



Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Dear Families,

Another wonderful week of learning has taken place at Manor Park. The children have fully immersed themselves in their geography topic, "travelling" to Africa, enjoying a French morning, and even beginning to design and build their own rivers.

In Year 1, pupils have been exploring London in greater detail, with a particular focus on the River Thames, while developing their understanding of the United Kingdom.

It is a very busy time of year with lots of exciting events coming up, so please keep an eye on the diary sheet for important dates and information.

We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm and engagement in their learning.

The Manor Park Team



17th June	Y4 Transition Day
17th June	Y3 Local Area Field Trip (10am- 12 noon)
17th June	Eco Warriors visit Signature House
19th June	Music Instrumental Roadshow (9:15am)
22nd -26 th June	Health and Fitness Week
22nd June	Y3 and Y4 Sports Morning (9:15am - 11am)
23 rd June	Pinecones and Reception Sports Morning (9:00am - 10:00am)
23 rd June	Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning (10:30- 12:00pm)
23rd/ 24 th June	Y4 Orienteering sessions (afternoon)
24 th June	Y2 Fieldwork
24th June	New Reception cohort parents workshop
26th June	New Reception cohort Teddy Bears picnic
29th June	New Preschool cohort parents information evening
30th June	New Pre-school cohort picnic (9:15am - 10am)
30 th June	Class Photographs
3 rd July	New Pre-school parent consultations
6th July	SEND Parent Meetings
7th July	Transfer Day
9th / 10 th July	All day new Reception parent meetings
13th July	Y4 Leavers' service St Georges Church (1:30pm)
13 th July	End of Year Reports go out to parents
14th July	Pinecones "Moving on" party
14 th July	Y4 Leavers' Fest
17th July	End of school Year



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HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



Year 3 have been following on from their Science learning, making contraptions that can disperse a seed in the wind.



Year 4 have been Geographers, learning about the mechanisms of a river.



Our preschoolers had an amazing time celebrating Bug Fest Day!

Year 3 had a merveilleuse morning exploring French culture!



Thank you so much to everyone who has bought books from our Scholastic Book Fair this week.



Visit our school website to watch Miss Murrell talking us through the Pip and Pap Phonic sounds.



Using chalk, Year 1 created the River Thames and identified some famous landmarks.



A big thank you to the RNLI for delivering engaging and informative water safety workshops, helping the children learn how to stay safe in and around water.

COMING SOON

Building
friendships



Roots and Shoots



Wraparound Care

Breakfast



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.

Life skill
opportunities



Sessions

Before school - 7:30am - 8:45am (£7)

After school - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (£7)

4:15pm - 5:30pm (£7)

Games



Construction



Snacks

Arts and
Crafts



Sports



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



End of Year 4 Events

Monday 22nd June

9.15 - 11am

Y3 and Y4 Sports Morning

Tuesday 7th July

Transfer day

Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm

Wednesday 8th July 6pm

Thursday 9th 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



PARENTS, WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer to run an After School Club

Our After School Clubs enrich children's learning; spark new interests; and build confidence. With your help, we can offer even more exciting opportunities!



Do you have
passion, enthusiasm
and a little spare
time?

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact the school office to express your interest in running an After School Club.





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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



Check out our social media pages



Book of the Week

If you're loving the World Cup and football fever has taken over your house, why not read about it too! Here are a few books to get you started - all available in the school library.

Kicking a Ball

A wonderful rhyming story to read aloud, in picture book format. It's about a simple love of football, but it's also about friendship, adventure, growing up and the importance of family.



Let's Play Football

This non-fiction picture book celebrates the simple joys of football. It shows how the world's most accessible game – where the only equipment needed is something that rolls – has evolved into a force for unity, and a sport for absolutely everyone.



Planet Football

Jackson lives and breathes football. One day, he kicks his ball, and it goes up...all the way to the moon! The aliens don't know the rules of the game, but they become football mad all the same. It's up to Jackson to bring football home...



100 Things to Know About Sport

Why do footballers wear logos on their kit? From equipment and engineering to amazing sporting achievements, find 100 quirky and surprising sport-themed facts in this book

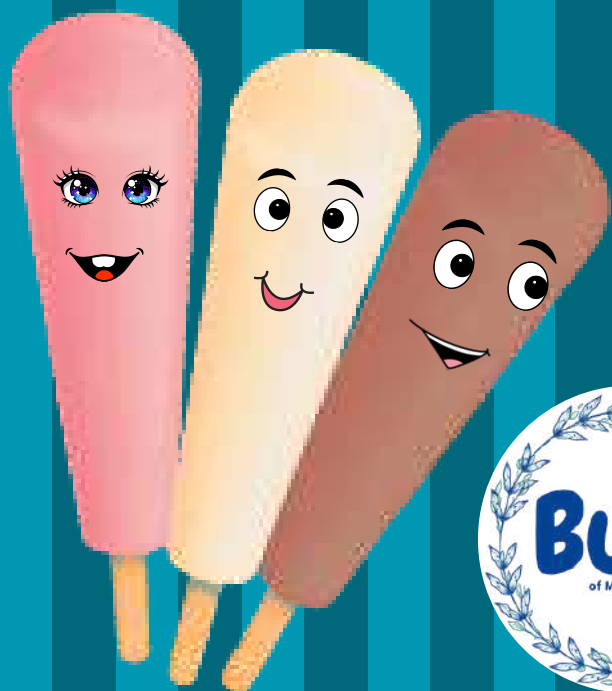




FAB FRIDAYS

£1 ICE LOLLIES

Every Friday on the
playground after school



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.



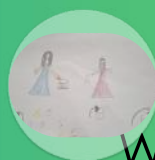
Energy

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.



Introducing the TOPs scheme



Music has a unique role to play in the lives of children and young people. It is a powerful way of bringing people together, giving personal joy and fulfilment, and it is universal: music is for everyone. Over recent years, scientific studies have confirmed what music teachers have known for a long time — music is both great fun and incredibly beneficial! Watch [this short animation](#) for more information on this.



Wessex Schools Music works with local music teachers to provide instrumental tuition for children within the Wessex schools and affiliate schools during the school day. As the benefits of participating in music are so significant, we want **all of our students** to have the opportunity to benefit, regardless of background, current ability, or financial circumstances. This is why we have created our **TOPs scheme**, and we would love your child to take part!

What does it mean to be on the TOPs scheme?

The TOPs scheme is the 'Tomorrow's Orchestra Project' — a scheme designed to help beginner students get started on a range of orchestral instruments by offering partially subsidised lessons and instrument hire. Please watch this [short introductory video](#).



The scheme is open to all Year 5 and 6 students at the Wessex MAT middle schools.

Students opting to be part of TOPs will receive for the year:

- **an instrument to borrow (from Dorset Music Service)**
- **10 half-hour* group lessons per term**
- **compulsory membership of a dedicated in-school weekly ensemble during the second half of the first term, with the option to continue attending a Wessex Schools Music after-school ensemble, free of charge, for the remaining three terms**

The cost of the TOPs scheme is **£60 per term**. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals can access the scheme free of charge through funding provided by their school

*Please note, lessons may be shorter than 30 minutes if group sizes are fewer than four students.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DIGITAL DEVICES & WELLBEING

Children aged 7 to 14 now spend roughly 3 to 5 hours a day on phones, tablets, consoles, and computers. That much screen time has parents and educators worried – not just about the hours logged, but about online safety and the knock-on effects on mental health. This guide brings together practical, expert-backed strategies so adults can nurture healthier digital habits and help young people thrive both on and offline.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SLEEP DISRUPTION

Excessive screen time, especially before bed, can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep onset. Children may struggle to concentrate or regulate emotions due to poor sleep hygiene linked to late-night device use.

ONLINE PEER PRESSURE

Social media platforms expose children to unrealistic standards and peer validation loops. Likes, comments, and follower counts can influence self-worth and lead to anxiety or risky behaviour to gain approval.

CYBERBULLYING EXPOSURE

Children may encounter bullying through messaging apps, games, or social media. This can be persistent and anonymous, making it harder to detect. Victims often feel isolated and reluctant to report incidents.

REDUCED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Time spent on screens often replaces outdoor play and physical activity. This sedentary lifestyle can contribute to obesity, poor posture, and reduced cardiovascular health.

EMOTIONAL DYSREGULATION

Fast-paced digital content can overstimulate young brains. Children may become irritable, impatient, or struggle with boredom and emotional control when not engaged with screens.

PRIVACY AND SAFETY RISKS

Children may unknowingly share personal information or interact with strangers online. Without guidance, they may not understand the long-term consequences of digital footprints or unsafe online behaviour.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Establish screen-time limits and device-free zones, e.g. classrooms and dinner tables. Use parental controls and co-create a digital use agreement with children to encourage accountability. Trying a visual schedule or timer app can help children understand and stick to limits.

MODEL HEALTHY HABITS

Children mirror adult behaviour. Demonstrate balanced device use, take regular screen breaks, and prioritise face-to-face interactions to reinforce positive behaviours. Making a habit of putting your phone away during meals and conversations can show that real-life interactions come first.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DIALOGUE

Create a safe space for children to talk about their online experiences. Ask open-ended questions like, "What did you enjoy online today?" to build trust and awareness. Try setting aside 10 minutes each day for a digital check-in where children can share what they've seen or done online.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Teach children how to evaluate online content, recognise misinformation, and understand privacy settings. Empower them to think critically and act responsibly in digital spaces. You could use real-life examples from the news or social media to help children practise spotting fake information.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provision.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



WE'RE LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD FOR YOUNG CARERS

WITH OUR MAKING MEMORIES PROGRAMME

Every youngcarer deserves the same moments of joy, fun, freedom, and friendship as their peers.

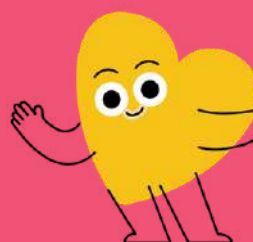
Our **Making Memories Programme** is designed to give young carers access to the experiences they often miss out on. We host beloved activity days filled with laughter, exploration, and chances to try something completely new and exciting.

All sessions are free for families, with transport support available where needed. Taking place across Dorset, these days help young carers come together, take a break, and make lasting memories.

THROUGH THIS PROGRAMME...

- **1,260** event spaces have been filled
- **91%** of participants feel less stressed
- **87%** of participants make new friends

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Events

IN THE COMMUNITY

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TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE**

BREWERY SQUARE



Step Back in Time
FEATURING THE ARMOUR & EMBARKATION CONVOY

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE | 11AM - 5:30PM

THE EARLY MUSTER 11AM - 5PM Get up close with legendary machines from the Military Vehicle Trust and chat with the experts	PEG DOLL & MODEL PLANE MAKING 11AM - 5PM Bring the kids to make their own peg dolls and model planes to take home	THE DECADETTES 1:30PM - 2:30PM Enjoy the authentic sounds of the 1940s with a live performance in the Square
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THE CONVOY | 3:30PM - 5:30PM

The sights, sounds, and smells of the Armour & Embarkation convoy returns to Dorchester. Feel the ground shake as tanks roll in via Weymouth Avenue, military vehicles storm Brewery Square, and a roaring fleet of vintage motorbikes takes over Dray Horse Yard.

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Working in collaboration with Armour & Embarkation and The Military Vehicle Trust

1940's FAMILY FUN SUMMER FETE

Weymouth WWII display

Stalls

tumbledown Farm

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pop up plant sale

Smartie Paints the Clown

Wacapella Choir

the Victorian Gent

Bob Rea Qigong demos

The Live Wire Choir

Evolution Dance

Radipole park
Saturday 20 June
12-4pm



For further details check out our website at radipolepark@co.uk

FREE Entry

Calling all forest fairies! You are invited to a magical

Forest Fairies Tea Party!

AUG 8TH | 10.30AM-1PM

All fairies will receive a flower crown, fairy wings & fairy ears on arrival.

Enjoy a fairy feast around the fire

Paint & decorate your own fairy door to take home

Make a willow fairy wand

Go on a fairy door scavenger hunt

...and more!




TURTLEBACKS SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL 2026

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SUMMER 2026 DATES

Week 1: 22nd, 23rd & 24th July
Week 2: 27th, 29th & 31st July
Week 3: 3rd, 5th & 7th August
Week 4: 10th, 12th & 14th August
Week 5: 17th, 19th & 21st August



LESSON TIMES

9:30am
10:00am
10:30am
11:00am



VENUE

Broadmayne
First School
Knighton Lane,
Broadmayne, DT2 8PH
*Just 10 minutes from
Weymouth and Dorchester*



PRICE

£27
per child
per week



ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Spaces are limited



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Attendance Winners this week are...

<u>EYFS</u>
Maple Class: 96.3%
<u>K.S.1</u>
Willow Class: 98.7%
<u>K.S.2</u>
Chestnut Class: 94.4%

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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