MANOR WAY MAIL

2ND OCTOBER 2026

Manor Way Weekly News Roundup

It has been another fantastic week at Manor Way Primary Academy! Following our successful Stone Age Experience Day with Year 3 and our Celebration Lunch, the playground will be buzzing this week with pupils exploring new books at our Scholastic Book Fair.

We also want to give a massive congratulations to our newly appointed Junior Leadership Team for 2026! From our Head Girl Edie, Head Boy Zeke, Deputy Head Boy Oliver and Deputy Head Girl Ayla, to our School Senate, Eco-Council, Reading Buddies, Early Years Oracy Champions and more, these young leaders are already stepping up to guide, support and inspire across the school.

As we head further into October, we have plenty of exciting activities on the horizon, from our Harvest Assembly, to creative class workshops and our School Disco! And we also have our new Aspire Week - inspiring children to think of the difference that they can make to their community. All the details can be found in the flyer below!

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

Reminders for next week

- It is an **Inset Day on Monday 5th October**. School will be closed to pupils on that day.
- 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.
- Don't forget to book School Dinners and Breakfast Club on **Arbor** before cut off times. The school office can support you if you are having any problems.
- Please ensure that **water** is the only drink that children bring to school.
- 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.
- **EYFS Reminder** - Please ensure snack pots and bottle are dropped off on the trolley by the gates, and not left in bags. Please ensure your child has a book bag and do not bring other items such as umbrellas into school as we have limited storage.
- **Parents' evening** appointment will go live on Monday morning at 5pm for the 3rd and 4th November.
- Miss Ahmed is collecting **autumnal items** such as conkers, pine cones, pumpkins and acorns for the mud kitchen. If you had any to donate, she would be very grateful.

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ASPIRE WEEK

Week beginning 12th October

Exploring dreams, discovering talents and inspiring futures.

Our aims

Aspire Sentences –
Connecting dream careers with character virtues and learning skills.

Database of Dreams –
A talent survey exploring interests, barriers and worries to help us support every child.

Community Network –
Building links with local businesses, professionals and parent ambassadors.

What's happening?

Guest assemblies

MONDAY	Graham Short – Micro Artist/Micro Engraver
TUESDAY	Natallie Kelleher – Supported Employment Coordinator Kimberley Darnley – Palliative Care Clinical Nurse
WEDNESDAY	Chris Field – Traffic Police Officer Hayley Bond – Beautician
THURSDAY	Liam Teraud – Police Officer / Sports Coach
FRIDAY	Kris Darnley – Fire Officer Dr Harriet Grubb – Consultant

FRIDAY

Come to school dressed as your future career aspiration!

Attendance Update

Manor Way's attendance is signifianly above national and we are grateful for the hard work our parents put in!

Celebrating High Attendance in School

You children may come home excited today about our new attendance awards.

We have introduced our new Wheel of Fortune and attendance league which means that:

- Each week, a child from the class with the highest attendance gets to "spin the wheel" to win a prize for their whole class.
- Each half term the class with the highest attendance wins a trip to see a film at Halesowen Library!

Thank you for your continued partnership in making attendance a priority and helping our school community thrive.

Our Wheel of Fortune Prizes include:

A Class Non Uniform Day

Wet Play Box Toy

Silent Disco

Extra Play

Manor Way Magic Hour

We are very grateful for the hard work all of our parents put in to ensure that children attend school. There is a clear and proven link between good school attendance and great outcomes. When children attend school regularly, they do not just keep up with their learning—they build strong friendships, grow in confidence and develop routines that set them up for the future. Every day in the classroom matters!

Having completed our attendance analysis for the first month of term, we want to share an update on how we monitor attendance, in line with Local Authority guidance:

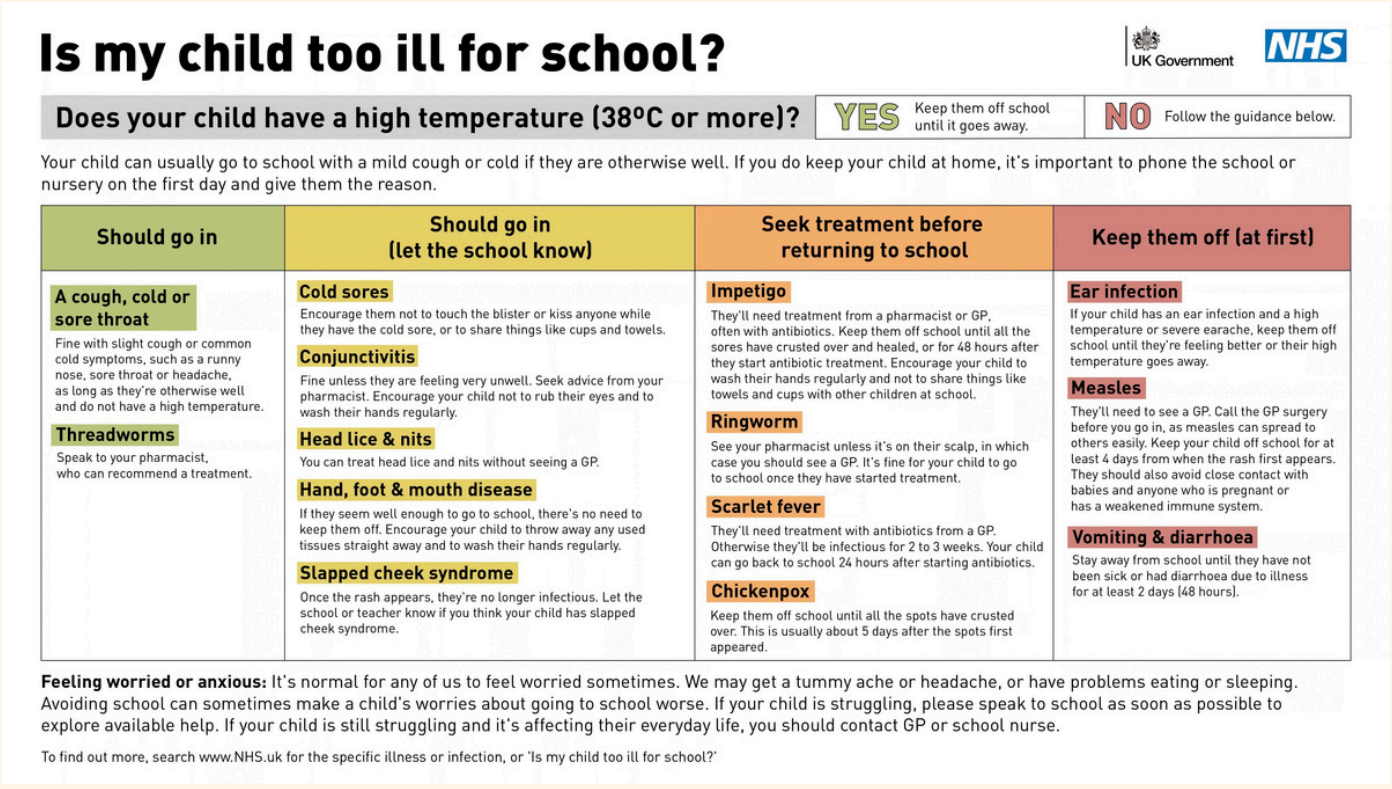
- **Attendance Letters:** Following Local Authority guidelines, parents of children whose attendance has fallen below 97% should expect to receive an information letter. This is to keep you fully updated so we can address any early patterns together.
- **Punctuality Letters:** Arriving on time ensures children start their day calmly and do not miss vital morning learning. Parents of children who are frequently late will also receive a letter so we can work on improving morning routines.

In some cases, class teachers may request a meeting to discuss attendance or punctuality. If you receive a letter or an invitation to chat, please know that we are here to support you. We ask that you work closely with your child's teacher so we can overcome any barriers and ensure consistently high attendance.

Managing Autumn & Winter Illnesses

As we head into the colder autumn and winter months, seasonal illnesses like coughs, colds, flu and tummy bugs naturally become more common across the school. To help keep our school healthy, we kindly ask for your partnership in managing winter bugs. If your child is has a high temperature, or has experienced sickness/diarrhoea (which requires a 48-hour recovery period at home before returning), please keep them at home to rest and let the office know. However, for minor winter ailments like sniffles or a cough where they feel well enough to attend, we are more than happy to support them in school so they don't miss out on their learning.

To help children stay comfortable throughout the school day when recovering from seasonal bug symptoms, we can administer over-the-counter pain and fever relief, such as Calpol or ibuprofen, under our non-prescription medication guidance. If your child needs a temporary dose of medication during the day, simply complete a quick consent form. Our staff will always double-check dosage limits and confirm when their last dose was taken with you before administering anything. By working together to manage seasonal symptoms safely, we can keep our classrooms healthy and learning throughout the winter season!



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

You can also find further information at www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ and by clicking the image to watch this short information video produced by the UK Govenerment

Junior Leadership Team

Leadership in primary school is a great opportunity—it creates a sense of belonging, builds self-confidence and teaches children the value of responsibility and teamwork. At Manor Way Primary Academy, we are delighted to introduce and congratulate our newly appointed Junior Leadership Team for 2026!

From planting and harvesting vegetables in the garden to representing our school across the Trust, these young leaders are stepping up to guide, support, and inspire both young and old. We look forward to seeing the positive impact and influence they will bring throughout the school year!

Head Boy	**Head Girl**	**Deputy Head Boy**	**Deputy Head Girl**
Zeke	Edie	Oliver	Ayla

Head of School Senate	Joseph, Alice
Sports Squad	Penny, Charlie C, Rohan, Lacey, Freddy, Jeremy
Head of Site Team	Theo
Site Team	Noah, Charlie B, Jack
Head of IT	Jeremy
IT Technicians / Digital Leaders	Alfie, Elliot
Head Librarians	Dylan, Charlotte
Head of Happiness	Zayan
Head of Wellbeing	Rohan
Head Mini Mentors	Erin, Amelia
Early Years Oracy Champions	Ariella, Jaien, Annabelle, Heidi, Frankie, Amra, Alice

School Senate	Max, Frank, Harlow, Ava, Zara, Hayden
Anti-Bullying Ambassadors	Seb, Gracie, Oscar, Aynaz, Rohan, Frankie
Eco-Council	Samar, Verity, Anya, Henry, Koby, Aoibhin, Noah, Wren, Harrison, Elsie, Heidi, Izaan
Librarians	Darcie, Charlie, Oscar, Ivy, Sienna, Dubem, Jake, Nimret, Elsie, Oliver
Garden Gang	Arlo, Cassius, Lara, Oliver, Hugo, Sienna, Annie May, Duben, Juniper, Hollie
Team Tidy	Izzy, Lucia, Jacob, Harry, Caleb, Leo, Freddie, Lucas, Ezra, Isla
Reading Buddies	Oliver, Aynaz, Elsie, Quinn, Eche, Emilia, Alice, Harrison, Kyra, Georgia, Evie, Oscar, Hendrix, Zephaniah, Lily, Brock, Scarlett, Evelyn
Playground Pals	Emilia, Alice, Elsie, Oscar, Eche, Quinn, Emilia, Lily, Evelyn, Chloe, Hendrix, Elsie, Scarlett, Joshua, Kyra, Oliver, Joseph, Aynaz, Georgia, Zara, Evie

Events Coming Up!

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2nd Oct - 8th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
12th - 16th October	Aspire Week. On the Friday come dressed as your future career aspiration. See the flyer for all the details.
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
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!
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.