



MANUDEN WEEKLY

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

FRIDAY 18th September
2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Welcome back Eagle Owls • Thank you for your Parent Voice • Assessment Week next week • Clubs & school photography update • Reception 2027 tours launched

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions last week. I hope you found them useful and that they gave you a clearer picture of classroom routines, expectations and what learning will look like for your child this year.

Over the coming weeks, I would also like to use *Manuden Weekly* to give families a greater insight into what happens in our classrooms. We will begin a regular “**How we teach...**” feature, looking at different areas of the curriculum and explaining some of the approaches, resources and language that your children experience in school. I hope this will help you understand not simply *what* children are learning, but *how* we help them learn it.

Thank you, too, to everyone who completed our recent Parent Voice survey. I will now bring the responses together, identify the main themes and use these to help shape our priorities. I will also arrange our first **Parent Forum before half term**, giving parents an opportunity to discuss some of these areas with me in more detail. Please keep an eye out for the date.

It has also been a big week for our **Eagle Owl class**, who return today from their Year 5/6 residential. Residential trips provide children with valuable opportunities to develop independence, confidence, resilience and teamwork, as well as creating memories with their classmates. We hope they have had a fantastic week away, and I am sure there will be plenty of stories to tell when they return home!

Next week will be our first internal assessment week of the year. Please do not worry about this or feel that children need to prepare at home. These are low-key assessments which help teachers understand what children already know, identify any gaps and plan teaching accordingly. They will also give us useful information to discuss with you at Parents' Evening later in the term.

Thank you,

Mr Molyneux

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Tawny Owl	Chloe N-G & Martha G
Hawk Owl	Penny G & Freddie
Eagle Owl	N/A - Residential

House Trophy: Red [55] Blue [60] Green [54] Yellow [52]

RECEPTION 2027 – COME AND SEE MANUDEN IN ACTION

Do you know a family looking for a Reception place for September 2027? We are delighted to be opening our doors for a series of small school tours during November, December and January.

Families will have the opportunity to meet our team, visit Reception, see the school in action and discover what makes Manuden such a special place.

Tour dates – all at 9.30am

Tuesday 3 November

Tuesday 17 November

Wednesday 2 December

Tuesday 8 December

Tuesday 12 January

To book a visit, please contact the School Office on **01279 813370** or **office@manuden.essex.sch.uk**.

Please help us spread the word by sharing our Reception 2027 information with any families who may be considering schools for next September.

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

• **Morning gate arrangements**

A reminder that the **school gates will open at 8.40am and close at 9.00am**.

Children arriving after 9.00am should be brought into school through the main office so that they can be registered correctly.

Once your child has been safely handed over to staff in the morning, please make your way off site promptly. This helps us settle children quickly and ensures lessons can begin on time.

• **Wraparound Care – new email address**

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries relating to our before- and after-school wraparound care provision:

wraparoundcare@manuden.essex.sch.uk

Please use this address for any future wraparound care enquiries.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 21 – Friday 25 September – Internal Assessment Week

Before October half term – Parent Forum (*date to follow*)

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

Changes to collection arrangements

If somebody different will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please make sure the **school office knows in advance**.

Please do not rely on a message being passed through your child or another parent.

If an adult arrives whom we are not expecting, staff may need to contact you before allowing your child to leave. This small step helps us ensure every child leaves school safely.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are continuing to explore ways to broaden our enrichment offer after October half term. Current possibilities include **KBD Dance, Dodgeball, Football and an Art Explorers club**. Further details will be shared once arrangements are confirmed.

I am also reviewing our **school photography provision**, including whether an alternative provider could offer families greater choice and better value. No decision has been made, and we will share full details before any changes are introduced.



Week beginning 21st September 2026 =
Week Two 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	21/09	28/09	05/10	12/10
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	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Parr	NO	NO	YES	YES

Sports News this Week

Some of our Year 3/4 girls took part in the Stansted Girls Football Skills Event today and they all had an amazing time.

Huge thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Hastler, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Harris and Mr Stickland for getting us there and helping at the event!



MANUDEN 10K & 5K & 1K

RUN FOR EVERYONE

CHALLENGE YOURSELF. SUPPORT OTHERS.



**RUN LOCAL.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



10K 5K 1K



SUNDAY
27TH SEPTEMBER
2026



THREE DISTANCES
10K • 5K • 1K



10K
15 YEARS AND ABOVE



5K
13 YEARS AND ABOVE
8-13 YEAR OLDS TO BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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On the 3G pitch at SWCHS

Come and play!



**Thursdays
4-4.45pm**

**Years
2-6**

**First
session
Thursday
17/9**

17/9 to 26/11 except 29/10 (half term)

Boots available to borrow

For more info please contact jcoleman@swchs.net



Halloween at church farm



Visit
**Church Farm
Ardeley**
*A real working
farm!*



- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail

- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

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