



MANUDEN WEEKLY

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

FRIDAY 11th September
2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Brilliant first full week • Ozzy's first adventure • Kapow PSHE launched • More clubs coming to Manuden

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to complete our first full week together at Manuden. What has struck me most is just how eager the children are to learn, how happy they seem to be in school and the real sense of enthusiasm around the building. I have been incredibly impressed by the way pupils and staff have approached the start of the year, and I want to thank everyone for helping us hit the ground running.

We have also continued making improvements behind the scenes. Our school website has been significantly updated, particularly our key information, policies and contact details. It may not look dramatically different yet, and there is still more work to do, but I would encourage families to familiarise themselves with the updated information available.

We have also introduced **Kapow Primary as our new PSHE and RSHE programme**, strengthening the progression and consistency of this important area of our curriculum across the school.

Finally, our Parent Voice survey closes this **Sunday 13 September**. Thank you to everyone who has already responded. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please do complete it — your feedback is helping to shape our priorities for Manuden.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Molyneux

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

- **Parent Voice:** our survey closes on **Sunday 13 September**. Please complete it if you haven't already done so.
- Please ensure children have their **labelled wellies** in school.
- Please continue to **clearly name uniform, coats, PE kit and water bottles**.
- **Ozzy needs you!** Children who would like to take Ozzy home for an adventure should keep sending their letters to Mr Molyneux.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 14 – Fri 18 September — Eagle Owl Year 5/6 Residential, **Plas Pencelli, Wales**

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

Following our recent communication, **fidget toys should not be brought into lessons or assemblies unless they form part of an agreed provision or reasonable adjustment for an individual child**. Where a resource has been specifically agreed as part of an individual child's support or reasonable adjustments, it may of course continue to be used as intended.

Thank you also for helping our mornings run smoothly by **saying goodbye promptly at drop-off and allowing children to come into school independently**. This helps children settle quickly and allows teaching staff to focus on welcoming the whole class.

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Tawny Owl	Arthur & Ren
Hawk Owl	Penny G, Savannah & Freddie
Eagle Owl	Rhys & Tyler

House Trophy: Red [30] Blue [29] Green [21] Yellow [31]

OSZY'S FIRST ADVENTURE

It's official — our school mascot is called **Ozzy**!

We announced his new name on our social media channels this week and Ozzy has already enjoyed his first trip home with a Manuden family, including being read a bedtime story.

Where will he go next?

Children should keep sending their letters to Mr Molyneux explaining why they would like to take Ozzy home and what adventure they have planned for him.

You can also **follow Manuden on our social media channels** to keep up with Ozzy and everything else happening around school — please give our pages a follow and a like.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Monday, our Eagle Owls set off for their residential at **Plas Pencelli in Wales**, returning on Friday. Residentials provide children with fantastic opportunities to challenge themselves, become more independent, work together and create memories with their classmates. We hope they have a brilliant week and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

We are also working to **expand our after-school club offer**, with plans progressing for KBD Dance and a Football club offer, alongside art clubs and further opportunities after half term. Booking information will be shared as arrangements are confirmed.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our children, families and staff for making our first full week together such a positive one. There has been a real sense of everyone pulling together to ensure the new school year gets off to the strongest possible start.



MANUDEN PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SURVEY - PREMIER EDUCATION

Dear parents and carers,

Premier Education are excited to announce that we are exploring the opportunity to run After School Sports Activities at Manuden Primary School from November 2026, following October Half Term.

We'd kindly like to ask parents to complete a short survey for us to gauge and interest. The survey simply asks if you would be interested in your child in attending and after school club, the type of sport they would be interested in, and their year group. We have also included a section to comment, query or suggest anything that we will be able to respond to.

Club days are not yet confirmed, as we will review the results and put forward the most rounded and effective offer based on demand.

We offer a range of sports and activities across all year groups from Basketball, Dance, Football, Gymnastics, Multisports, Targets Club and more. These activities develop teamwork, communication, discipline, and resilience, which benefit their overall growth and learning of the children in a fun environment.

Please complete the survey by clicking on the below link, by Thursday 17th September 2026.

Once the survey is complete, we will send out further information on the club and how to book should there be sufficient interest.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email ckearns@premier-education.com.

Yours truly,

Premier Education Group.

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and activate
the world.**

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Week beginning 14th September 2026 = Week 1
of the **Autumn Term 2026 Menus**

After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Teacher	14/09	21/09	28/09	05/10
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes Pro-Karate	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	NO	YES	YES	YES
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15-4:15pm	Rosalyn Parr	NO	NO	NO	YES

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in **RED**

Mon 14th to Fri 18th September	Eagle Owl Class Residential to Plas Pencelli, Wales
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
Friday 23rd October	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
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
Friday 4th December	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
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