



Marine Outcomes



MANOR PARK CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

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8th October 2025

Dear Families,

Raising Awareness of Our Environmental Impact on Marine Life

At Manor Park First School, we are committed to nurturing not only the minds of our pupils but also their responsibility towards our planet. As part of our ongoing efforts to reduce our environmental impact, we are focusing on the urgent issue of plastic pollution and its harmful effects on marine life.

Plastic pollution is a significant threat to oceans and the creatures that inhabit them. To help raise awareness among our pupils and the wider community, we will be creating a series of artwork projects that highlight the impact of plastic waste on marine environments.

To support this creative and educational project, we kindly ask for your help by donating the following materials:

- Egg boxes
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic bottle caps/lids
- Paper plates
- Blue or green plastic bags

Please send any donations to your child's class teacher by **Friday 17th October**. These items will be used to create inspiring artwork that will be displayed around the school.

By working together, we can instill a love for learning and care for our planet in our pupils, aligning with our school values of Love for God, Love for Each Other, and Love for Learning.

Thank you for your support in helping us make a positive difference for our environment and marine life.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin
Assistant Headteacher



Manor Park CE First School
20 November 2025

Today, Manor Park had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Edward Morello, our West Dorset MP. He met with our dedicated Eco-Warriors, who shared their efforts for Cut Your Ca... See more



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2. Participate in the 'Big Plastic Count 2026' - spring term.

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11th March 2026

Dear **Aspen Class** Families,

We hope that your child and your family are enjoying taking part in the **Big Plastic Count!** This exciting initiative encourages pupils to count and record their plastic packaging waste at home over the course of **one week**. All children have been given a count sheet to take home for this purpose.

I have also attached an additional count sheet in case you need one.

Once your household has completed the investigation, your child can choose one of the following options to submit their results:

- Record your results at home via our unique class link:
<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/12893/aspen-3>
- Bring the completed Count Sheet to school on **Monday 16th March** to submit their results in class.

We would also love to see your child in action! Please feel free to send in **photographs** of your child taking part in the Big Plastic Count at home. These will help us celebrate the great work being done by our school community.

With your support, we can work together to create a fairer future that is free from the impacts of the plastics crisis. Thank you for helping us make a positive difference!

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely
Mr Martin
Assistant Headteacher

Manor Park CE First School
9 March · 🌐

Our Eco-Warriors took the lead in an inspiring launch assembly for The Big Plastic Count! They highlighted the impact of plastic on our environment; shared some surpris... See more

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT
9-15 MARCH

From 9th-15th March, thousands of people, schools and communities will be counting the plastic packaging they throw away! Our results will be used to call on the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people.

This is an opportunity to empower our pupils to not only learn about the plastic problem, but to act on it! We will be taking part as a school, but you can also!

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT FOR SCHOOLS

MANOR PARK CHURCH OF... PLASTIC PROFILE

Your school isn't to blame for these results, so please don't feel bad. Most of us don't have a choice but to buy things wrapped in plastic. But your results are helping change things for the better. We now have the evidence we need to push the government to cut plastic packaging. Thank you for taking part!

IN ONE WEEK, YOUR SCHOOL USED:	OVER ONE YEAR, THAT'S:
2057 PIECES OF PLASTIC	106964 PIECES OF PLASTIC

HERE'S HOW MUCH PLASTIC PACKAGING YOUR SCHOOL USED IN EACH CATEGORY:

Category	Percentage
FOOD & DRINK	81%
TOILETRIES & CLEANING	9%
EVERYTHING ELSE	10%

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SCHOOL'S PLASTIC WASTE:

Category	Percentage
WAS RECYCLED IN THE UK	17%
WAS BURNED IN THE UK	58%
WAS DUMPED IN THE UK	8%
WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS	17%

Plastic breaks down when it's recycled and ends up being dumped, burned or exported anyway.

Burning plastic causes air pollution, worsens climate change and impacts those living near burning sites.

When plastic is dumped in landfill, it releases harmful gases and pollutes surrounding areas.

Exporting plastic simply passes the problem to other countries, affecting the health of local people.

Manor Park CE First School
22 March · 🌐

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!
#ManorParkSuperStars ... See more

THANK YOU



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3: Organise an Eco-Warrior beach clean - summer term.



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24th April 2026

Dear Families,

I am pleased to confirm that our Eco-Warriors will take part in a beach litter pick on **Wednesday 20th May** at Chesil Beach. A member of the Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project will join us to talk with the children about their important conservation work, and then the children will take part in a supervised beach clean.

Travel and timings

- We will travel by minibus.
- We will leave school at 10:30am and return to school by 1:15pm.

What to bring / wear

- Full school uniform
- Warm, waterproof coat (weather appropriate).
- School trainers suitable for the beach
- Water bottle
- Sun hat and sun cream if the weather is sunny.

Packed Lunch

The children will need a packed lunch for the day in a small backpack:

- If you have already ordered a hot lunch for this day, this will be exchanged for a vegetarian packed lunch option.
- If you wish to choose an alternative packed lunch option, please log in to your child's Local Food Links account to make any changes.
- If you wish to cancel this and provide your child with an alternative lunch then please log in to your child's Local Food Links account to make any changes.
- Please note any changes on Local Food Links need to be made **7 days in advance** of the trip.

Safety and supervision

- The trip will be fully supervised by school staff and volunteers from the Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project.
- We will provide litter pickers, gloves and bags. Pupils will be briefed on safety and boundaries before the activity begins.

Parental Consent

To register and give permission for your child to attend this trip, please sign into your Arbor account. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak to me directly.

Yours sincerely

Mr Martin
Assistant Headteacher



