



Manor Park CE (VC) First School

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

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 5th May 2026

Dear families,

I hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend and were able to recharge your batteries. We are very much looking forward to another week of wonderful learning ahead.

This week, our collective worship focuses on the disciple Peter and how he spread the word of God alongside Jesus' followers. The children will reflect on how, as a school community, we can work together to show our value of "Love for each other."

We also have lots of exciting activities taking place this week.

- Year 2 will be visiting Poole to watch the theatre production *The Enormous Crocodile*, a text they studied in English during the autumn term.
- Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a football festival.
- Year 4 Cedar class will be going on their rail journey, learning how to travel safely on the train.
- EYFS will be holding a Games and Puzzle Morning on Thursday, and all EYFS parents are warmly invited to attend. Our speech and language advisers will also be available to answer any questions.

Good news! We have managed to raise attendance across the school by 0.2% this term. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us by bringing children to school on time each day. If you need any support, please remember that we are always here to help. Let's continue working together and aim for 97% attendance this week.

As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream applied.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Save the Date

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| 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 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 | 'Spice Up' your bike event |
| 22 nd May | Buds Disco |
| 25th -29th May | Half Term Week |
| 8 th May | SEND parent meetings |
| 1st -12 th June | Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check |
| 3rd -8 th June | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 5th June | Dorset Council Food Waste Campaign visit |
| 8th June | Phonics Screening Check |
| 8th June | EYFS Bugfest |
| 10th June | Royal Institution of Science Workshops |
| 11th June | Bikeability |
| 12th June | RNLI water safety workshops (YR – Y4) |



This week in collective worship we are looking at Pentecost. We are focusing on how words can help and how communication can build a community. Our action is to ensure that we are practising our active listening to one another.



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HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



We are so proud to announce another #ManorParkSuperStar (in Year 1) has received their Blue Peter badge.



Year 4 have been trying out the 'Try it out Check' in preparation for their Multiplication Tables Check in June!



Year 4 have been enjoying the outdoors, clearing grass from the trees planted last year and hunting for minibeasts in the woodland.



Some of our Reception children enjoyed visiting our friends at Signature House.



Look at this amazing letter that one of our Y4 pupils received from London Zoo after she wrote to them to share her love of pandas!



Year 3 have worked hard, preparing the allotments for peas, potatoes and beetroot.



Year 4 had a great time putting their rail safety into action.



Another

#ManorParkSuperStar! A member of Willow class in Year 1 received his Blue Peter reading badge through the post.



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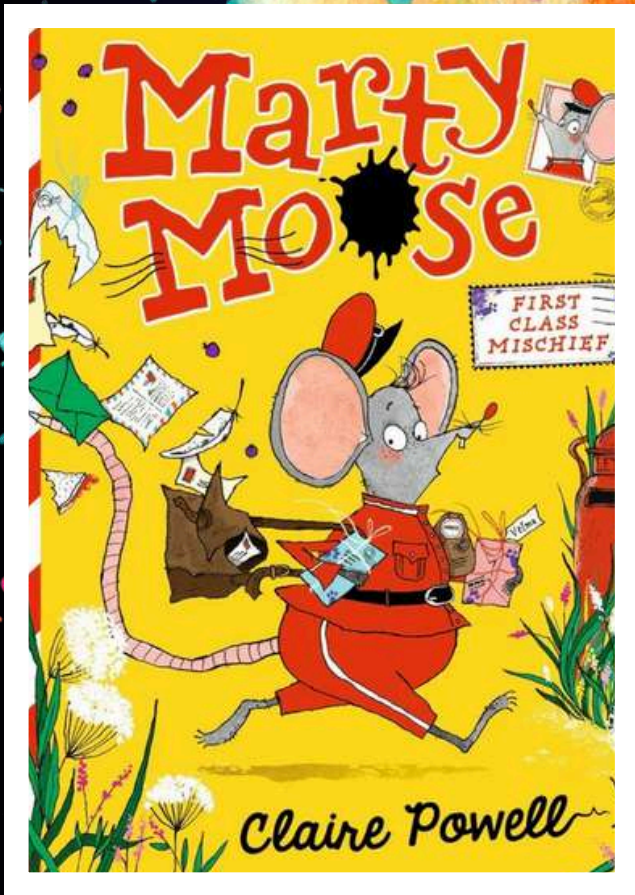


I ♥ BOOKS

Book of the Week

Marty Moose: First Class Mischief

by **Claire Powell**



A funny, illustrated chapter book ideal for readers age 6-9.

Join Marty (the mouse) on his first day as a Postmouse in Little Ditch. He's excited to start his new job but it ends up being a slightly chaotic, mildly dangerous shift. Can he solve the mailbag mystery and avoid being eaten on his first day?

A charming story, full of lively illustrations and witty wordplay.

If you enjoy this...the second in the series has just been released! Marty Moose: The Great Stamp-ede.

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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)

23rd June 2026 Year 1 and 2 Sports Morning (10:30 - 12:00pm)

Reserve Days:

24th June 2026 - Yr 3 and 4

25th June 2026 - EYFS and Year 1 and 2





STARTS
FRIDAY
24th APRIL

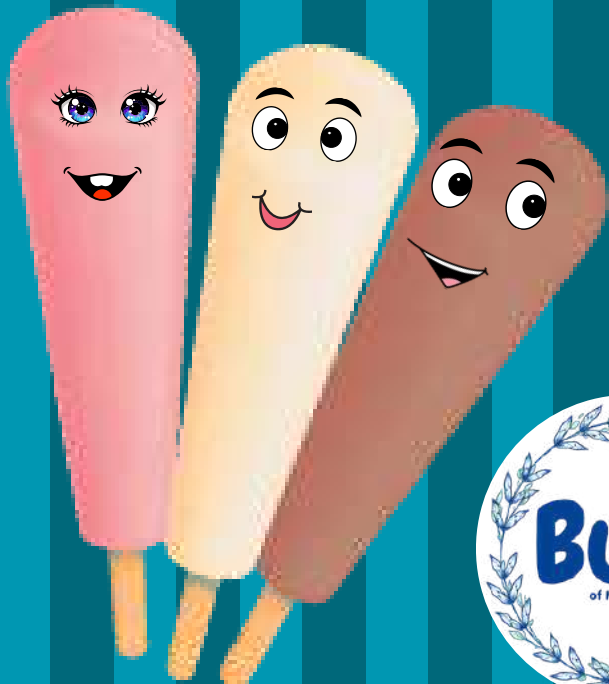
FAB FRIDAYS

£1 ICE LOLLIES

Every Friday on the
playground after school



CASH
OR
CARD



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.



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See full reference list on our website

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Top Tips



Biodiversity

We can look after plants and trees



Healthy Living

We can spend time outdoors.



Global Citizenship

We can care for the planet together.



Energy

We can close doors to keep heat in.



Water

We can collect rainwater for plants.



Litter

We can use reusable bottles and lunchboxes.



Marine

We can choose reusable items.



Waste

We can use both sides of paper .



Transport

We can share lifts to reduce car use.



Events

IN THE COMMUNITY

FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL SESSION

Sunday 31st May
10.30am - 12.30pm

Nature crafts

Fire lighting

Den building

Bring a picnic!

Booking is essential!



PIRATES and Princesses

Forest School Special Event!

TUESDAY 26TH 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...



MADDISON MAE ORGANISATION FAMILY FESTIVAL

AT CERNE ABBAS BREWERY

MAY 16TH 2026
FROM 11AM

FEATURING :

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

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

FAMILY TICKETS FROM £20

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Fire Fighters Charity

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

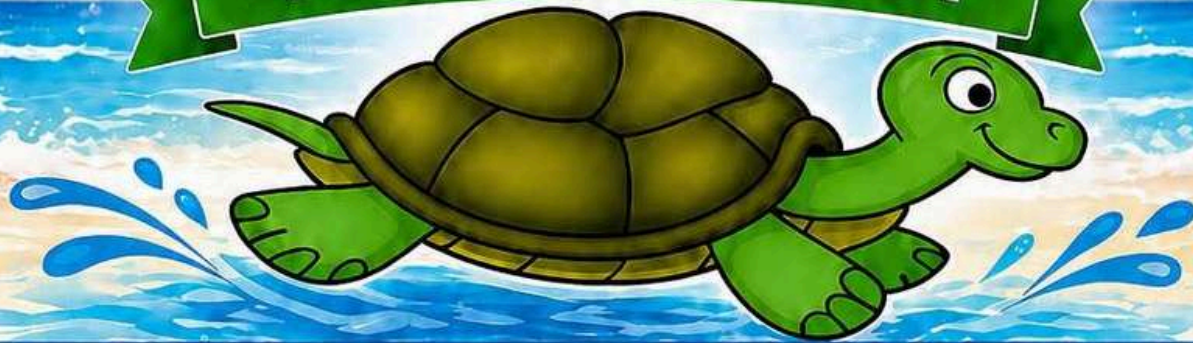
See you there!



Fire Fighters Charity

TURTLEBACKS INTENSIVE SWIM SCHOOL

MAY HALF TERM



Is your child beach safe this summer,
can they swim in the sea and out of their depth?
Now is the time to get them beach ready!!!!



TUESDAY 26TH,
WEDNESDAY 27TH
& FRIDAY 29TH
MAY 2026



TIMES:
9.30, 10.00 AM
& 10.30 AM



ADVANCE
EARLY BOOKING
ESSENTIAL



VENUE: Wyvern Hydrotherapy Pool,
Dorchester Rd, Weymouth DT3 5AL



PRICE: £26 PER CHILD PER WEEK

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FREE!



Saturday 9th 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!

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Attendance
Reception – Year 4:
94.5%

*Attendance Winners
this week are...*

EYFS
Hazel Class: 90.4%

K.S.1
Aspen Class: 97.8%

K.S.2
Sycamore Class: 97.7%



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.”**

*“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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