



MANUDEN WEEKLY

Clear information. Celebrating learning. One week at a time.

Friday 4th September
2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Welcome back • New beginnings & our three keys • School mascot introduced • Meet the Teacher next week

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to Manuden and to begin my first week as Headteacher. Although we have only had three days together, I have been really impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school. There has been a lovely atmosphere around the school, with pupils approaching the new term with enthusiasm and responding positively to the routines and expectations we are establishing.

In our first whole-school assembly, we spoke about **new beginnings**, facing challenges and the three keys that I want to underpin life at Manuden: **hard work, respect and integrity**. We also introduced our new school mascot, who the children will have the opportunity to name. I am looking forward to seeing their ideas and making this a special part of school life.

I have also now read every response received so far through our **Parent Voice survey**. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete it. The survey remains open until **13 September**, so if you have not yet responded, I would really encourage you to do so ([Manuden Primary School Parent Voice](#)). Your feedback is genuinely useful as I begin to establish our priorities for the year ahead. It helps me understand **what families value and want us to keep, what may need to change, and where we can continue to improve**.

I am keen that any changes we make at Manuden are thoughtful and purposeful, rather than simply changing things for the sake of it. These first few weeks are therefore as much about listening, observing and getting to know the school community as they are about looking ahead.

Thank you to our pupils, families and staff for making my first few days such a positive experience. Please do continue to say hello when you see me at the gate — I am looking forward to getting to know more of you over the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Molyneux

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

- **Year 5/6 Residential:** deposit due Friday 4 September; remaining balance due Wednesday 30 September.
- Please send labelled wellies into school.
- Please clearly name uniform, PE kit, coats and water bottles.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 7 Sep Pygmy Owl Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm
Tue 8 Sep Tawny Owl Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm
Wed 9 Sep Hawk Owl Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm
Thu 10 Sep Eagle Owl Meet the Teacher - 3.30pm

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

Medicines must be handed to the school office by an adult with the appropriate information. Please tell us promptly about changes to collection arrangements, emergency contacts or medical information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week, we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher meetings**, with one class meeting taking place after school each day from **Monday 7 to Thursday 10 September**.

These sessions are a useful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear about class routines and expectations, and find out more about the year ahead.

Mon 7 Sep – Pygmy Owl
Tue 8 Sep – Tawny Owl
Wed 9 Sep – Hawk Owl
Thu 10 Sep – Eagle Owl

At home: ask your child which of our three keys they used this week.

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Tawny Owl	Cali & Lucia
Hawk Owl	Rosie & Ella
Eagle Owl	Willow & Oscar

*Pygmy Owl class will receive their nominations later in the year

House Trophy: Red [12] Blue [11] **Green [18]** Yellow [17]

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has helped make the start of the new academic year so positive. The warm welcome from pupils, families and the wider Manuden community has been greatly appreciated.



Week beginning 7th September 2026 = Week 2
of the **Autumn Term 2026 Menus**

After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Years	Times	Teacher	07/09	14/09	21/09	28/09
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes CHKA Karate	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	NO	NO	YES	YES
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Parr	Starts Weds 7th October			

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Back to School
Wednesday 2nd September	Eagle Owl Parents Residential Meeting at 3:30pm (Hawk Owl Classroom)
Friday 4th September	PFA Colour Run from 3:15pm on School Field
Monday 7th September	Pygmy Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Tuesday 8th September	Tawny Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Wednesday 9th September	Hawk Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Thursday 10th September	Eagle Owl Class 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
Mon 14th to Fri 18th September	Eagle Owl Class Residential to Plas Pencelli, Wales
Wednesday 23rd September	One-Plan Parent Meetings 3:30-5:30pm (By Invitation Only)
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow for Young Minds – Donate £1 and wear something yellow!
Friday 16th October	Harvest Assembly at 9am – Parents & Carers welcome
Monday 19th October	Pret a Portrait for Individual/Sibling Photos and R26 & Y6
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 21st October	NHS Flu Vaccinations at 1pm
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
26th to 30th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3rd November	R27 Open Morning 9:30-11:30am
Friday 20th November	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 7th December	Pygmy/Tawny Owl Class Nativity – Dress Rehearsal for School at 1:45pm
Tuesday 8th December	Pygmy/Tawny Owl Class Nativity Play at 5pm
Thursday 10th December	Pygmy/Tawny Owl Class Nativity Play at 2pm
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term – FINISH AT 1:30PM
21st Dec to 1st January	CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Back to School for Spring Term 2027