



MANUDEN WEEKLY

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

Friday 9th October
2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

New interactive screens arriving • Black History Month class challenge • Welcome to our new families • Parent Forums next week • Nursery consultation and Essex County Council visit • Harvest Breakfast • PFA Autumn Disco

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Manuden, and there is plenty to celebrate as we continue working together to develop our school.

Firstly, it has been wonderful to welcome two new pupils and their families to Manuden this week. Starting a new school can be daunting, but it has been lovely to see how warmly our children have welcomed their new classmates. That sense of community is something that makes Manuden such a special place.

I am also delighted to share that **five brand-new interactive teaching screens will be installed across the school next week**. This is an important investment in our teachers and, ultimately, the education of our children. Providing staff with reliable, modern technology helps them deliver engaging lessons and creates better learning opportunities for pupils. It is one of several improvements we are making to our learning environment, and I look forward to seeing the difference these screens make.

As part of **Black History Month**, I have also set every class a challenge to research significant individuals, explore their achievements and discover the impact they have made. Each class will use its research to create a display to share at the end of half term. I am looking forward to seeing what the children discover and how creatively they present their learning. It is a valuable opportunity to celebrate achievements, broaden understanding and reinforce the importance of respect and equality.

Finally, we have some exciting events coming up, including our first Parent Forums next week, the PFA disco this evening and an opportunity for families to meet Essex County Council representatives to discuss our proposed nursery provision.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping make Manuden such a welcoming and positive school community.

Mr Molyneux

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

PARENT FORUMS – NEXT WEEK

Our first Parent Forums will take place next week:

- **Tuesday 13 October – 9.15am**
- **Wednesday 14 October – 6.00pm**

Both sessions will cover the same broad topics, so parents only need to attend whichever is most convenient.

These forums are an opportunity for parents to hear about developments at Manuden, understand some of the decisions we are making and share their thoughts and questions.

Our first discussion will include the new Ofsted inspection framework and what it means for primary schools, alongside opportunities to discuss school life more generally.

I am keen for these forums to become a regular and constructive part of how we communicate and work together as a school community. Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 9 October

- Hello Yellow – YoungMinds
- PFA Autumn Disco

Tuesday 13 October

- Parent Forum – 9.15am

Wednesday 14 October

- Parent Forum – 6.00pm

Friday 16 October

- Harvest Breakfast – 8.00–9.00am
- Harvest Assembly
- Nursery Consultation Drop-in – 10.00–11.00am

Friday 23 October

- Nursery Consultation closes

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	Poppy
Tawny Owl	Theo & Olivia Forde
Hawk Owl	Rae & Harry Strickland
Eagle Owl	Kaisha & Edie

House Trophy: Red [67] Blue [84] Green [81] Yellow [60]

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

For safety reasons, **resin toys must not be brought into school by children in Reception**. Some of these toys contain small parts or can break into smaller pieces, presenting a potential choking hazard for younger children.

We appreciate that children enjoy bringing their favourite items to school, but their safety must always come first.

Please help us by checking that resin toys are left at home.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEND – ONE PLAN MEETINGS

We are currently making arrangements for our next round of One Plan meetings, which are expected to take place during the **week beginning 9 November**, with **Wednesday 11 November** provisionally identified.

PFA NEWS

Autumn Disco – Friday 9 October

We are looking forward to seeing everyone later today at our first disco of the school year!

A huge thank you to the PFA and all the volunteers who have helped organise the event.

Harvest Breakfast – Friday 16 October

Join us for a special **Harvest Breakfast from 8.00–9.00am**, ahead of our Harvest Assembly.

All parents and children are welcome. Further details will follow.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop – Volunteer Needed

The PFA is looking for someone to help manage our second-hand uniform shop.

This would involve organising donated uniform and responding to email requests from families.
If you could spare some time to help, please contact the school office or speak to **Gemma Fisk or Iain Ruggles-Brise**.
As always, a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers for making the PFA possible.
For regular updates, please follow the **Manuden PFA WhatsApp channel**:
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDkiUL4dTnGtGfv0K38>

These meetings provide an important opportunity for parents and staff to review children's progress, discuss the support in place and agree priorities and next steps together.
We will share further details, including confirmed dates and booking arrangements, with relevant families shortly.
Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our children.



Week beginning 12th October 2026 = Week 1
of the Autumn Term 2026 Menus

After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with £ require fees

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Teacher	Week Commencing		26/10	02/11
					05/10	12/10		
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes Pro-Karate	Yes	Yes	HALF TERM HOLS	
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	Yes	Yes		
Tuesday	Mini Street Dance £	R to 3	3:15pm-4:15pm	KDB Dance	Yes	Yes		
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Rosalyn Parr	Yes	Yes		

PROFESSOR FAB'S POTIONS CLASS

£38 per child
Sibling discount available

Half term camp
Wednesday 28th October
at Thorn Grove Primary School

Professor Fab and her gaggle of wizarding scientists will help you make colour-changing potions, fizzy explosions, pourable clouds...and even invent your own potion!

Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.
For more information visit the Fab Science website.

BOOK NOW AT: [FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://fabscience.classforkids.io)

fabscience.co.uk campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk 01279 295669

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

AUTUMN TERM 2
Maunden Primary
Mondays 3.15- 4.15

Join us for lots of creative fun!

Our topics this term is Monsters. Activities include: designing our own monsters and scaling them up in chalk pastel, doodling a gang of monsters in the style of contemporary 'doodle artist' John Burgerman and getting in the festive spirit at the end of term!

ONLINE BOOKING www.artexplorers.co.uk

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in **RED**

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 from 8am
Friday 16th October	Harvest Assembly at 9am – Parents & Carers welcome
Friday 16th October	Hawk Owl Residential Meeting at 3:30pm in Hawk Owl Class
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	NSPCC Workshop for Children
Thursday 12th November	Year 5/6 Dodgeball at FHS – 1-3:30pm
Mon 16th-Fri 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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 Pantomine 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



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

Beyond Good Beginnings course

A course for parents and carers of autistic children, or those with social communication needs, aged 6 to 13.

The course covers:

- Week 1 – Understanding Autism
- Week 2 – Social Understanding and Communication
- Week 3 – Sensory Processing and Regulation
- Week 4 – Information Processing and Flexibility
- Week 5 – Supporting Regulation – the Autism Lens and Sleeping and Eating

This course is an opportunity for parents and carers to come together to share experiences and tips in a supportive environment.



Scan the QR code to book a place
or visit: send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/beyond-good-beginnings-course





**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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