



Manorfield Primary and Nursery School  
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## Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Easter break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. We are excited to begin the Summer Term—always a busy, vibrant and fun time in the school year!

Please take the time to read our newsletter for reminders, key dates and information about all of the exciting things there are to look forward to this term!

We'd also like to say a big thank you for your ongoing support. Whether it's helping with homework, volunteering on trips, or cheering at Sports Day — it all helps to make our school a special place.

Wishing you all a sunny and successful term ahead!

Mrs Jones

## Year 6 Transition and Farewell

Our Year 6 pupils are preparing for their next big adventure. We're proud of how far they've come and look forward to celebrating their achievements in the weeks ahead. Transition events and visits to secondary schools will be communicated separately.



## Thank You!

A huge thank you to school governor and parent, Sarah Millman, for generously gifting us our new Caterpillar tunnel for the Reception playground. The children have loved playing in it!

## Outdoor Learning & Uniform

As the weather improves, we'll be spending more time outside. Please ensure your child has:

- A named **water bottle**
- A **sun hat**

Weather-appropriate clothing (layers are great for spring!)

Please remember school shoes must still be worn — no sandals or flip-flops, thank you.

## Sports & Clubs

After-school clubs continue this term, including football, gardening, athletics, cooking and more. Thank you for signing up promptly — there are still a few spaces available in some clubs.

We're also preparing for our annual Sports Day, a highlight of the year. Families are warmly invited to come and cheer on the children — followed by a picnic lunch — you will be free to take your children home after the lunch if you wish to. 4th July (*weather permitting*).



## Bumblebees



The children in Bumblebees class love getting involved with our cooking activities each week! Last term we made pancakes, sandwiches and cornflake nests amongst other things. The children also enjoy joining in when the adults make batches of playdough! We love having so many keen helpers!

This term we are looking forward to a new topic on growing and plan to plant some beans! I wonder if they will grow into really tall beanstalks?

## Reception Caterpillars

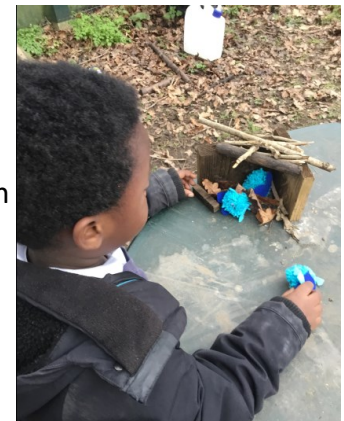


Last half term Caterpillar class learnt about 'People who help us.' We looked at firefighters, nurses and doctors, dentists, rescue workers and builders. The children have loved taking part in our weekly Forest School sessions, we made homes for the bog babies, looked for mini beasts, made bird feeder and toasted marshmallows on a fire.



This half term Caterpillars will be learning about our local environment, Horley, and then comparing it to a hot and cold country.

We will then be looking at how plants are grown by planting seeds and watching them grow.



## Year 1 Butterflies



Year 1 had a very exciting first day back!

They went on a treasure hunt around school grounds to find clues for our new story. The children found magical beans, a golden egg and GIANT footprints.

We then re-told our new story.

The class are very excited to start our new book Jack and the Beanstalk!





## Year 2 Tigers

Year 2 have had a very exciting start to our new half term where lots of mysterious events have been happening. We discovered



miniature objects around the school field and personal poems had been written about us and left under a rock.

We cannot wait to find out what all this can mean and who has been leaving these clues.



## Year 3 Monkeys



To begin our topic 'Scavengers and Settlers' we learnt about cave paintings, which have been found in sites all around the world.

Cave paintings were created for a variety of purposes, including communication, recording events or knowledge, and telling stories with many of the images being of animals.

We used paints, twigs, thin paint brushes and our fingers to create our own cave painting on a piece of slate rock.



## Year 4 Giraffes

We have had amazing start to our Summer term with our trip to Howletts Zoo! We had a wonderful time and saw lots of different animals. Year 4 look forward to learning more interesting facts about these animals and creating our own fact files.

The enthusiasm in this topic has created a real buzz in the classroom with the children already sharing their knowledge and findings!





## Year 5 Leopards

Year 5 Summer Term has got off to a flying start! We are immersing ourselves into the life of an evacuee and studying the Second World War and how it affected children.

As part of our study, we will be recreating some wartime food in the form of jam tarts and vegetable pasties, created using only ingredients that would have been available during the war with rations.

We are working hard in all our subjects and for online learning we will be creating an animated war time skyline, complete with moving spotlights, aeroplanes flying and air raid sirens blaring!



## Year 6 Lions

Year 6 have an exciting half term ahead, we will be looking at the 'art of being human' which involves looking at the heart and how our bodies circulate blood. We began our unit by a visit from a paramedic who showed us how to perform CPR, get another into the recovery position and shared all of the equipment he carries around in his car and how it is all used. The different sirens were very loud! Our final SATs revision sessions will also finish as SATs week is from the 12<sup>th</sup> May (more information to follow regarding this).



## Arty News From Manorfield

Get ready for a colourful term!

We're thrilled to be taking part once again in Oakwood's Annual Art Exhibition this June! Our brilliant Manorfield artists will be showcasing their talents alongside Oakwood's GCSE students.

Expect a wonderful mix of creative work—from vibrant clay tiles and delicate acetate paintings, to pastel Egyptian Gods, woven textiles, and stunning portraiture made through colour mixing.

**When?** Thursday 12th June at 3:30pm

**Where?** Oakwood School

Please come along and enjoy the exhibition—it's a great chance to see what the children (and older students!) have been working on. While we sadly can't display every single piece, there'll be a fantastic range of work representing all the creative effort that's gone into this year.



# Remembering Harrison

As we move into this new term, we want to take a quiet moment as we continue to remember **Harrison**, a much-loved member of our school community, who sadly passed away October 2024. Harrison brought such warmth, kindness, and energy to our school — his smile brightened every classroom he walked into, and he is missed dearly by pupils, staff and families alike. We continue to hold Harrison and his family in our hearts. We have now put Harrison's Silver Birch Tree and Bench up on the mound and held a little memorial service with the Y6 children and Harrison's mum and dad. If your child would like to talk about how they are feeling, please know that our staff and wellbeing team are always here to support.



## A Magical Walk for a Special Cause

On **Sunday 23rd March**, something truly special happened. To celebrate **Harrison's birthday**, many of our amazing staff members and Harrison's mum and dad laced up their walking boots and took on an almost **15-mile hike across the North Downs**—all to raise money for **Shooting Star Children's Hospices**. It was a **magical (and challenging!) day**, full of love, laughter, muddy boots, and big hearts. We're so proud of everyone who took part—what a wonderful way to honour a very special boy and support an incredible cause.



**Huge congratulations** to Jenson, Libby, Samuel and Thomas who completed a 2k run, to raise money for Shooting Stars in memory of Harrison. We are all so proud of your achievement!



### Marathon for Harrison – Supporting Shooting Star Children’s Hospices

We are incredibly proud of Miss Quinlivan and Ms Mulligan, who took on the Brighton Marathon this month to raise money for Shooting Star Children’s Hospices in memory of Harrison. Their determination, compassion and commitment are truly inspiring.

Shooting Star provided incredible support to Harrison and his family, and this fundraising effort means so much to our whole school community.

They’ve already raised a fantastic amount — but it’s not too late to donate! Every contribution, big or small, helps make a difference.



**To donate and support this amazing cause**, please visit:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/manorfield-school-4?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=015](https://www.justgiving.com/page/manorfield-school-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015)  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



# Reminders

### Support and Communication

We understand that some families may be seeking external support — whether that’s through local services, health professionals, or other pathways. **Please know that we fully support you in finding the right help for your child and family.** If we can offer advice, signposting or a listening ear, we are always here.

If you require school input for external agencies (such as completing supporting documents, teacher comments, or evidence forms), please be aware that due to the demands on staff time, there is a **two-week turnaround** for completion. We appreciate your patience and understanding — this helps ensure that all requests are handled thoroughly and fairly.

If you’re unsure where to start, feel free to speak to your child’s class teacher, our SENDCo, or a member of the senior leadership team.

## Attendance Matters!

Good attendance is crucial for learning, friendships, and wellbeing. Every day really does count — even missing a day or two each term adds up!

### Children with good attendance:

- Make better progress socially and academically
  - Feel more confident in class
  - Build stronger friendships and routines

### Please help us give your child the best chance to thrive by:

- Booking appointments outside school hours where possible
  - Taking holidays during school holidays
  - Informing the office if your child is unwell

If you ever need support or guidance around attendance, please don't hesitate to speak to the school office, your child's class teacher or Mrs Boakes our Home School Link Worker.

Please note:

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

The issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23 April	Reception Height and Weight Screening
Thursday 24th April	Year 4 trip to Howletts Wildlife Animal Park
	KS2 Cross Country Tournament
Monday 28th April	Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting
Wednesday 30th April	Year 6 WOW Wednesday
Thursday 1st May	Pre-School Open Day (bookable time slots only)
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Thursday 8th May	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Monday 12th-Friday 16th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 22nd May	Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament
	School Disco
Friday 24th May	Last day at school before half term
Monday 26th—Friday 30th May	School closed for half term
Monday 2nd June	Return to school
Tuesday 3rd June—Friday 13th June	Year 3 Intensive Swimming Course

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th June	PTA Movie Night
Friday 6th June	Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament
Monday 9th June—Wednesday 11th June	Someone Special Shop (during school day)
Thursday 12th June	Oakwood Art Exhibition 3.30pm
Friday 13th June	Year 3 Boys Football Tournament
Wednesday 18th June	Mufti day
Thursday 19th June	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
	The Big Sing 2-3pm
	Summer Fair 3-5.30pm
Friday 20th June	Inset Day (school closed)
Tuesday 24th June	Year 6 trip to Mercers Lake
Wednesday 25th June	Class photos
30th June—4th June	Healthy Living Week
Thursday 3rd July	Great Athletes Get Active Workshop
	District Sports
Friday 4th July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 7th July	Year 2 trip to Arundel Wetland Centre
	Spelling Bee at Oakwood School
Tuesday 8th July	Year 5 Science Workshop
Friday 11th July	Den Day (limited numbers)
Monday 14th July—Friday 11th July	Carnival Week
Monday 14th July	End of Year Reports to be sent home
Tuesday 15th July	The Beat Goes on Workshop
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
	Last day of school—Finish 1.30pm
Monday 21st July	Inset Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22nd July	Inset Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23rd July	First day of Summer Holidays
Wednesday 3rd September	Inset day
Thursday 4th September	Return to school

