



# Manuden Primary School Meet the Teacher

Year group: 2

Class: Tawny Owl

Staff: Mrs Jarmain  
Miss Wright



# Welcome back, everyone!

## Aims of this session

- An opportunity to meet the staff.
- Share key dates for the year ahead.
- Share curriculum map and weekly timetable.
- Provide details of upcoming statutory assessments.
- Outline expectations for the year ahead.
- An opportunity to ask questions.



# Curriculum:

At Manuden Primary School, our curriculum is carefully designed to reflect our vision: *A Small School with Big Ideas – Growing Hearts, Growing Minds, Growing Dreams*. Every subject plays a vital role in nurturing our pupils' academic growth, character development, and curiosity about the world. We believe that all children should have access to a rich, ambitious, and well-sequenced curriculum that enables them to achieve their best.

To ensure clarity, depth and progression, all subjects are taught **discretely**. This approach allows each subject to retain its unique identity while building a strong foundation of knowledge and skills over time. Our subject leaders have chosen evidence-informed schemes of learning that are carefully adapted to our mixed-age classes and local context. We aim to ignite a love of learning in every child and equip them with the knowledge, creativity and confidence to follow their dreams.

Further information about our curriculum can be found on the school website, where you will find curriculum maps for each class.



# Weekly timetable:



**Class Timetable 2025/2026 – Tawny Owl Class**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.55am Registration	Happy Minds Colouring	EMW	EMW	EMW	EMW
9:15 – 9:30	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Celebration Assembly
9:35 – 9:45	Daily Mile	Daily Mile	9:30 – 10:00 Spanish	Daily Mile	Daily Mile
9.45 – 10:30	Happy Minds/PSHE	WR Maths	10:00 – 10:30 Handwriting	WR Maths	WR Maths
10.30am	<b>BREAK</b>				
10.45am	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
11:15am	English	English	English Daily Mile	English	WCGR
12pm	<b>Lunchtime</b>				
13.05 – 13:30	Reading groups x 2	Happy Minds Assembly	<u>PE</u>	Singing Assembly	Reading groups x 2
13.30 - 14:10	Subject input	Subject input		Subject input	Subject input
14.15 – 15:00	P.E	Discover and Do Change library books Additional reading	Subject input	Discover and Do Change library books Additional reading	Discover and Do
15:00 – 15:15	Story time	Story time	Story time	Story time	Story time



# Reading:

The children will be given reading books on a Monday and Friday. As before in Year 1, the Monday book will be linked to their phonics level and will be previously unseen. The Friday book will be a Little Wandle book that they will have read during our reading groups each week. Once the children have completed the Little Wandle scheme, we will carry out fluency assessments and, when ready, the children will be moved onto Banded Books. At this point, we will move from reading with the children in groups to individual reading.

We aim to read with each Little Wandle reading group at least once per week. We are also looking for parent volunteers to come in and read with children individually. Please let me know after this meeting if you would be interested.

We will also be delivering weekly Whole Class Guided Reading lessons which will focus on vocabulary and comprehension.



# Spelling:

Spelling will be taught using the Little Wandle Year 2 spelling scheme. This is split into three phases across the year, as follows:

- 1) Review and secure Phase 5.
- 2) Teach foundational skills for spelling.
- 3) Lessons to create confident spellers and complete coverage of the NC Year 2 spelling requirements.

Children will have daily spelling lessons which will take the place of the daily phonics sessions they received in Year 1.



# Handwriting:

This year we will be introducing the children to cursive handwriting. They will begin learning the pre-cursive style, moving towards joining their writing by the end of the year.

They will have weekly lessons on this and will be encouraged to use this style in their written work.

The letters are split into four families:

- Curly caterpillar
- Long ladder
- One armed robot
- Zig zag





# Maths:

We will be following two Maths schemes.

Mastering Number: The children will receive 4 x 15 minute lessons per week. This scheme is aimed to improve the children's foundational knowledge of number and place value.

White Rose: The children will receive 3 maths lessons per week following this scheme which covers the NC objectives for Maths.



# Homework:

Our focus is on reading. Children should read at home at least three times per week. This should be recorded in their reading records and may include: their LW book or additional phonics-linked book, library books or personal favourites.

Those who are not reading regularly at home will attend a designated reading club in school during Monday lunchtimes.

In addition, children may receive additional homework as follows:

- Athletics
- TT Rockstars (only once we have started teaching times tables)
- LW spelling activities

Log in details can be found inside the front cover of your child's reading record and homework set will be communicated via Compass.




# P.E:

Our P.E lessons will be on a Monday and Wednesday and the children should wear their P.E kits to school on these days.



# Attendance:

At Manuden Primary School, we believe that good attendance is essential for every child's success. Regular school attendance supports academic achievement, social development, and emotional well-being. Every day in school provides valuable learning experiences, helping children build confidence, friendships, and a strong foundation for their future. We encourage families to prioritise attendance, as even small absences can impact progress. Working together, we can ensure that every child benefits fully from the rich opportunities our school provides. If you need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us—we're here to help.



### Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
**Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**



# Behaviour:

At Manuden Primary School, we **do not** have a long extensive list of behaviour rules. We ensure our pupils do the following;

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

We believe that all actions can be categorised under one of these headings, and children are encouraged to focus on these when reflecting on their actions.

We strive to create a safe and stimulating learning environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. We embed a culture of restorative practice through praise, encouragement, self-discipline, and resilience in our pupils, and provide early intervention to prevent issues escalating.

We place a heavy emphasis on positive relationships between staff and students, and endeavour to ensure we have consistency in response to both positive and negative behaviour.



# Uniform:

Wearing the school uniform fosters a sense of belonging, unity, and pride, reinforcing our commitment to building strong, respectful communities. It helps maintain good order and discipline, creating an environment where children can thrive academically and socially. Our uniform also serves as a positive representation of Manuden Primary School within the wider community, reinforcing the values we aim to instill in every child.

Our uniform supplier is Esquared Clothing - [Manuden Primary School – Esquared Clothing \(myesquared.co.uk\)](http://myesquared.co.uk)

Further information about our uniform can be found on the school website.



# Statutory assessments:

Any children that did not pass the PSC in Year 1 will be required to retake it during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The results will be communicated in your child's end of year report.

Year 2 children are no longer required to sit SATs tests in July.



# Key dates for the Autumn term:

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	1 Plan - Parent Consultation Meetings 3:30 – 5:30pm (By invitation)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Black History Month – Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Harvest Breakfast and Assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	INSET
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	HALF TERM
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	R26 Open Morning 9:30am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<b>English</b> Showcase Morning (9:00am Head Teacher and Subject lead introduction to parents – Hall) Class Visit One - 9:30 – 9:50am Class Visit Two - 10 – 10:20am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Odd Sock Day – Anti bullying week
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Tawny Owl - Winter production 2pm and 5:30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Pygmy Owl – Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Pygmy Owl – Nativity 2pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christingle Church service 1:30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Panto Harlow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Finish 1:30PM
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – January 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET



# Communication:

Last academic year, we made the transition to the Compass communication system. This year, we endeavour to send more information using this platform. If you are unable to access Compass, please let Miss Grant know as soon as possible.

Each week, a class blog will be published with key information for the following week. It may also include details and pictures of learning covered by the children in class that week. Homework may also be communicated through this system.





# Timing of the school day:

The school gates will be closed at 8:55.

Register will be taken at 9:00.

Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.



Any questions?