



THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Assessment Week complete • Parent Forum dates confirmed • Nursery consultation – we need your views • After-school clubs need your support • Multi-Schools Council partnership • Reminder about drop-off and collection • Kindness, respect and positive relationships

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge well done to all of our children following our first internal Assessment Week of the year. They have approached the week with real determination and maturity, and we have been incredibly proud of the effort they have shown.

As I explained last week, these assessments are not about putting pressure on children. They give teachers useful information about what children already understand, where there may be gaps and what we need to focus on next. Teachers will now use this information alongside their day-to-day assessment to inform teaching and support over the coming weeks.

I also want to reinforce something that sits at the heart of our expectations at Manuden: **every child has the right to feel safe, respected and valued in school.**

We do not tolerate bullying, name-calling or comments intended to embarrass, exclude or upset another child. Equally, something being described as a “joke” or “banter” does not make it acceptable if it causes somebody else hurt or embarrassment. We have spoken to the children about this in assembly and will continue to reinforce the importance of thinking carefully about our words and actions.

After half term, we are also introducing a six-week programme focusing specifically on **positive relationships**, helping children develop empathy, resolve disagreements appropriately and understand the impact that their behaviour can have on others.

I would really value parents reinforcing the same message at home: **we can have fun with our friends without having fun at somebody else's expense.** Having the same expectations at home and school gives children a very clear message.

Finally, thank you for the continued support you are giving the school. There is a great deal happening at Manuden at the moment, and I am looking forward to discussing some of our plans with you at our first Parent Forums in October.

Thank you,

Mr Molyneux

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

Drop-off and collection arrangements

A further reminder that our school gates **open at 8.40am and close at 9.00am.**

Once children have been handed safely over to staff in the morning, please **make your way off the school site promptly** so that we can secure the site and allow classes to begin the school day.

We would ask the same at the end of the day. Once you have collected your child, please make your way out through the school gates rather than remaining on the playground for an extended period.

We completely understand that parents enjoy catching up with one another, but keeping arrival and collection moving smoothly helps us maintain a **safe, calm and orderly start and end to the school day.**

Children arriving after 9.00am should continue to enter through the school office so that they can be registered correctly.

Resin toys and collectibles

We have seen a significant increase in resin toys and other small collectibles being brought into school.

Unfortunately, they are beginning to cause disagreements around swapping and trading, and some children are becoming upset when trades do not go as expected. We have also noticed some children rushing their lunch because they are keen to get outside to play with them.

For the time being, **these toys will therefore only be used at morning break time** and should remain in children's bags at all other times.

Children bring toys into school at their own risk, and we would strongly discourage children from bringing anything particularly valuable or precious.

Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 13 October – 9.15am – Parent Forum

Wednesday 14 October – 6.00pm – Parent Forum

October half term – details as per school calendar

After half term – Positive Relationships programme begins

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

Children will sometimes describe teasing or unkind comments as “just a joke” or “banter”. A useful message for children is that **if somebody is upset, embarrassed or uncomfortable, it is time to stop.**

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has a helpful guide for families explaining the difference between friendly banter, unkind behaviour and bullying. It is also a useful starting point for conversations at home.

[Banter or Bullying](#)

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	George
Tawny Owl	Chloe Notey-Griffiths & Ethan Robinson
Hawk Owl	Seth & Gerry
Eagle Owl	William & Roxanne

House Trophy: Red [20] Blue [20] Green [25] Yellow [27]

NURSERY CONSULTATION – WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

As many families will know, we are currently exploring the possibility of introducing **nursery provision at Manuden Primary School.**

We are now gathering further information from families and the wider community to understand the potential demand for the provision and how it could best meet local needs.

We would really appreciate everybody completing our short consultation.

Please complete the form even if nursery provision would not directly affect your own family.

The more responses we receive, the stronger the information we have when planning the next steps and demonstrating potential demand.

Complete the Nursery Consultation here:

[Manuden Primary School Nursery Consultation](#)

Please also feel free to share the consultation with local families who may be considering nursery provision in the future.

LOOKING AHEAD

After half term, we will begin our **six-week Positive Relationships programme**, supporting children to develop empathy, manage disagreements and understand how their words and actions affect others.

Our work with the **Multi-Schools Council** will also continue, with further staff development and opportunities for our children to explore SEND, difference and inclusion.



**Week beginning 28th September 2026 = Week 1
of the Autumn Term 2026 Menus**

After School Clubs for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Years	Times	Teacher	28/09	05/10	12/10	19/10
Monday	Karate £	R-6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes CHKA Karate	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tuesday	Netball	Y&6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tuesday	Mini Street Dance £	R-3	3:15pm-4:15pm	KBD Dance	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wednesday	Knitting £	3-6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Parr	NO	YES	YES	YES
Wednesday	Football £		3:15pm-4:15pm	Kitteridge Sports	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wednesday	Dodgeball £		3:15pm-4:15pm	Kitteridge Sports	YES	YES	YES	YES

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KBD Dance

NEW STREET DANCE CLASSES AT
MANUDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



DANCE ⚡ CREATE ⚡ SHINE

AT KBD DANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL THE JOY OF DANCE. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE WHERE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES CAN GAIN EXCEPTIONAL DANCE TRAINING WHILE CELEBRATING CREATIVITY, CHOREOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE.

MINI STREET
RECEPTION - YEAR 3

TUESDAYS (TERM TIME)
3.15-4.15PM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
£9.50 PER CLASS

MANUDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

KAS SPORTS CLUBS THIS AUTUMN TERM

STARTING W/c 21.09.26

Move more. Play together. Have fun with KAS.



MONDAY

Football Team Training

3.20-4.20pm

YEAR 5-6

£55

THURSDAY

Dodgeball Club

3.20-4.20pm

YEAR 3-6

£55

READY TO JOIN?

BOOK ONLINE

Scan the QR code with your phone camera
to find the school club booking form.



kitteridgeallsportsltd.com

SCAN TO BOOK

CANVAS CLUB

Art classes for children aged
6-16 years

A friendly and positive environment for
children to get creative



£12.50 per child

Sunday's 10-11am @Manuden
Primary School CM231DE

For class dates &
bookings, contact
07530388738 or
follow us on

FULLY
INSURED

DBS
CHECKED

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in RED

Thursday 1st October	Y6 Sports Ambassador Training at Little Hallingbury School – 9:45-11:45am
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow for Young Minds – Donate £1 and wear something yellow!
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at MVCC – 9:30-11:45am
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 School Tour at 9:30am
Thursday 12th November	Year 5/6 Dodgeball at FHS – 1-3:30pm
Tuesday 17th November	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
Friday 20th November	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 2nd December	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
Friday 4th December	INSET (Non Pupil) Day
Monday 7th December	Pygmy/Tawny Owl Class Natvity – Dress Rehearsal for School at 1:45pm
Tuesday 8th December	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
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
Tuesday 12th January 2027	R27 School Tour at 9:30am