



Manor Park

CE (VC) First School

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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful week at Manor Park.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic school trip, which really brought their learning about the Romans to life. Meanwhile, Year 2, although understandably disappointed that their trip could not go ahead, have remained fully engaged in their learning about the Great Fire of London.

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat every day. We encourage outdoor play in all weather conditions, as fresh air and active play are an important part of the school day.

Next week in Collective Worship, we will continue our theme of "Looking Out". Using the story of Joseph Forgives (Genesis 45), we will explore how we can show love for one another through forgiveness. Children will be encouraged to think about why forgiveness can be difficult, why it is powerful, and what it means to live out our school value of Love for Each Other.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The Manor Park Team

Save the Date

13th October	SEND meetings (book a slot at the office)
13th October	Elm Class visit Shire Hall
14 th October	KS1 Literary Festival
15th October	Ash Class visit SHire Hall
15 th October	KS2 Literary Festival
15th October	SALT Drop-in sessions (10am-11am)
16th October	Disco
19 th October	Parents' Evening and RSHE drop in
20th October	Parents open afternoon at 2:45pm
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19th and 20 th October	Whole school Eco Focus: Mini Beasts
21st October	INSET Day
22nd October	INSET Day
23rd October	INSET Day
26th-30th October	Half Term
9 th November	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue assembly
11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
11 th November	SEND meetings (book a slot at the office)
13th November	Children In Need Day
7 th December	SEND meetings (book a slot at the office)
14th December	Y1 and Y2 Nativity 10:30am - 11:30am
15 th December	Y1 and Y2 Nativity 1:45pm - 2:45pm
17th December	End of Autumn Term
18th December	INSET Day

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



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HIGHLIGHTS of the WEEK



Beech Class in Year 4 incorporated footballs into their 'Fitness' lessons.



We had a wonderful response to the 'Guess the Book' competition and here are just a few of the winners!



In the midst of their closure, Shire Hall Museum generously donated arts and crafts resources to our school, choosing to support local children and ensure these resources continue to be used and enjoyed.



Our Happiness Heroes delivered a wonderful assembly to tell the rest of the school why we are involved in Hello Yellow Day.

This week in Roots and Shoots, we have enjoyed a range of fun and creative activities.



In History this afternoon Aspen Class in Year 1 got to explore a rather strange object! A mobile phone from 1987!



We couldn't let Mr Martin's special birthday pass us by without celebrating with a special Manor Park surprise lunch



Please consider making a donation via the QR code or link.

We're wearing

yellow



**and raising money
on 9 October**



#HelloYellow

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<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/ManorPark/hello-yellow>

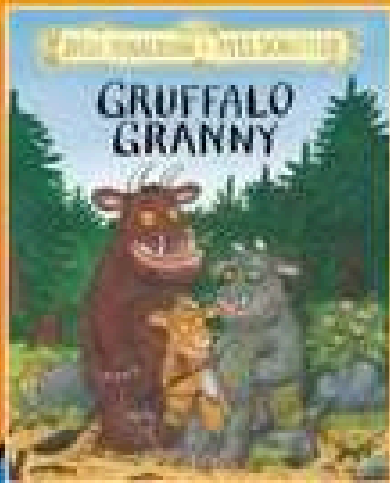
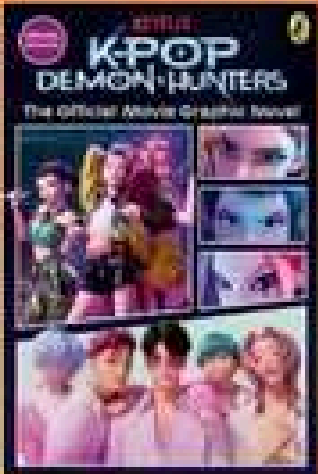
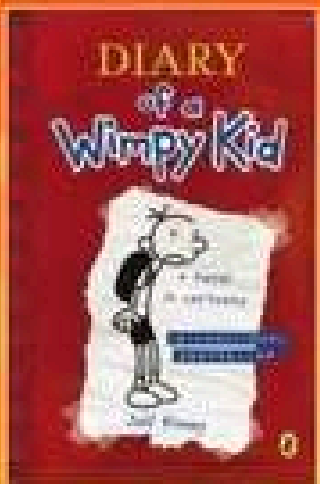


SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

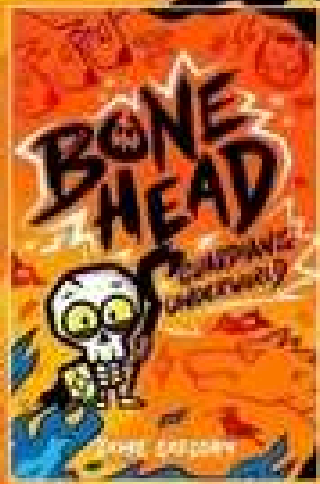
Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

And find your next favourite read!



3 for £10.00



DATE: 9.10.26 and 12.10.26

TIME: 3:15pm

LOCATION: Main school gate

GO ALL IN.



Open Day!

Visit us on
5th November at
10:30am
Or
12th November at
1:30pm

Are you looking for a school place for your child who is due to join Reception in September 2027?



We are delighted to invite you to our school on either **Thursday 5th November** at 10:30am or **Thursday 12th November** at 1:30pm, where you will have the opportunity to speak with the Head of School, enjoy a tour of our wonderful EYFS area, and ask any questions you may have.

*If you are unable to attend on the above dates, please call the school office to make an appointment at a time to suit you.

To book a tour, please contact the school office on 01305 268741 or email office@manorpark.wessex.ac



@manorparkfirst



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Top Tips for Educators

PUPIL WELLBEING CONVERSATIONS

It can feel difficult to know how to start a conversation with a pupil about their wellbeing, either because you do not feel equipped with the information you think you need, or because you do not feel confident opening it up. You do not need to be a specialist. This guide covers how to start, what to say about confidentiality, and what to do with what you hear.

1 NURTURE WARM, TRUSTING, & KIND RELATIONSHIPS

When pupils have a consistent, emotionally available adult who shows they care and who holds them in mind, they thrive. They are also far more willing to open up and seek support. Positive, trusting relationships are an important part of supporting pupil wellbeing and complement more formal wellbeing programmes or sessions.

2 KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED

When a pupil discloses, stay calm while showing that you take it seriously. Panic can raise their anxiety and teach them that telling an adult makes things worse. Your steadiness can help them to keep calm and give them enough space to say the rest. Calm does not mean unmoved, and it is fine to tell them that what they have said is important and will be heard.

3 HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS

Many pupils find it easier to talk when a conversation does not require them to sit face to face with an adult. For example, conversations might take place while walking, tidying the classroom, or taking part in a lunchtime club. Sitting alongside someone removes the demand of eye contact, allows longer thinking time and lowers the intensity of the exchange. This can be particularly true for neurodivergent pupils, and for anyone who needs a moment before answering.

4 THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE

Consider whether the pupil can speak without being overheard or interrupted. If a pupil has already started talking, avoid unnecessarily disrupting the conversation by moving elsewhere. Where a more appropriate location is needed, explain why you need to move and give the pupil the opportunity to continue what they were saying.

5 BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

Never promise to keep information to yourself. Schools have a legal duty to share information relevant to a pupil's safety or welfare. Tell them at the start that you may need to pass something on, and who to. Then involve them in what happens next, as far as their age and understanding allow. Ask what they want to happen, what they want to say, and who they want to be told. Be honest that some things will need to happen whether they agree or not. A pupil who helped shape next steps is far more likely to tell someone again.

6 CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Provide a classroom free from belittling and shame-based behaviour management. Pupils who expect to be humiliated will not disclose. Where they feel listened to and see that difficulties are acted upon, they share worries earlier and whilst those worries are still small. If pupils hear adults belittling or talking about other pupils openly, it damages trust and they are likely to assume their worries will also be handled this way.

7 DO NOT CARRY IT ON YOUR OWN

Hearing something difficult can stay with you. When informing your designated safeguarding lead, share with them how it left you feeling and whether you feel you need further support. Your role as a trusted adult is what makes all of the above possible, and just as you have a responsibility to protect pupils' welfare, your school has a responsibility to protect yours.

HELPFUL OPENERS

- I've noticed you've been quieter. How's your week been?
- You don't seem your usual self, when might be a good time to catch up today?
- Sometimes it's hard to know what to say, but I'd like to understand?
- You don't have to talk now. I'll check in with you later?

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is a mental health and wellbeing specialist with nearly thirty years in education. She is a multi-academy trust director, special adviser, and a former adviser to the Department for Education on its mental health green paper.



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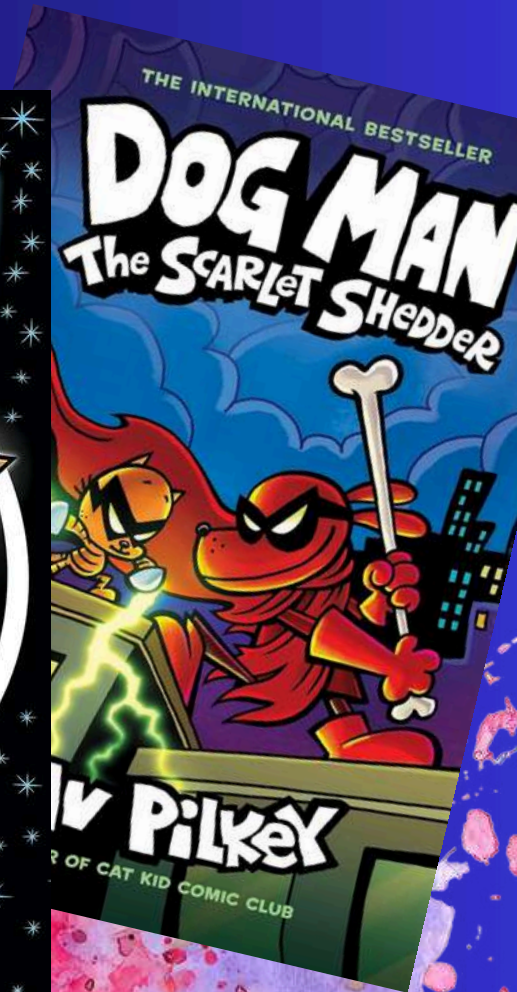
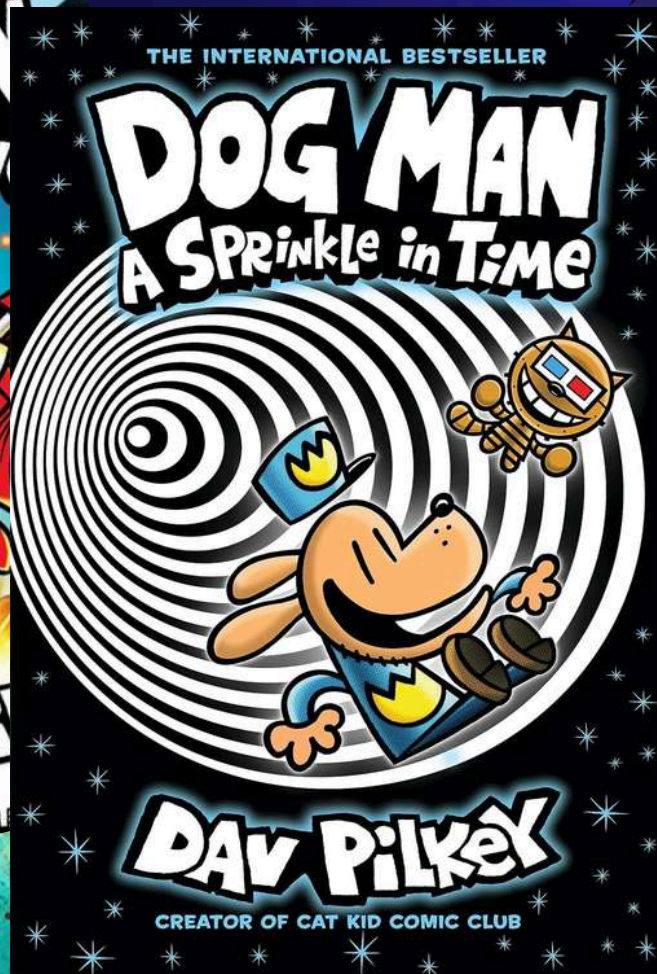
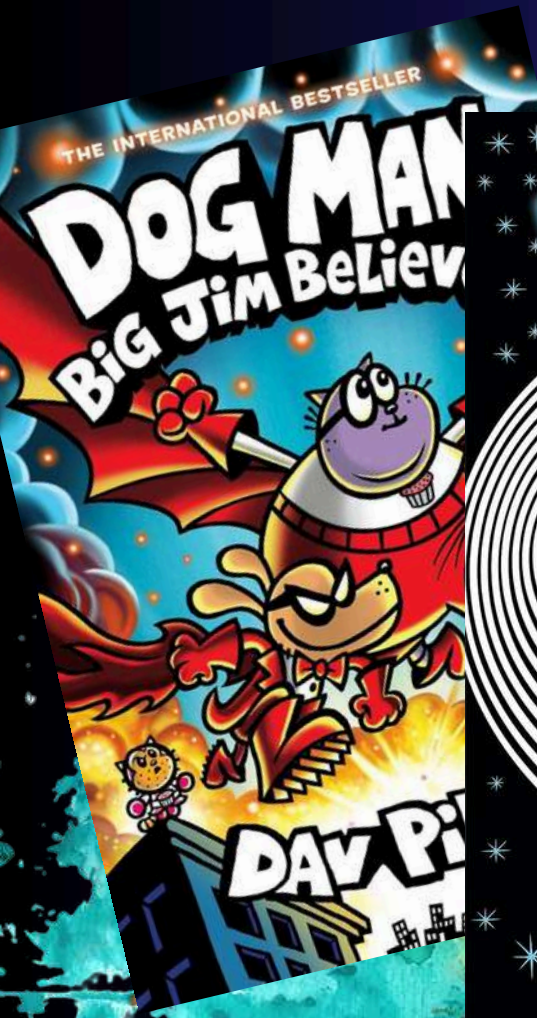
@wake.up.wednesday



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Book of the Week



You may have seen (or even bought) one of these books at our Scholastic Book Fair this week (Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th October). There have been lots of children in school who eagerly awaited a chance to look at the Dog Man books!

Dog Man books are highly sought-after in school and we are regularly hunting them down for the next child to read. In a comic book format, featuring plenty of action, lots of laughs and a hero everyone seems to love, they are a popular choice.



LET'S GLOW WILD
FOR MANOR PARK'S FIRST
NEON DISCO

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION* - 5.00-5.45PM

(*PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY)

YEARS 1 & 2 - 6.00-6.45

YEARS 3 & 4 - 7.00-7.45

**WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BUDSMANORPARK/
£4 PER TICKET**



**HOSTED BY BUDS OF MANOR PARK
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENCORE ENTERTAINMENTS**



...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 your
sessions
on Arbor*

Preschool Wraparound Provision



Our Preschool staff, Miss C and Miss Wilmot, run our Preschool Wraparound provision. This ensures that our youngest #ManorParkSuperStars are cared for by adults who are familiar to them throughout the day.

We offer a range of breakfast options in our breakfast provision, and a variety of snacks and activities in our after school provision.

Preschool Wraparound Care sessions are 8am-9am for our morning sessions and either 3pm -4:15pm or 3pm-5pm for our after school sessions. Please book sessions via Arbor (the option to select is called 'extended preschool')





Eco Warriors' October Top Tips



Biodiversity

We can learn about nature around our school



Healthy Living

We can take breaks from screens



Global Citizenship

We can share and help one another



Energy

We can help monitor energy use



Water

We can save water at school and at home



Marine

We can understand where our rubbish goes.



Litter

We can recycle where possible



Waste

We can share toys and books.



Transport

We can park bikes safely.



DESIGN A

Christmas Jumper



In honour of this years **'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day'** we need your child's help – by drawing or painting the design for a Christmas Jumper.

The only things we ask are: the image represents the theme of Christmas, it is A4 in size, please do not use a jumper template as we need the image to be printed onto a jumper and the work of art should be sent to us via email – other than that your child can be as creative as they want!

It's totally free to enter and your child could **win their design printed on a jumper ready for Christmas Jumper day.**

What to do:

- 1 Draw your Christmas design on an A4 piece of plain paper. Please **DO NOT** use or draw a jumper template.



2

Please include your child's name, age, class, year and school on your email.



3

Email your design to **comps@localfoodlinks.org.uk** by Monday 16th November.

We will accept the following file types: PDF or JPG.



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SWIM SCHOOL 2026



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Turtleback Swim Lessons offer
water confidence, safety, and total
independence in the water.



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SAFETY



GAIN
INDEPENDENCE

*Small
Steps
Big
Adventures* ♥



DATES

Tuesday 27th,
Wednesday 28th
and Friday 30th
October 2026



TIMES

9.30am
10.00am
10.30am



VENUE

Wyvern Hydrotherapy
Pool, Dorchester Road,
Weymouth
DT3 5AL



PRICE

£27
per child
per week



ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Spaces are limited



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Events

IN THE COMMUNITY



Dorchester Community Church
100 Regent Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1JL
Tel: 01308 424901

31ST OCTOBER 2026

GAMES! SWEETS! FUN!

GLOW PARTY

5:30 - 7PM

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
LISCOMBE STREET, POUNDBURY

AGES 5-10	FREE OF CHARGE
HOTDOGS	CRAFTS

Celebrating **LIGHT** instead of darkness
No Halloween costumes

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Walk and Wonder

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 10AM

STARTING AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
60 MIN GENTLE WALK IN GOD'S CREATED WORLD

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



PUMPKINS & AUTUMN FUN ON THE FARM

THIS OCTOBER

Dewflock Farm
Dorchester DT2 8NP

Tickets at
www.dewflockfarm.co.uk

Dates: 10/11, 17/18,
24/25 October 2026



Louis Pearl

THE AMAZING BUBBLEMAN

HALF TERM SHOW

SAT 24 OCTOBER | 2PM

BRIDPORT ELECTRIC PALACE
35 SOUTH STREET BRIDPORT DT6 3NY
ELECTRICPALACE.ORG.UK/THEATRE | 01308 424901



Betty and the Arctic Adventure Ahead!

Angel Exit Theatre

Based on the book by Ella Burfoot

Lighthouse Poole. Thur 22 - Fri 30 October

Arts Council England | **lighthouse**

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Wow! All of Year 4 achieved 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!

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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