Wild Forest School**



**Classic Car Show**

**IN THE SQUARE**

Monday 4th May  
11am - 3pm

Discover a fantastic display of classic cars, meet fellow enthusiasts, and get up close - maybe even sit behind the wheel of a true classic.

**Brewery Square**



**The Big Brewery Square Dog Social**

Saturday 9th May

Enjoy a relaxed group walk as part of the Dorchester Walking Festival, in partnership with Mutt Everything Dog.

Visit our website for more info [brewerysquare.com](http://brewerysquare.com)

**Brewery Square**

Visit our website for more info



**Dorchester Fire Station OPEN DAY**

Saturday 30th of May 10am-4pm

- Fire crew displays
- A family fun day out
- Charity raffle
- Heritage fire engines
- Food and drink

Raising money for The Fire Fighters Charity  
**See you there!**

**Fire Fighters Charity**

# OPEN DAY

## Andrew Simpson Centre Portland

Free  
Entry

Watersports  
Tasters

FREE!



SAILING

£5



MEGA SUP

£5



KAYAKING

STALLS

BEACH CLEAN

FOOD TRUCK

OCEAN SCIENCE

BOUNCY CASTLE

AT THE WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND  
NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY

Portland, DT5 1SA - 01305 457400

10:00 - 16:00

PLUS



Windsurf and wing  
tasters with the DTC

Saturday  
2nd  
May 2026



Andrew  
Simpson  
Centres



Free sailing  
taster  
session!



The annual  
**CARDBOARD  
BOAT RACE**  
at ANDREW SIMPSON CENTRE PORTLAND

Build your own cardboard boat and  
bring it along to our open day!

- Create a boat entirely from cardboard
- Grab your paddles and take on the race course in your cardboard boat
- Will you sink or float?!

FREE TO ENTER

PRIZES

SIGN UP ON THE DAY

SATURDAY  
2ND MAY  
RACE START: 2PM

Andrew  
Simpson  
Centres



portland@andrewsimpsoncentres.org  
01305 457 400

FREE!



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
@ Thomas Hardy School  
10am – 3pm

A day of music, drama and dance performances  
and workshops for all the family.

Performances by orchestras, jazzbands, rockbands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)

"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions

Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

[music.wessex.ac](http://music.wessex.ac)



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**Attendance**  
Reception – Year 4:  
**95.6%**

*Attendance Winners  
this week are...*

<u>EYFS</u>	
Hazel Class:	99.6%
<u>K.S.1</u>	
Willow Class:	<b>100%</b>
<u>K.S.2</u>	
Sycamore Class:	99.6%

A big thank you to all our families who brought their children into school on time this week. Every minute truly counts, and as a community you truly show your **“Love for Learning.”**

A huge well done to Willow Class, who achieved an impressive 100% attendance this week - meaning **every** child attended **every** day!

Thank you to our whole community for your continued support. By arriving on time, children are settling into their classrooms calmly and confidently, which has led to immense progress **socially, emotionally, and academically.** We are incredibly proud of them.



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