MANOR WAY MAIL

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Manor Way Weekly News Roundup

Welcome to this week's newsletter! What an incredible and action-packed week we have had at Manor Way.

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday. We were completely blown away by the mountain of food donations brought into school. Your kindness and generosity towards the Black Country Foodbank will make a tangible difference to families in need across our local community. On top of that, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that our school has officially achieved the prestigious School Games Platinum Award for 2026/27—the highest level of recognition for sustained excellence in sport!

It has also been an extraordinary Aspire Week across the school, giving our children a wonderful glimpse into different career paths and future possibilities. A huge thank you to all our fantastic parent and guest speakers who took time out of their busy schedules to lead our assemblies and inspire the children: Graham Short, Natallie Kelleher, Adam Holbrook, Chris Field, Hayley Bond, Liam Teraud, Kris Darnley, and Dr Harriet Grubb. Your support in sharing your experiences made the week unforgettable! We will be sharing much more information about our Aspire Week in next week's newsletter.

In the meantime, make sure to look out on our social media pages for a preview of the brilliant costumes the children wore for "Dress as Your Career Aspiration." They all looked fantastic and we have to give a special shout-out to Gracie, who came dressed as our very own Miss Buffery! (Check out her lanyard!)

Reminders for next week

- All **payments** for **Autumn 2 after school clubs** should be paid by **31st October** via Arbor.
- **School Disco is next Friday 23rd** October, **volunteers** would be much appreciated. If you can help, please let the school office know if you can help.
- **Reception** parents - please make sure you have consented and paid for your **Sycamore Trip** on **Tuesday 20th October**
- **Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop** on Wednesday 21st October - please consent and pay for the workshop experience £6.50 via Arbor.
- **IMPORTANT** Our **Flu vaccinations** at Manor Way take place in school this Monday, 19th October. Please **do not forget to consent via the text** you should have received from **NHS UK** on your phone.

Harvest Assembly - Foodbank Donation

On Wednesday we had our Harvest Assembly and Foodbank Donation Day. We were delighted to welcome two special guests: Louise Hicklin, Family and Children's Worker from St John's in Halesowen and Caroline Gates from Black Country Foodbank. Louise led a brilliant assembly that encouraged children to appreciate everything they have and reminded us all of the importance of sharing with others.

The response from our families was incredible. We were completely blown away by the mountain of donations brought into school—as you can see from the photos below!

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed. Your kindness and generosity will make a tangible difference to families in need across our community.

Please remember that the need for support continues throughout the year. If you would like to make further contributions, you can find donation points, volunteer opportunities, and more information directly on the Black Country Foodbank website. Thank you once again for your inspiring support!

School Games - Platinum Award

We have officially achieved the prestigious School Platinum Award for the 2026/27 academic year!

The Platinum Award is the highest level of recognition given to schools that demonstrate sustained excellence and leadership over multiple consecutive years. It celebrates schools that consistently embed high standards of sports into everyday school life. Achieving Platinum proves that our commitment to providing exceptional opportunities is continuous and deeply rooted in our community.

This milestone belongs to everyone. Thank you to our incredible pupils, dedicated staff, and supportive parents for your hard work, passion, and enthusiasm.

Well done, team—let's celebrate this fantastic achievement together!

School Events Coming Up!

DMBC - Health and Wellbeing Update

Keeping our community healthy and supported is top priority. Dudley Council's latest Health and Wellbeing bulletin has just been published. Whether you are looking for local health guidance, wellbeing activities, or support services for your family, this update is a fantastic place to start. Head over to Healthy Dudley to stay connected!

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Nominate an Amazing Young Person for the West Midlands Young Active Citizen Awards!

Do you know a young person who goes above and beyond, supports others at home or school, or makes a real difference in our community?
The West Midlands Lieutenancy has officially opened nominations for the Young Active Citizen Awards, celebrating inspiring individuals aged 25 and under across four age categories (Up to 11, 12–14, 15–18, and 19–25).
If you know a child or young person who deserves to be recognised with an engraved medal and certificate for being a shining example to others, please take a moment to nominate them!

- How to Nominate: Submit your nomination online via the West Midlands Lieutenancy Website, or email a form to deputyclerk@wmlieutenancy.org.
- Deadline: Midnight on 5th February 2027.

Winners will be announced in March 2027. Let's make sure our local stars get the recognition they deserve!

Community Events

Forest School opportunities for Halloween and Children in Need

Miss Hale, our amazing Forest School Lead, is running some outdoor sessions during Half Term and Halloween. Whether you are a toddler, child or grown-up, interested in Forest School fun, crafting, parties or a walk in the woods for charity; there is something for everyone happening at Dragon Tales Forest School over the next few weeks. As there will be fire at all of these events- please leave the Halloween costumes at home! But face paint and funky hats are always encouraged! Click on the images for more details....

We also have a few organisations who have been in touch to let us know of some events they are organising during half term.

Please click on the image/links below to find out more information.

Coming Up...

19th October	Flu Vaccinations - Reception - Year 6. Preschool should contact their GP
20th October	Reception - Sycamore Adventure Trip
21st October	Year 2 - Great Fire of London Workshop at Manor Way.
23rd October	School Disco • Reception and KS1 3pm - 4 pm • KS2 4. 10pm - 5.10pm
3rd & 4th November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
4th November	Reception Intake September 2027 Open Morning - 9.30am
4th November	Year 4 - Roman Day Workshop. Come dressed as a Roman!
5th November	Year 5 - Egyptian Day Workshop. Dress up as an Egyptian!
6th November	Diwali Day - come to school dressed in your brightest clothes!
9th-13th November	Free Breakfast Club Open Week - A trial week of all we have to offer
11th November	Remembrance Day Assembly
13th November	Children in Need and World Kindness Day - Dress in bright colours, the spottier the better! Donate daffodils to brighten the school site and/or make a donation to Children In Need which supports children's mental health charities.
28th November	Christmas Fayre - 11am - 1pm
9th & 10th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.30am
11th December	Year 1 - 6 Christmas Theatre Trip to The Old Rep Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast. Volunteers welcomed and appreciated!
14th December	National Elf Service Day. Come dressed as an elf to deliver Christmas cards to our neighbours and host our friends from Lapal House Care Home. Coffee and cake and children performing and reading. Volunteers greatly appreciated.
15th December	Christmas Hat & Dinner Day. Wear your most festive hat with school uniform.
16th December	Christmas Jumper & Jeans Day when we visit Santa's Grotto and have Winter fun in Manor Way's Dragon Wood
17th December	Christmas Party Day - Dress to sparkle and shine!
18th December	Christmas Pyjama Day. Come dressed in your PJ's and donate to Mary Steven's Hospice. School finishes at 1.15pm. Come and join us on the playground for Carols around the Tree.