# MANOR WAY MAIL

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

**Weekly Roundup**

It has been an amazingly busy and exciting few weeks across the school! Our halls were filled with bright smiles as children had their school pictures taken, and Year 3 experienced great excitement unboxing their brand-new iPads to kickstart their digital learning journey. In Year 4, pupils have launched into whole-class guitar lessons—a consent letter has been sent home to parents so pupils can bring their instruments home for extra practice! Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils have been working exceptionally hard as they step up to meet the challenge of Upper Key Stage 2.

Beyond the classroom, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic educational trip to Dudley Zoo, while selected Year 4 and Year 6 pupils proudly represented Manor Way at the WAT Primary Games with brilliant sportsmanship.

Our youngest learners have also been making wonderful progress as Nursery pupils settled into their full-day placements, and our Reception children have been busy mastering their new daily routines and rhythms.

To top off a brilliant week, we have a very special staff achievement to celebrate—a huge congratulations to Miss Marriott, who attended her university graduation ceremony! We are so proud of her hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support during such a vibrant and rewarding start to the term!

## Reminders for next week

- **Friends of Manor Way Meeting is on Friday 18th Sept**. Come along, find out how to get involved and we'll provide the biscuits. Come to the school office at **3.15** to join us. Click here for more information.

- **Year 6** are off to **Pioneer Centre**. Ensure that you have the kit list to help with your packing.

- Please ensure children bring a **water bottle**, filled with water, and if you are providing a snack, please ensure this is in line with our healthy eating policy of raw fruit or vegetables , thank you.

- **Year 4** will be **swimming** on Monday , please remember swimming kit

- **PE Kit-** Please ensure that pupils are wearing their shorts and t shirt under their hoodie and joggers. When the children take part in PE and competitions they wear shorts/skorts and t shirts.

- **Earrings -** small silver and gold studs are allowed and, in line with our policy, any children wearing other earrings will be asked to remove them and kept safely until the end of the day. Pupils should not wear earrings on PE days and will be asked to remove them if they are wearing them.

- **Year 4** have their **whole class guitar lesson** on a Friday so please remember to bring your guitar into school. As soon as you have completed the consent form shared today your child can bring their guitars home to practice.

- **St Johns Ambulance Service** are in school next week to deliver an assembly and first aid training with Years 3, 4 and 5.

- **Year 3** need to start thinking about their Stone Age costume for their workshop on Friday September 25th. Letter will be arriving in your inbox early next week.

## Spotlight of Reading at Manor Way

At Manor Way, we are passionate about ensuring that every child learns to read and develops a true love for books. Reading underpins everything we do, and we invest heavily in high-quality, engaging texts across the school to broaden vocabulary, sharpen comprehension, and spark children's imaginations. From our weekly class visits to our peaceful, inspiring school library to our Year 5 Reading Buddies who support our younger readers, we aim to build a vibrant culture where books are celebrated every day. Home support plays a vital role in this journey, and we love celebrating reading milestones together—don't forget that every 10-minute home reading session recorded in your child's diary helps them work toward their next milestone certificate!

Each class also has its very own special reading bear, complete with its own book bag, reading diary, and a selection of handpicked stories—including copies of our class WATaPoet poems so pupils can practice for their badges. Every child will get the opportunity to take their class bear home for a special "reading sleepover," sharing stories together with family, signing the bear's diary, and creating lasting reading memories. We look forward to seeing the diaries fill up with all of your child's reading adventures alongside their new furry reading buddy!

## Coming Up...

| | |
|---|---|
| 16th - 18th September | Year 6 - Pioneer Centre |
| 18th September | Friends of Manor Way Meeting - All welcome |
| 24th September | Reception Parents Phonics Workshop - 9am |
| 25th September | Year 3 - Stone Age Day Workshop |
| 1st October | Celebration Lunch |
| 2nd October - 8th October | Schoolastic Book Fair |
| 19th October | Flu Vaccinations |
| 20th October | Reception - Sycamore Adventure |
| 23rd October | School Disco |
| 3rd & 4th November | Parents Evening |
| 4th November | Reception September 2027 - Open Morning - 9.30am |
| 4th November | Year 4 - Roman Day Workshop |
| 5th November | Year 5 - Egyptian Day Workshop |
| 11th November | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| 13th November | Bee Kind Day |
| 28th November | Christmas Fayre - 11am - 1pm |
| 2nd December | Reception September 2027 - Open Morning - 9.30am |
| 9th & 10th December | EYFS & KS1 Nativity |
| 11th December | Year 1 - 6 Christmas Theatre Trip |
| 14th December | National Elf Service Day |
| 15th December | Christmas Hat & Dinner Day |
| 16th December | Christmas Jumper & Jeans Day |
| 17th December | Christmas Party Day |
| 18th December | Christmas PJ's Day - finish at 1.30pm |

## Term Dates

### Autumn 2026 1st September - 18th December

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st September | Inset Day |
| 2nd September | Children start school |
| 5th October | Inset Day |
| 24th October - 1st November | Half Term |
| 4th December | Inset Day |
| 18th December | Last Day of Term |

### Spring 2027 4th January - 26th March

| | |
|---|---|
| 4th January | Inset Day |
| 5th January | Children start back |
| 13th - 21st February | Half Term |
| 25th March | Last Day of Term |

### Summer 2027 12th April - 21st July

| | |
|---|---|
| 12th April | Children start school |
| 28th May | Inset Day |
| 29th May - 6th June | Half Term |
| 21st July | Last Day of Term |