MANUDEN WEEKLY

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Friday 16th October 2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

School Photos Monday 19th • Parents' Evenings Tuesday & Thursday • New Morning Bell Routine • Final Week Before Half Term

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Manuden, and I wanted to begin by saying a particularly big thank you to all the parents who attended our first Parent Forums this week.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to sit down together, listen to your thoughts and ideas, and have such open and constructive conversations about our school. I am genuinely grateful for the time you gave and the thoughtful contributions you made.

I also want to thank all our parents and carers, including those who were unable to attend. I completely appreciate how busy family life can be, and there is certainly no expectation that everyone attends these meetings. The forums are simply another opportunity for us to strengthen communication, listen to one another and work together.

One thing I have been particularly encouraged by is the shared ambition we have for Manuden. We are fortunate to have a school with strong foundations, wonderful children, dedicated staff and a supportive community. My ambition is to build upon these strengths, continuing to improve and develop the opportunities we provide for every child whilst protecting everything that makes Manuden such a special place.

Your support, trust and willingness to engage positively with the school are incredibly important to this journey. We will not always get everything right, and there will inevitably be things we need to review or improve, but I am committed to listening, being open about our decisions and ensuring that everything we do is rooted in what is best for our children.

Already, the forums have generated some helpful suggestions, particularly around our morning drop-off and afternoon collection arrangements. I will be taking time to consider these carefully, and I look forward to updating you as we explore what might work best for everyone.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. There is a great deal to look forward to, and I am excited about what we can continue to achieve together.

Mr Molyneux

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	Wren
Tawny Owl	Lily & Martha
Hawk Owl	Jasper & Bonnie
Eagle Owl	Joe & Tyler

House Trophy: Red [23] Blue [24] Green [33] Yellow [18]

A Huge Thank You to Our PFA and Volunteers

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PFA and all the volunteers who gave their time to organise and run our Harvest Breakfast this week.
It was lovely to see so many children, parents, families and staff coming together and enjoying time as a school community. Events like these really do remind us what makes Manuden such a special place.
We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and generous school community, and I am genuinely grateful to everyone who helps make these

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 19 OCTOBER
A reminder that our school photographs will be taking place on Monday.
All children should arrive wearing their normal school uniform, including those who would usually have PE on a Monday.
Children who have PE should bring their PE kit in a separate bag so that they can change after their photographs.
Thank you for helping us make sure everyone is ready for their photograph.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – NEXT WEEK
We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our parents' evenings next week.
If you have not already done so, please check that you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher.
These meetings are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss their learning and consider how we can continue to support them together.
We look forward to seeing you.

ART EXPLORERS – STARTING AFTER HALF TERM
We are hoping to welcome Art Explorers to Manuden after the October half-term break.
This is an exciting opportunity for children to enjoy creative activities, develop their artistic skills and try something new.
However, **the club can only go ahead if there are sufficient bookings**.
If your child would like to take part, please make sure you register your interest or book a place as soon as possible.
We would love to see this opportunity become part of our wider extracurricular offer.

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Tuesday 20th October: Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd October: Parents Evening

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

ALLERGY AWARENESS – KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE
A reminder that Manuden is a **nut-aware school**.
We have children within our school community with allergies, and we ask all parents to help us reduce the risk of accidental exposure.
Please do not send children into school with food containing nuts or nut-based ingredients. This includes peanut butter, chocolate or snack bars containing nuts, and foods such as pesto that may contain pine nuts or other nuts.
Please check ingredient labels carefully when preparing packed lunches and snacks.

opportunities possible. Your time, effort and kindness make a real difference to our children and our school.
Thank you once again to everyone involved!

Manuden PFA News:

Harvest Festival Breakfast

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped at this morning's Harvest Festival Breakfast. We really appreciate your time and support

Second-Hand School Uniform

A big thank you to Amy Stickland, who has kindly offered to run our school second-hand uniform shop.

A donation box will be placed just inside the school gate every Monday. Please donate any good-quality, clean school uniform, both branded and non-branded.

Beats, No Bangs Firework Display

Our **Beats, No Bangs Firework Display** is taking place on **Monday 2nd November**, with gates opening at **5.30pm**.

Come along and enjoy an evening of firework fun!

Book your tickets here:

https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/beats-no-bangs-firework-night



Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep our children safe.

NEW MORNING BELL – 8.55AM

As part of our ongoing work to ensure that our morning routines are safe, consistent and well organised, we are introducing a new bell at **8.55am**.

The bell will act as a friendly reminder that it is time for parents and carers to make their way off the school site following morning drop-off.

This will allow us to close and secure the front gate promptly at **9.00am**, in line with our school procedures.

We know that the playground is an important place for parents to catch up, and we certainly don't want to discourage that sense of community. However, it is important that we can secure the school site once the school day has begun.

Thank you for helping us make this small change work smoothly and for supporting our safeguarding arrangements.

LOOKING AHEAD

BUILDING ON OUR PARENT FORUMS

Our first Parent Forums are just the beginning of an ongoing conversation with our school community.

We will continue to provide opportunities for parents to share their views, ask questions and understand the decisions we make as we develop Manuden.

I will also make sure we share updates on the themes raised and, importantly, explain what action we are taking where changes are possible.

Thank you again for helping us shape the next chapter of Manuden P
rimary School.

NURSERY CONSULTATION – FINAL WEEK

Our consultation regarding the possibility of introducing nursery provision at Manuden remains open until **Friday 23 October**.

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their views.

If you have not yet completed the consultation, we would really appreciate your feedback. Every response helps us understand the needs of local families and consider what future provision might look like.

ONE PLAN MEETINGS

A reminder that One Plan meetings will be taking place after the October half-term break.

Families of children with a One Plan will receive further information about arranging their meeting.

Week beginning 19th October 2026 = Week 2
of the Autumn Term 2026 Menus

Our **NEW Autumn 2 Term Menus** will commence after Half Term – copies of the new menus will be emailed out next week

After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with **£** require fees

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Teacher	Week Commencing			
					19/10	26/10	02/11	09/11
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes Pro-Karate	Yes	HALF TERM HOLS	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	No		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

NB: There is no NETBALL CLUB on Tuesday 20th due to Parents Evening





Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in RED

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
Monday 2nd November	Manuden PFA **Beats, No Bang** Firework Display from 5:30pm
Tuesday 3rd November	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
Friday 6th November	Stansted Year 3/4 Dodgeball Tournment at FHS 9:30-11:45am
Thursday 12th November	NSPCC Workshop for Children
Thursday 12th November	Stansted 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
Monday 23rd November	CPR Training for Years 5 & 6 with BHF
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 Natvity – Dress Rehearsal for School at 1:45pm
Tuesday 8th December	R27 School Tour at 9:30am
Tuesday 8th December	NHS Flu Vaccinations at 1:30pm
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**