MANOR WAY MAIL

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Manor Way Weekly News Roundup

It has been another wonderful week of learning at Manor Way, capped off by our brilliant Year 3 pupils who stepped millions of years into the past for their immersive Stone Age Experience Day alongside children from Tenterfields. Their energy, costumes and curiosity while exploring prehistoric artifacts made us all incredibly proud.

As we head into October, our school calendar is packed with exciting events. Next week kicks off with our special Celebration Lunch on Thursday 1st October, followed by the arrival of our annual Scholastic Book Fair on Friday 2nd October. Please do take a close look at the reminders below regarding these events, including details on our new cashless payment system for the book fair, and note that school will be closed to pupils for an Inset Day on Monday 5th October.

Finally, we are looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to help bring the magic of reading and outdoor exploration to life this term. Whether you fancy becoming a classroom Secret Storyteller, assisting at our School Disco, or walking with pupils to swimming lessons, your time makes a massive difference.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Have a wonderful weekend!

Reminders for next week

- The **Scholastic Book Fair** arrives at Manor Way on 2nd October and will available after school on the playground (weather permitting) until Thursday 8th October.
- It is an **Inset Day** on Monday **5th October**. School will be closed to pupils on that day.
- Please ensure all items belonging to your child are labelled - including bottles, clothing and even shoes!!
- **Flu Vaccines** are taking place at Manor Way on 19th October. If you haven't already, watch out for consent forms arriving in your inbox from Vaccinations UK. Children whose parents do not consent, will not be given the vaccine.
- Our **Celebration Lunch** is taking place on **1st October.** Our amazing Catering Team are busy getting ready for an exciting one off menu, and the hall will be decorated too!
- Our **Breakfast Club** bookings have now moved to **Arbor**. To book into Breakfast Club please go to the clubs section of Arbor - where you are able to track what you have already booked! Contact the office if you have any queries.
- **Year 4** - don't forget your guitars on Fridays!!

Stone Age Day comes to Manor Way

Our Year 3 pupils embarked on a journey millions of years into the past as they were joined by children from Tenterfields for a Stone Age experience day.

The immersive day allowed the children to step into the shoes of early humans, supporting their understanding of prehistoric life through engaging, practical activities. From exploring replica artifacts to trying their hand at ancient skills, the pupils showed curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the event.

A huge well done to all of our incredible 'Stone Age'ers' for their energy and effort—Fred Flintstone himself would have been proud! Thank you as well to the visiting pupils and staff from Tenterfields for helping make the day such a success.

"I have liked learning about the artifacts and about how they feel to touch"

"The children have enjoyed learning about the evolution of the universe. The have partuclarly enjoyed the artifacts and dressing up. it has been lovely to see them so engaged!"

Scholastic Book Fare

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner! It's a wonderful opportunity to foster a lifelong love of reading in our students while directly supporting our school community.

To help you prepare, here is everything you need to know before you visit:

- Please note that this year's Book Fair will be completely cashless. To ensure smooth and secure transactions, we will not be accepting physical cash.
- Because there will be no traditional card reader on-site, paying for your books is quick and easy using your mobile device:
  a. Bring your smartphone along with your bank or credit card details.
  b. Locate the payment QR code displayed at the fair.
  c. Scan the code with your phone camera to complete your payment quickly and securely.

In addition to a fantastic selection of popular titles, graphic novels, and classics for all reading levels, we will also have a variety of fun stationery and hand pointers available for purchase!

Every purchase makes a real difference. A portion of every book and item sold goes directly back to our school, allowing us to earn valuable rewards to stock our school library and classrooms with brand-new books for our students to enjoy year-round.
Thank you so much for your continued support in making our school a vibrant community of readers. We can't wait to see you there!

Roald Dahl: *"If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books."*

Spotlight on Parent Volunteers

At Manor Way, our parent volunteers are a huge part of our school community. They are an essential part of making our school the inspiring and magical place that it is. Without their time and support, so many of our special activities, curriculum enhancements and personal potential opportunities simply wouldn't be possible.

By giving a little of your time, they allow our children to explore new subjects, dive into new experiences like swimming and unlock their full personal potential.

Volunteering isn't just giving to the school—it offers a fantastic experience for you too. Joining us gives you a window into everyday school life while connecting with other parents in a fun and welcoming environment. To make getting started as seamless as possible, we will fully fund and process your Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, as well as provide an induction so you have the knowledge to start well. Beyond the everyday fun, hands-on volunteering is a fantastic way to build your CV, gain valuable experience and take a confident step toward future training, education or career opportunities. Plus, as a big thank you for your support, you'll receive special invitations to our volunteer-only appreciation events

Current Volunteering Opportunities
We have several exciting roles available right now, ranging from one-off event support to regular weekly help:

- **Reception Trip to Sycamore Adventure** - We need 2 parent helpers to join our Reception class on their trip to Sycamore Adventure on Tuesday, 20th October! Your help ensures this exciting day out runs safely and smoothly for our youngest learners.
- Friends of Manor Way Events - We need helpers for our school events—particularly for our upcoming **School Disco** on October 23rd!
- **Year 5 Forest School** Assistants - Join our amazing new Forest Lead, Maddie, in Autumn 2! We are looking for volunteers on Monday and/or Tuesday afternoons to help our Year 5's explore the outdoors.
- **Swimming Escorts** - Help keep our children safe by walking with them to their swimming lessons every Monday afternoon.
- **Secret Readers** - Bring the joy of books to life in the classroom! (Check out the flyer for full details.)
- Or you could add your name to our **parent helper list** to help support and supervise children when sporting events and fixtures pop up.

Whether you can commit to a weekly afternoon or just a couple of hours at a school disco, every bit of help makes a huge difference to our children.

To express your interest or find out more, please contact the school office at information@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.
Thank you for your continued support in making Manor Way an extraordinary place to learn and grow!

Events Coming Up!

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29th September	School Nurse Assembly
1st October	Celebration Lunch
2nd Oct - 8th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
14th October	Harvest Assembly - 14th October, please bring in your donations for the Black Country Foodbank and place on your donation station on the way into school. See link
19th October	Flu Vaccinations. Consents will be emailed nearer the date.
20th October	Reception - Sycamore Adventure Trip - adult volunteers required please.
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	Parent's 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!
11th November	Remembrance Day Assembly
13th November	Bee Kind Day. Dress in yellow and donate daffodils to brighten the school site and remind everyone about the importance of mental health when they flower year on year.
28th November	Christmas Fayre - 11am - 1pm
2nd December	Reception Intake September 2027 - Open Morning - 9.30am
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 read to our friends from Lapal House Care Home.
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.