

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some time to rest, recharge, and make special memories together. It has been fantastic to see the children returning to school this week with such energy and enthusiasm for learning.

The start of the academic year is always an exciting time, full of new opportunities and fresh challenges. This year, we look forward to continuing to grow together as a community, building on the successes of last year and working hard to ensure that every child thrives – academically, socially and emotionally.

In my first assembly on Tuesday, we reflected on the idea of a *new beginning* – just like opening a fresh exercise book. We talked about the excitement of those clean, crisp pages and how they give us a chance to start afresh, try our best and be proud of the work we produce. As part of this, I reminded the children of our school vision: “A small school with big ideas...Growing hearts, Growing minds, Growing dreams”. We thought about what this means for us every day – being kind, working hard and aiming high.

We also revisited our three school rules, which guide how we work and play together:

- **Be Ready** – come prepared and willing to learn.
- **Be Respectful** – to ourselves, each other and our environment.
- **Be Safe** – in the classroom, on the playground and online.

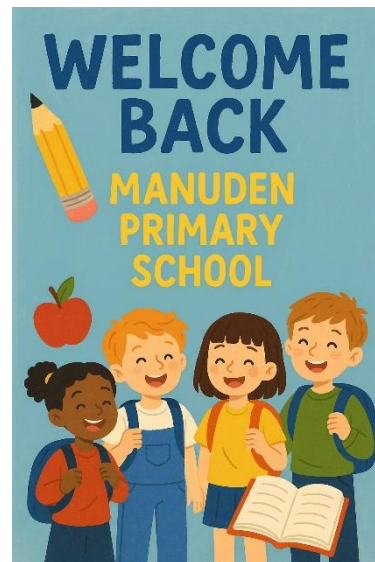
These are the foundations for a successful year ahead and it was wonderful to see the children engaging thoughtfully with these ideas and setting themselves personal goals.

Already, the school is buzzing with activity. Classrooms are full of creativity and curiosity, and it has been a joy to see pupils settling into their new routines so positively. I am especially pleased to welcome our new families and staff members to the school community – we are delighted you have joined us and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Uniform Reminders

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned to school looking so smart. As we settle into the term, please can I remind you of a few key points:

- **Footwear:** All children should wear plain, **all-black trainers or shoes** every day.
- **Hairstyles:** Any hair braids or coloured extensions from the summer holidays should now be removed so that hairstyles are neat and in line with our school expectations.



- **Raincoats:** With the ever-changing weather, it's important that every child brings a **waterproof coat** to school each day. We go outside in all weathers, so this helps keep everyone warm and dry.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and keep everyone comfortable and ready for learning.

Drop-Off Reminder

A gentle reminder about our morning drop-off arrangements:

- **Gates open at 8:45am** and close **promptly at 8:55am.**
- Any children arriving after 8:55am should be taken to the main office and signed in.

Being on time is really important. Lessons start promptly each morning and arriving late means children can miss key learning and disrupt the start of the day for others. By arriving on time, children can settle calmly, join in with the first activity and make the most of every minute of learning.

Thank you for helping us make sure the day starts smoothly for everyone.

Spotlight on Our Governing Board

Our Governing Board plays a vital role in the life of the school, working closely with staff to set the strategic direction, monitor standards and ensure that we continue to provide the very best education for every child. Governors are volunteers who bring a wide range of skills and experience to support and challenge the school, helping us to grow and improve.

We are delighted to announce that **Reverend Gary Fleming** has been successfully appointed as our new **Local Authority Governor**. Reverend Gary is already a valued member of our school community and we are looking forward to working with him in this new capacity. His experience and insight will be a great asset to our governing board as we move forward this year.

If you would like to learn more about the work of our governors, or are interested in getting involved yourself, please do visit the governor page on our school website.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Price
Headteacher



Week beginning Monday 8th September 2025 = Week 2
of the **Autumn Term Menus**



After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2025

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Years	Times	Teacher	08/09	15/09	22/09	29/09
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes CHKA Karate	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	KS1 Football Skills	1 & 2	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Evans	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Musical Theatre Choir £	1 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Rosie James DeRosa Music	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Sewing £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Ingham & Mrs Parr	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	KS2 Football Training	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mr Chesterman & Mr Price	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thursday	Street Dance £	R to 3	3:15pm-4:00pm	Jess Smith Jenny Myhill Dance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thursday	KS2 Spanish £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Maria Alimenti Kidslingo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friday	Hockey	4 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Fox @ MVCC Muga	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

New/Amended Dates in RED

Monday 8th September	Pygmy Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Tuesday 9th September	Tawny Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Wednesday 10th September	Hawk Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Thursday 11th September	Eagle Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Friday 12th September	PFA Colour Run at 3:15pm (see flyer below)
Wednesday 17th September	Parent Coffee & Questions with SLT at 9:00am
Monday 22nd September	NHS Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 24th September	One-Plan Parent Consultation Meetings 3:30-5:30pm (By Invitation Only)
Thursday 25th September	Football Match at Home vs Henham at 3:30
Thursday 2nd October	Football Match Away at St Mary's Stansted
Friday 3rd October	Halloween & Firework Safety Assembly with Essex Fire & Rescue Service
Thursday 9th October	School Photographs with Pret-a-Portrait – Individuals & Siblings

Thursday 9th October	Football Match at Home vs Great Chesterford at 3:30
Friday 10th October	Black History Month – Assembly
Thursday 16th October	PFA Halloween Crafts 3:15-5pm (EYFS & KS1)
Thursday 16th October	Football Match Away at Rickling
Friday 17th October	Harvest Breakfast & Assembly
Tuesday 21st October	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 23rd October	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Friday 24th October	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
28th October to 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4th November	R26 Open Morning 9:30-11:30am
Friday 7th November	English Showcase Morning from 9am – details to follow
Thursday 13th November	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14th November	PFA Movie Night 3:30-5pm
Wednesday 19th November	Parent Coffee & Questions with SLT at 2:30pm
Friday 5th December	PFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
Tuesday 9th December	Pygmy Owl & Tawny Owl Class Nativity Play at 5pm
Thursday 11th December	Pygmy Owl & Tawny Owl Class Nativity Play at 2pm
Monday 15th December	Christingle Service in the Church at 1:30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip to Harlow Playhouse 'Sleeping Beauty'
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term – FINISH AT 1:30PM
22nd December to 2nd January	CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET (Non Pupil) Day

Please note: Sporting Events for the Autumn Term have not yet been finalised but will be added to the Diary Dates next week.



Manuden Primary School PFA
COLOUR RUN
 SEPTEMBER 12TH
 @3.15PM ON THE SCHOOL FIELD
ENTRY FEE £5
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