



# Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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

## Weekly Newsletter

Monday 8th June 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the half term at Manor Park. The children have really enjoyed completing their Science topics and should feel proud of their efforts.

Over the next three weeks, each year group will begin exciting new topics:  
Year 4 will be learning about Rivers  
Year 3 will be exploring France  
Year 2 will be studying Africa  
Year 1 will be discovering the United Kingdom

As the weather becomes warmer (and hopefully drier!), please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle and a hat each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Manor Park Team



1st -12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
3rd -8 <sup>th</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fair
8th June	Phonics Screening Check
8th June	SEND Parent Meetings
8th June	EYFS Bugfest
10th June	Y4 Bikeability
12th June	RNLI water safety workshops (YR – Y4)
17th June	Y4 Transition Day
19th June	Music Instrumental Roadshow (9:15am)
22nd -26 <sup>th</sup> June	Health and Fitness Week
22nd June	Y3 and Y4 Sports Morning (9:15am - 11am)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Preschool and Reception Sports Morning (9:00am - 10:00am)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning (10:30- 12:00pm)
23rd/ 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Orienteering sessions (afternoon)
24th/ 29th June	New Reception cohort parents evening
26th June	New Reception cohort Teddy Bears picnic
30th June	New Pre-school cohort picnic (9:15am - 10am)
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	New Pre-school parent consultations
6th July	SEND Parent Meetings
7th July	Transfer Day
9th / 10 <sup>th</sup> July	All day new Reception parent meetings
13th July	Y4 Leavers' service St Georges Church (1:30pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Leavers' Fest
17th July	<b>End of school Year</b>



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## HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK

In Mathematics, Ash Class in Year 1 have been learning about shape. We explored ways to sort 2D shapes and investigated the meaning of symmetry.



In RE this week, Year 1 have been thinking about why Christians pray to God; with this in mind we wrote our own prayers. Some children wanted to share them with their friends.



Hallie and Mabel (in Year 4) played in a football tournament today. They are in a brand new girls team and it was the first time the team have played together.



In Science, Year One have been learning about plants. Today, we explored roots in more detail. We looked at different types of roots and carefully pulled up some weeds to investigate them up close.

Well done, Amitie! Congratulations on your fantastic swimming achievement! We were delighted to see your certificates and badges in assembly today.

Today, our whole school enjoyed a visit from a Dorset Council representative who led an assembly about food waste, what happens to it once it's collected and things that we can do to throw less food away.



COMING SOON



Breakfast



Building friendships



Reading



...our new wraparound care!

**Roots and Shoots** will be launching in September 2026 to provide wraparound care for children in Reception to Year 4. This will be run by Manor Park staff, so children will be looked after by familiar faces every day.

### Sessions

Before school - 7:30am - 8:45am (£7)

After school - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (£7)

4:15pm - 5:30pm (£7)

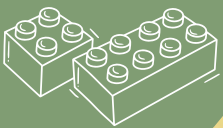
Life skill opportunities



Games



Construction



snacks

Arts and Crafts



Sports



**Check your school communications regarding 'How To Book'.**

This Week



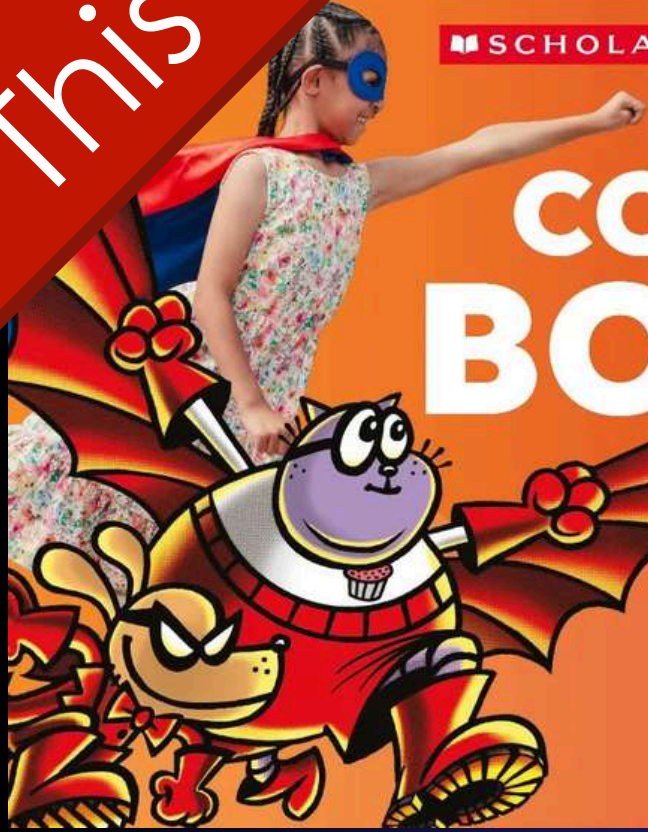
SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!

After school each day



To celebrate our love for reading, we are holding a **Scholastic Book Fair** after half term.



## 3 for 2 offer

There will be picture books, chapter books and activity books at the book fair, suitable for all ages from Preschool to Year 4. All books (but not stationery) are included in the 3 for 2 offer and prices start at just £2.99. You can pay using your phone via a QR code that will be displayed at the event. You can see the books that are available here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

## Free books for the school

We earn free books for the school based on the value of the books we sell at the fair. At the last fair we sold nearly £1,000 of books, which meant we received nearly £500 to spend on new books for school. It would be great if we could match that again!



We look forward to seeing you at the book fair - thank you for supporting this event.



# End of Year 4 Events

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

9.15 - 11am

Y3 and Y4 Sports Morning

**Tuesday 7th July**

Transfer day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 8th July 6pm**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 6pm**

Y4 End of Year Production

New date  
added



**Monday 13th July**

1.30pm

Leavers' service @ St Georges Church

**Tuesday 14th July**

5 pm- 7pm

Year 4 Leavers' Fest



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# Limited Preschool spaces available



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

We have a few limited spaces available in our preschool provision for September.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful school, please contact the school office. We welcome visits so that you can meet our enthusiastic Preschool team and see the excellent provision we offer to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

To avoid disappointment, complete our short preschool application form as soon as possible.

**Please contact the school office on 01305 268741 or email [office@manorpark.wessex.ac](mailto:office@manorpark.wessex.ac)**



**Check out our social media pages**

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I ♥ BOOKS

# Book of the Week



When Rudy finds a lost wolf cub at the skatepark, he knows he has to help him. Rudy tries everything he can think of to find the cub's pack, but they're nowhere to be seen, or smelled, and time is running out. Can a howl in the night change the fate of the little cub?

With short chapters and cool illustrations, this book is perfect for newly-independent readers. Come and have a look for Rudy in the school library - if you read it and love it, there is a whole series to explore and we've got them all!





# Support, Inspire, Change Make a difference!



## Become a School Governor

Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Schools need, and benefit from, a range of professional knowledge on their governing board.

You do not need to be a parent of a child at the school, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to get in contact.

### Did you know...?

Governors are volunteers who work with our school's senior leaders to set the culture, values and budgets. Through monitoring and supportive challenge, they make a real difference to our children, their families and the broader community.



You do not need an in depth knowledge of the education sector, just the time and desire to contribute positively. Your skills and workplace knowledge have the potential to change lives.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a school governor at Manor Park First School, please contact the office.

[office@manorpark.wessex.ac](mailto:office@manorpark.wessex.ac)

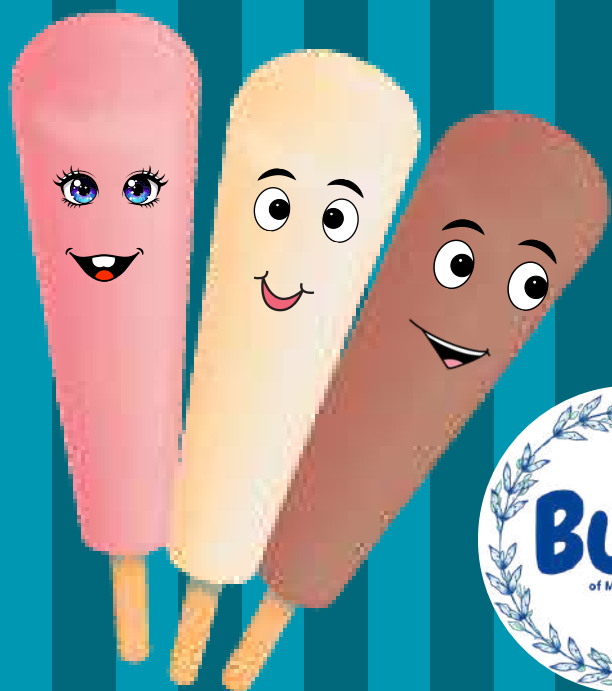
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# FAB FRIDAYS

£1 ICE LOLLIES

Every Friday on the  
playground after school



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including through proven approaches such as the DfE-funded NELI programmes available to settings in England.

### 1 BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE

Support children to use language, not just hear it. Give them the time to talk, respond, ask questions, and share their ideas. Everyday conversations, shared activities, and reading together help children practise both speaking and listening. At nursery or school, programmes such as NELI can help build their vocabulary, storytelling, attention, and listening skills, helping children grow in confidence as communicators.

### 2 SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS

Help children to listen and follow simple instructions during everyday routines. Break instructions down into short, manageable steps and check their understanding. For example, say, "Please put your coat on," rather than giving them several instructions at once. Strong listening skills support learning, attention, and participation at school.

### 3 GROW THEIR VOCABULARY

Talk with children about the world around them, naming objects, actions, and feelings. Use a wide range of words during everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, and playing. Repeating and explaining new words help children understand and use vocabulary more confidently, supporting their comprehension and communication.

### 4 SHARE STORIES TOGETHER

Read storybooks together regularly and talk about characters, events, and illustrations. Ask simple questions such as "What's happening here?" and validate children's responses with positive feedback. Acting out stories together, asking open questions, and giving children the chance to be the storyteller can all support their narrative skills and confidence.

### 5 NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS

Help children learn to express themselves by talking about different feelings and naming them clearly, such as happy, sad, or angry. Visuals and role play can support their understanding of this. Being able to express their feelings verbally helps children build positive relationships with adults and peers, reduces frustration, and supports their social development as they prepare for school.

### 6 WORK WITH SETTINGS

Strong communication between home and the nursery, school, or early years setting can help children feel more confident and supported. Parents can visit the setting with their child before they start, helping them become familiar with the environment and key adults. Educators can share relevant information with families and colleagues, so each child's needs are understood. Newsletters can also help families continue language learning at home.

### 7 SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS

Children develop their language and communication skills at different rates, so early conversations between home and settings are important. If parents have concerns, they should speak to their child's nursery, school, or early years setting. Educators can use tools such as LanguageScreen, included in the NELI programmes, to build a profile of a child's speaking and listening skills and help identify suitable support.

### 8 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Prioritise language and literacy approaches that are underpinned by robust research evidence. Evidence-based programmes help ensure children receive support that is more likely to make a meaningful difference. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) provides guidance on the strength of evidence behind different strategies, supporting informed decision-making and effective use of school time and resources.

### 9 MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Settings can use evidence-based assessment tools to understand children's language skills and identify where support may be needed. These tools support SEND reforms, and strengthen whole-setting language development, helping children receive support that reflects their individual communication needs.

### 10 TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Research trials can give schools, early years settings, and families a valuable opportunity to contribute to evidence construction and future policy. Parents may be asked to give consent, share feedback, or support activities at home, while educators help deliver and monitor approaches in practice. The EEF often has trials that settings can join, including whole-class oral language programmes designed to support children's communication development.

## Meet Our Expert

OxEd is a University of Oxford spinout company specialising in early language and literacy assessment and intervention. They are the delivery team for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme in reception, funded by the Department for Education for schools in England, and for NELI Preschool, which supports nurseries to strengthen children's early language development through evidence-based practice.



See full reference list on our website

# Eco Warriors' June

## Top Tips



### Biodiversity

We can put up bird feeders and bird boxes.



### Healthy Living

We can get enough sleep.



### Global Citizenship

We can support charities and good causes.



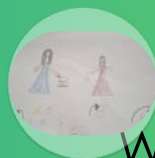
### Energy

We can remind others to save energy.



### Water

We can collect rainwater for plants.



### Litter

We can reduce the rubbish we make.



### Marine

We can help protect sea life.



### Waste

We can repair items when we can.



### Transport

We can turn engines off when waiting.



# Events

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**BROADMAYNE & WEST KNIGHTON VILLAGE FETE**  
 SATURDAY 13th JUNE 11-5pm  
 COWLEAZE ROAD, BROADMAYNE DT2 8EW

**FREE ENTRY**

Beer Tent  
Food Stands

Live Music \* Handicrafts  
 Morris Dancers \* Kid's Games  
 Local Produce \* Beat the Goalie  
 Face Painting \* Bouncy Castle  
 Grand Raffle \* Tombola  
 Vintage & Classic Vehicles  
 Trade Stands \* And much more!

NO DOGS ALLOWED

CAR PARK £1

W! Bacon Rolls  
Cakes & Scones

To book a pitch or enter your vehicle  
 or for any enquiries email [bwkfete@gmail.com](mailto:bwkfete@gmail.com)

**13TH & 14TH JUNE 2026**  
**WEST BAY VINTAGE RALLY**

**WEST BAY VINTAGE TRACTOR & STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB**

GATE OPENS 9AM-5PM  
 ADMISSION:  
 ADULTS £12  
 OAP £10  
 5-16YRS £3  
 UNDER 5'S FREE

TRACTORS, STATIONARY ENGINES, STEAM ENGINES, MARQUEE EXHIBITS,  
 OUTSIDE & INSIDE CRAFTS, MARKET TRADERS, LOCAL FOOD & DRINKS,  
 RING EVENTS, AUCTION & MUCH MORE !!!!!

VINTAGE AUCTION, 10AM SATURDAY 13TH JUNE  
 PITCHER & ASSO CIATES 07754754620

MELPLASH SHOW GROUND,  
 WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT, DT6 4EG  
 WWW.WDVTEC.COM  
 07918961095 - 07555097978

**Castle Park Sale Trail**

Castle Park, Dorchester, Dorset  
 Sunday 14th June  
 From 10:00am

Join us for a Sale Trail around Castle Park

Lots of bargains, hidden treasures & something for everyone!

Clothes \* Toys \* Household Items \* Books, Bric-a-Brac & More!

Refreshments Available \* Please Park Sensibly

Come along, have a browse & grab a bargain while supporting the local community.

BARGAINS \* Everyone Welcome! \* SALE

"The greatest public palaeontological event in the UK"

**Fossil Festival**  
 Lyme Regis 2026

FREE ENTRY

- Fossil, craft & art stalls
- Displays and exhibitions
- Reduced price entry to Lyme Regis Museum
- Music & performances
- Expert talks & book signings
- Palaeoart workshops
- Festival food

**13th & 14th June**

Organised by: **LYME REGIS MUSEUM**  
 Supported by: **airbnb**, **Lyme Regis Town Council**  
 Main Sponsors: **UK Fossil**

# Summer Holidays



## SENSational arts and sports sessions

for Dorset children aged 5-17 who need additional support



**Forest & Beach School Fun • Watersports • Cycling  
Sensory Sessions • Outdoor & Nature Discovery  
Arts, Crafts, Music and much more...!**



View full programme or email [leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)  
[dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz)



## June 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

## HOPE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

FREE ONLINE SELF-MANAGEMENT COURSE



*"It was wonderful to have access to this course in my own home at my own pace so I could do as little or as much as I wanted each day."*

**ARE YOU A PARENT, CARER OR A GUARDIAN OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD?**  
Would you like to learn tips to cope better and be more resilient?



- This 6 session programme is delivered online.
- Available 24/7 on any device
- Sessions released weekly
- Learn at a time and pace that suits you
- An option to remain anonymous
- Supported by trained facilitators

FREE - ONLINE - FLEXIBLE

### BOOK NOW

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EMAIL: [CONTACT@H4C.ORG.UK](mailto:CONTACT@H4C.ORG.UK)  
OR PHONE: 024 7736 0153



### COURSE START DATES

29.04.2026  
17.06.2026  
09.09.2026



## summer workshop stagecoach dorchester

27 - 31 july

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Calling all young performers aged 4-18! Get ready for a fun week of Performing Arts tour Summer Workshop, where budding actors, singers and dancers can immerse themselves and then put on a show!

- Age:** 4 - 18 years
- Time:** Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 16.00
- Performance:** Fri, 16.00 - 18.00
- Cost:** £150 (£110 Sibling), £30 deposit

find out more



[stagecoach.co.uk/dorchester](http://stagecoach.co.uk/dorchester) 07855 339965



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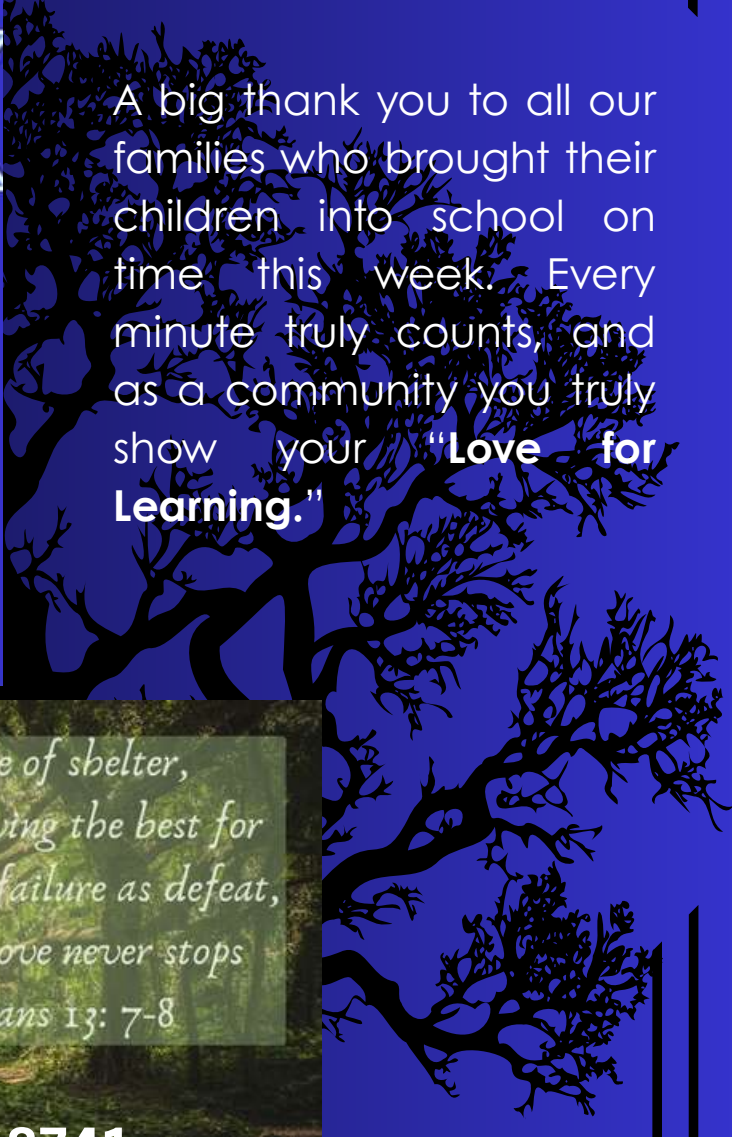


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*Attendance Winners this week are...*

**EYFS**  
 Maple Class: 93.8%  
 K.S.1  
 Ash Class: 97.3%  
 K.S.2  
 Chestnut Class: 98.0%



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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