



THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Governors spend the day at Manuden • Two new pupils joining our school • Multi-Schools Council and SEND development • Nursery consultation – 28 responses and counting • Parent Forums coming up •

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Manuden.

On Wednesday, our governors spent the day with us, taking part in training, having lunch with the children and visiting classrooms across the school. It was a valuable opportunity for them to see school life first-hand, speak with pupils and staff, and see the work taking place across Manuden. You can read a message from our governors later in this newsletter.

We have also continued to strengthen our work around **SEND and inclusion**. This week, staff took part in training focusing on **speech, language and communication**, and we welcomed **Amy from the Multi-Schools Council** back into school. Our involvement with the Multi-Schools Council will continue to grow over the year as we help children understand difference, inclusion and the importance of making sure everyone feels that they belong.

I am also particularly pleased to share some lovely news. **Two new pupils are now confirmed to be joining Manuden, one in Year 1 and one in Year 5**, and we have another family visiting the school this week.

For a small school, this really matters. Families choosing Manuden is something we should celebrate. I hope our new children and their families receive the wonderfully warm **Manuden welcome** that makes our school community so special.

There is a great deal happening behind the scenes too, from our proposed nursery provision to improvements around school and our work with staff and governors. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the positive way so many of you engage with the school.

Mr Molyneux

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

ONE PLAN MEETINGS

As mentioned in my previous communication, **One Plan meetings will take place after the October half term**.

Parents of children who have a One Plan will receive further information and the opportunity to arrange their meeting shortly.

Please look out for the dates and booking information.

NURSERY CONSULTATION – THANK YOU, BUT WE STILL NEED YOUR VIEWS

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our consultation regarding the possibility of introducing **nursery provision at Manuden Primary School**.

We have now received **28 responses**, which is a really encouraging start.

However, the more responses we receive, the better picture we can build of potential demand and what local families would like future provision to look like.

The consultation remains open until **Friday 23 October**.

Complete the Nursery Consultation here:

[Manuden Primary School Nursery Consultation – Fill in form](#)

Come and talk to us about the nursery

On **Friday 16 October**, representatives from **Essex County Council** will be visiting Manuden to look at the proposed nursery site and support us with our consultation and planning.

Parents are very welcome to come into school between **10.00am and 11.00am** if you would like to ask questions or find out more about what we are exploring.

There is no need to book.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 9 October – Hello Yellow for YoungMinds

Children are invited to **wear something yellow** to school and bring a **£1 donation** in support of YoungMinds.

Tuesday 13 October – 9.15am – Parent Forum 1
Wednesday 14 October – 6.00pm – Parent Forum 2

Both Parent Forums will cover the same broad areas, so parents only need to attend whichever session is most convenient.

Friday 16 October – 10.00–11.00am – Nursery Consultation Drop-in

Essex County Council representatives will be onsite to look at our proposed nursery provision and answer questions from families.

Friday 23 October – Nursery Consultation closes

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	The whole class!
Tawny Owl	Harry Rock & Lily Ruggles-Brise
Hawk Owl	Freya & Penny F
Eagle Owl	Jake & Tyler

House Trophy: Red [30] Blue [24] Green [40] Yellow [28]

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

On Wednesday, the governing board spent the day at Manuden Primary School to gain a real insight into school life.

The morning began with a governor training session at the Community Centre, led by our School Effectiveness Partner from the local authority. We then headed back to school to join the children for lunch. Chatting with them about how they have found the start of term, and seeing them together on the playground and field, showed us just how happy they are at Manuden.

In the afternoon, we visited every classroom to see the children learning and to observe the excellent teaching taking place. We finished with a feedback session, where we had the opportunity to ask Mr Molyneux and Mr Chesterman questions about what we had seen.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful school, full of happy and engaged children. As with any school, there are always things we are working to improve, but the governors would like to extend their sincere thanks to Mr Molyneux, all the staff and, above all, the children for such a warm welcome. Your hard work and dedication are clearly making a real difference.

Over the next few weeks, we will also be using this small section of the newsletter to introduce you to the governing board, explain a little more about who we are and share more about the role governors play at Manuden.

Dave, Governor



**Week beginning 5th October 2026 = Week 2
of the Autumn Term 2026 Menus**

OPEN DOOR JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB



Games, activities and
why not bring a
friend and your own
favourite game to
play!



Scan here to register

JUNIOR Youth Club
(School years 4–6)
Next date Wednesday
14th October 2026

7–8.30pm
Venue – Clavering
Christian Centre.
CB11 4PH
£1 Donation for
admission.

NEW
Free pizza and
drinks during
the evening

Contact – Reverend Gary Fleming for more info.
07491 402273
revdgaryfleming@outlook.com



SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

Adults entering the school building

A reminder that, for safeguarding reasons, **parents and other adults should not enter the main school building or classrooms unless accompanied or invited to do so by a member of staff.**

This includes quickly coming into a classroom to drop off a forgotten water bottle, PE kit, lunch or another item.

We completely understand that this can sometimes seem like the quickest and easiest option, but we need to know which adults are in the school building at all times.

If your child has forgotten something, please **bring it to the school office** and we will make sure it gets to them.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please speak to them at the appropriate time or contact the school so that a conversation can be arranged.
Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all of our children.

LOOKING AHEAD

There is a great deal happening at Manuden at the moment, and much of it reflects the direction we want the school to continue moving in.

We want to be a school that knows its children exceptionally well, supports those who need additional help, has high expectations and is increasingly outward-facing – learning from others while being proud of what happens here every day. Having our governors spend a full day in school, developing our relationship with the Multi-Schools Council, investing in staff development and welcoming new families into Manuden are all important parts of that.

There is always more for us to do and improve, but there is also plenty for us to celebrate.

Thank you for continuing to support Manuden.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Molyneux

After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Teacher	Week Commencing			
					05/10	12/10	19/10	26/10
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes Pro-Karate	Yes	Yes	Yes	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tuesday	Mini Street Dance £	R to 3	3:15pm-4:15pm	KDB Dance	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Rosalyn Parr	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Wednesday	Football Skills £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Kitteridge Sports	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in RED

Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow Day - Donate £1 for Young Minds and wear something yellow!
Friday 9th October	PFA School Disco – details to follow
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at MVCC – 9:30-11:45am
Friday 16th October	PFA Harvest Breakfast for Manuden School children and families – Details to Follow!
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
Tuesday 1st December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime at South Mill Arts 1pm
Wednesday 2nd December	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
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	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
Tuesday 15th December	PFA Christmas Fayre and Carols Around the Tree
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term – FINISH AT 1:30PM



**MANUDEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Growing hearts • Growing minds • Growing dreams

*A small village
school with big
ambitions for
every child*



Play
Explore
Discover
Grow
♥



*A bright
beginning for
a bright future*
♥

Looking for a
=RECEPTION=
place for September 2027?

Come and see Manuden in action.



**Growing
hearts**

Kindness, respect
and a strong
sense of community.



**Growing
minds**

High-quality
learning for
every child.



**Growing
dreams**

Confidence to
achieve and a bright
future ahead.



SCHOOL TOUR DATES Reception 2027

Tuesday 3 November 2026 | 9:30am

Tuesday 17 November 2026 | 9:30am

Wednesday 2 December 2026 | 9:30am

Tuesday 8 December 2026 | 9:30am

Tuesday 12 January 2027 | 9:30am

Can't make one of these dates? Please contact our school office
and we'll be happy to arrange an alternative visit.

Book your visit today ↘



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Free courses for parents & carers

5th - 16th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October
	Zones of Regulation Online Live 12:30 - 2:30pm	Understanding ASC in Children Online Live 6:30 - 8:30pm Managing Big Emotions Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Children's Anxiety Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Teens Anxiety Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October
	Family First Aid Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm		Family First Aid Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am	



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19th - 30th October 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Managing Anger in Young People Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Primary) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Early Years) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Managing Conflict at Home Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Building Better Routines Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October
Half Term Week! Visit aclessex.com to see what's starting soon.				



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