



Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the term, and your children have returned full of enthusiasm. This week, we have reflected on our world and taken time to appreciate the beautiful things we can see around us during assembly and in our collective worship. All classes have started their Science topics and I am sure the children will be able to talk about it at home.

To ensure the smooth running of the school, may I remind parents that the **KS1** gate opens at **8:30am** and closes at **9:00am**, while the **KS2** gate opens at **8:40am** and closes at **8:50am**. School starts promptly at **8:45am**, and Preschool begins at **9:00am**.

May I also remind you that **smoking and vaping are not permitted on school premises**.

It is wonderful to see so many children arriving on **bikes and scooters**. Please could you remind your children to **push their scooters from the school gate to the bike shelter** to help ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

We fully understand that parking can be difficult; however, please may I remind everyone to park considerately so that our neighbors can continue to access their driveways.

We are looking forward to another wonderful week next week.

The Manor Park Team

Save the Date

10 th September	Parents into class session (2:45pm- 3:15pm)
15 th September	Science Day
22 nd September	KS1 playground work begins
30 th September	Y3 Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre
2 nd October	Harvest Festival
5 th -9 th October	Cycle to school week
6 th October	Scholastic Book Fair
9 th October	Young Minds - Hello Yellow Day
14 th October	KS1 Literary Festival
15 th October	KS2 Literary Festival
19 th October	Parents' Evening
20 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st October	INSET Day
22 nd October	INSET Day
23 rd October	INSET Day
26 th -30 th October	Half Term

*Further details of relevant events will be sent out via Arbor closer to the time.

2026-27 term dates for this academic year are on the school website.





...our wraparound care!

Roots and Shoots provides wraparound care for children from Preschool to Year 4. It is run by Manor Park staff, so children are looked after by familiar faces every day.

We have a beautiful provision set up in The Bungalow.



Sessions

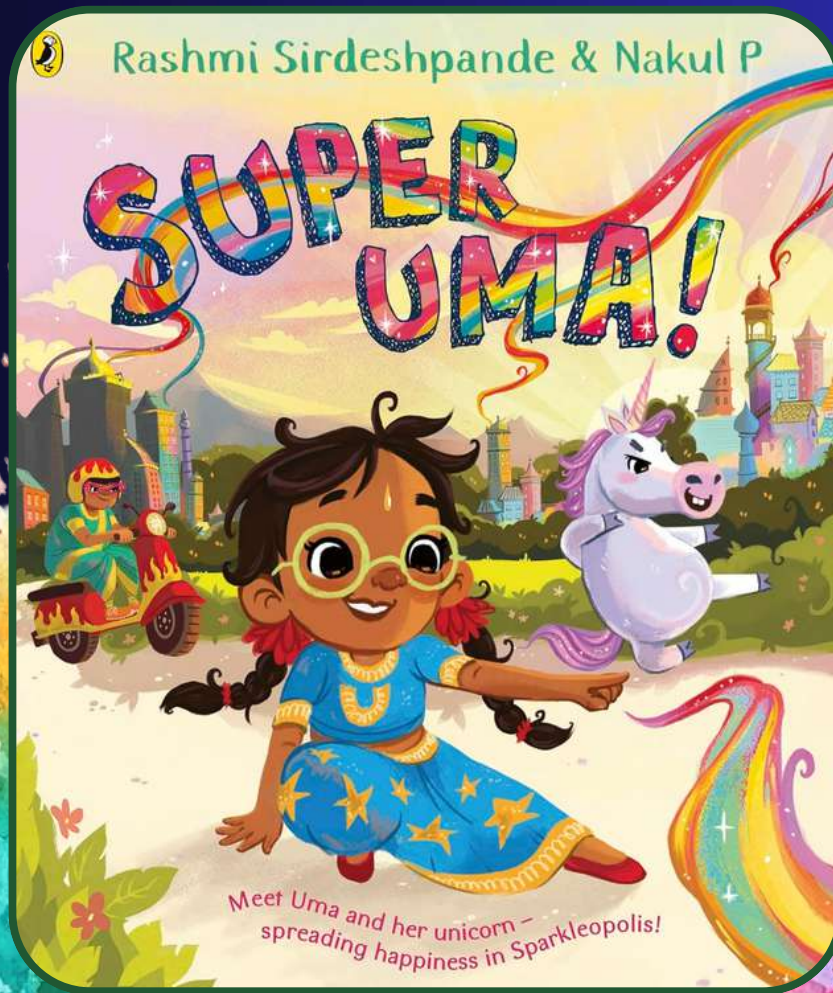
Before school- 7:30am - 8:45am (£7)

After school - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (£7)

4:15pm - 5:30pm (£7)



Book of the Week



Meet Uma - Uma the amazing, the adventurous, the seriously awesome superhero!

Together with her Nani and Chip (her unicorn sidekick) she goes on rescue missions, standing up for what is right and generally spreading happiness in Sparkleopolis, the super-sparkly, colourful city where she lives.

Until one day the colour and sparkle start seeping out of Sparkleopolis. This must be a job for Uma!



**Dorset
Council**

Are you the
parent or
carer of a 2-
11 year old?

Parenting isn't easy

If you are finding yourself stuck
then join us at **Dorchester Family
Hub** for our eight week **Being a
Parent** course.

Delivered **by parents for parents** this
course will give you practical tools
to make parenting more manageable

9th September - 11th November
10am- 12pm



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to sign up



Eco Warriors' September Top Tips



Biodiversity

We can protect wildlife.



Healthy Living

We can grow and taste our own food.



Global Citizenship

We can understand how our actions affect others.



Energy

We can unplug chargers when not in use.



Water

We can save water at school and at home



Marine

We can take part in clean-ups



Litter

We can encourage others to care for our school.



Waste

We can compost food waste.



Transport

We can take part in walk-to-school days.





“Behaviours that challenge us” Information Session

Free one-off session for parent/carer(s) living in BCP and Dorset

with children aged between 5 and 11 years

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Face to Face session, venue in BCP area

Wednesday 1st July 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

07:00pm - 09:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027

10:00am - 12:00pm

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**To book your place, please visit our website:
actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset or scan the QR code**



WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH:





September 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

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

Could you spare an hour a week to visit an older person who is feeling lonely or isolated? Our Volunteer Visitors offer regular companionship and help people reconnect with their local community. We are currently looking for Volunteer Visitors in Weymouth and Dorchester.



You will receive full training and on-going support from a dedicated line manager. We also offer regular volunteer socials and can pay travel expenses. This is a highly sought-after service that transforms lives.



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Poundbury,
DT1 3EN**

**Please phone 01305 231382
or email
volunteerenquiries@ageuknswd.org.uk
for more information**

Registered charity number 1142519

Events

IN THE COMMUNITY

Heritage Open Days: FREE!

Every year in September, Heritage Open Days offers the public the opportunity to visit hundreds of attractions, castles, churches, theatres, town halls, museums, and more for FREE!

This year the event runs from Friday 11th to Sunday 20th September however you will need to check with each location which dates their event applies.



Includes:

Lulworth Castle
Corfe Castle
Nothe Fort
Hardy Monument
Max Gate
Abbotsbury Abbey
Dorset Museum
Portland Port Guided Tour
and many more...

Bridport Hat Festival
raising funds for head-related charities **2026**

'HATURDAY'
Saturday 5th September
Wear your Hat: Have Fun!
Mass Photo 1pm Bucky Doo Square
Hat Competitions - Judging at 1.15pm
Millennium Green Garden Party all day:
Hatted Dogs' Competition 11am!
Prosecco Stall!
Music, Food, Licensed Bar until 8pm!

'It's the most fun you'll ever have in a hat'

www.bridporthatfest.org
want to help or be a sponsor? get in touch!
01308 250350 general@bridporthatfest.org

DORSET COUNTY SHOW
5 & 6 SEPT 2026

DORSET'S BIGGEST WEEKEND

2026 HIGHLIGHTS:
MONSTER TRUCKS, WURZELS (SAT), GOATS, PIGS, SHEEP, CATTLE, ALPACAS, BEES, SHEEP SHEARING, STEAM, MUSIC STAGE, SCURRY RACING, AXEMEN, HEAVY HORSES, CAVIES, RABBITS, POULTRY, FORGE, SHEEP DOG DEMOS & SO MUCH MORE

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*Attendance Winners
this week are...*

EYFS

Hazel Class: **100%**

K.S.1

Ash and Aspen Class: **100%**

K.S.2

Sycamore Class: 98.1%



A massive well done to Hazel, Ash and Aspen Classes for achieving 100% this week!

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."**

SALT Drop-in sessions 15th October
between 10am and 11am

Our community Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) is available for anyone whose child is currently on the SALT list or anyone who has concerns about their child's speech and language. Please phone the office to make an appointment.

Future drop-in dates:

28th January 2027

6th May 2027

*"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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