MANOR WAY MAIL

9TH OCTOBER 2026

Manor Way Weekly News Roundup

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It has been another wonderful and busy week at Manor Way, filled with hard work, fantastic achievements, and lots of learning across all year groups. Huge congratulations to our brilliant runners who took part in the cross-country event at Newfield Park this week—you represented the school fantastically, and we are all so proud of your effort, determination, and team spirit!

Looking ahead, we have an exceptionally exciting week coming up as we launch Aspire Week starting Monday, 12th October! Throughout the week, children will explore their dreams and discover talents through special guest assemblies featuring inspirational visitors—from a micro engraver and police officers to a firefighter and a consultant doctor. The week will culminate on Friday, 16th October, with our "Dress as Your Future Career Aspiration" day, and we cannot wait to see everyone's creativity! Alongside Aspire Week, we also look forward to our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday, 14th October, so please remember to drop off your Black Country Foodbank donations at the station on your way into school.

Reminders for next week

- 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.
- Our children visit the **library** each week. Your child's book bag should include a reading book, a reading diary and a library book and they should bring these to school every day.
- We need 2 **swimming** volunteers to support **Year 4** with walking to and from the pool on Monday. If you can help, even as a one off, please let Miss Timmins know.
- **Parents' evening** appointments are live and available to book on Arbor.
- All payments for **Autumn 2** after school clubs should be paid by **31st October** via **Arbor**.
- Friday 16th October is **dress as your future career aspiration.**
- Any photo of your child's interest or achievement outside of school should be sent through Classdojo to Manor Way Primary Academy. These will be shared every Friday.
- **Waterbottles** are still being sent into school unlabelled. Please label them.
- Volunteers for our **school disco** on 23rd October would be much appreciated. If you can help, please let the school office know.
- Year 5 start Forest School after half term.
- Year 1 had the highest attendance this week! Their 'Spin the Wheel' reward is 'Come in your own Clothes Day' on Wednesday 14th October. **This is only for Year 1**
- Donations for **Foodbank** as part of our Harvest Celebrations are to be brought in on 14th October.

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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
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!

E-scooters - Health and Safety on School Site

E-scooters are strictly prohibited across all of our school sites. Privately owned e-scooters remain illegal to ride on public roads, footpaths, cycle lanes and public spaces under UK law. As school grounds are legally accessible public spaces, riding or using e-scooters anywhere on school grounds is illegal.

In addition, the lithium-ion batteries powering e-scooters present a significant fire risk. To safeguard our pupils, staff and assets, e-scooters must not be brought inside school buildings, stored in bike sheds or left near external building walls.

Finally, the speed and unpredictable handling of e-scooters present a direct collision risk to pedestrians during high-traffic drop-off and pick-up times.

It is really important to note that this applies exclusively to e-scooters. It does not apply to mobility scooters, powered wheelchairs or any similar mobility aids used by students, staff, parents or visitors to support a disability or mobility requirement. Mobility aids remain fully permitted and welcomed across all sites.

Personal Potential Opportunity

We are pleased to share an exciting local opportunity for our pupils on behalf of the St John Ambulance Dudley & Sandwell Network. Their local Badger groups currently have spaces available for children aged 5 to 10 years. Badgers gives young people a fantastic opportunity to learn essential basic first aid and life skills, work towards fun badges and awards, make new friends, and take part in activities within their local community.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in registering your child, please visit the St John Ambulance website to sign up for your local group:
👉 Find out more and sign up here

Dudley MBC - Help for Families

Dudley Council is offering support to residents facing unexpected financial hardship through the government-funded Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

Whether triggered by a loss of income, a sudden emergency, or an unexpected bill, the fund provides tailored assistance to cover immediate needs—including food, energy costs, essential household items, and direct financial help.

Beyond short-term emergency relief, the scheme connects residents with local advisory services for longer-term support with benefits, debt management, budgeting, housing, and employment.

To check eligibility and apply, visit the Dudley Council website.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing This Winter

As the daylight hours shorten and the weather turns cooler, looking after our children's mental wellbeing becomes even more important. Dudley offers fantastic local support through Happier Minds (happierminds.org.uk), a local resource dedicated to helping parents, carers, and young people access local mental health services, crisis support, and daily wellbeing guidance.

Nationally, charities like YoungMinds (youngminds.org.uk) offer expert advice on supporting children through seasonal changes, building emotional resilience, and managing worries. Simple daily habits—like wrapping up for outdoor fresh air, staying active, and setting aside quiet time to talk—can make a huge difference to your child's mood and health over the winter months.

Events Coming Up!

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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 - 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!
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.