MANUDEN WEEKLY

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

Thursday 22nd October 2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Half-Term Thanks • INSET Day Friday 23rd October • Back Monday 2 November • Light Show 2nd November • Reception Tours

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half-term together, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy, purposeful and very positive start to the school year.

Our children have given us so much to celebrate: the effort they bring to their learning, their growing confidence, the kindness they show one another and the pride they take in our school. These everyday successes matter enormously and remind us what makes Manuden special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parents' evening on Tuesday, and to those attending this evening. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to recognise how well children are doing and to agree how we can support their next steps together. I am grateful to our teachers and staff for the preparation and care that go into them.

I have also appreciated the thoughtful engagement through our recent Parent Forums. We are listening carefully to the ideas shared and will continue to communicate openly as we consider improvements to our routines and wider provision.

We have strong foundations to build on: wonderful children, a committed staff team and a community that cares deeply about its school. There is plenty to look forward to next half-term as we keep strengthening teaching, learning, inclusion and the opportunities available to every child.

I hope you all enjoy a restful, happy half-term break and some well-deserved family time. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Molyneux

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	Louis
Tawny Owl	Ethan & Martha
Hawk Owl	Poppy & Mia
Eagle Owl	The whole class!

House Trophy: Red [**26**] Blue [24] Green [25] Yellow [16]

THANK YOU

A special thank you to our wonderful support staff, office team, midday staff and everyone who helps keep Manuden running smoothly each day. So much of what makes our school special happens quietly behind the scenes, often without recognition. Your care, hard work and willingness to go the extra mile make a real difference to our children and families. It is very much appreciated!



Week beginning 2nd November 2026 = Week 1 of the NEW Autumn 2 Term Menus
(will be sent via email)

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

School Uniform Update: We are currently exploring alternative uniform suppliers, with the aim of making our school uniform more affordable for families while maintaining its quality. We will share further updates as soon as we have more information. Watch this space!

Keep reading! Enjoy 10 minutes of reading together every day over half-term. Every page makes a difference!
Share a story: Visit your local library, discover a new book or simply enjoy a favourite bedtime story.
Ready for November: Please ensure all coats, jumpers and PE kits are clearly named.

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Friday 23rd October – INSET Day
Monday 2nd November – Return to school
Monday 2nd November – Manuden Light show
Tuesday 3rd November – Reception tours begin

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

BREAKFAST CLUB – SAFE HANDOVER FROM 7.30AM
A firm reminder that Breakfast Club begins at 7.30am. We cannot accept children before this time, as our staffing and supervision arrangements do not start until 7.30am.

Please do not leave your child outside the door or ask another parent or adult to hand them over on your behalf. A parent or responsible carer must remain with their child until a member of school staff is available to receive them directly.

This is an important safeguarding requirement to ensure that every child is safely accounted for and properly supervised. Thank you for your cooperation.

MORNING GATE ROUTINE
A reminder that our 8.55am bell signals the time for parents and carers to leave the school site, so that we can close and secure the front gate promptly at 9.00am.

ALLERGY AWARENESS
Please continue to support our nut-aware approach by checking snacks and packed-lunch ingredients and not sending foods containing nuts into school; this includes certain pesto products.

LOOKING AHEAD

PARENT FORUMS – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our first Parent Forums. We will review the suggestions raised, including morning drop-off and afternoon collection, and update families as ideas are explored.

NURSERY CONSULTATION – CLOSES FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
Our consultation about the possibility of nursery provision at Manuden remains open until Friday 23 October. If you have not yet shared your views, we would be pleased to hear from you before it closes.

ONE PLAN MEETINGS
One Plan meetings will take place after half-term. Relevant families will receive details about arranging a meeting.





After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with **£** require fees

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Teacher	Week Commencing			
					02/11	09/11	16/11	23/11
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Chelsea Sydes Pro-Karate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday	Mini Street Dance £	R to 3	3:15pm-4:15pm	KDB Dance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wednesday	Knitting £	3 to 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Rosalyn Parr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in RED

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**

