# MANUDEN WEEKLY

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**Friday 6th November 2026**

## THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Ofsted Visit • Nursery Progress • NSPCC Workshops • Positive Relationships • Anti-Bullying Week

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a memorable first week back after half term!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors to Manuden Primary School. I could not be prouder of how our whole school community came together during what was undoubtedly an important and demanding couple of days.

Our children were an absolute credit to the school, demonstrating the kindness, confidence, enthusiasm and respect that make Manuden such a special place. I was equally proud of our wonderful staff team, whose dedication, professionalism and genuine care for the children shone through throughout the inspection. Their hard work, both during the visit and every single day, deserves enormous recognition.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our governors, who continue to give their time, expertise and unwavering support to the school, and to our parents and carers for the many kind messages, encouragement and positive feedback we received. It was a real reminder of the strength of our school community and how fortunate we are to have so many people invested in Manuden's success.

We were very pleased with how the inspection went. Although we are unable to share any judgements or findings until the final report is published, I look forward to sharing this with you as soon as we are permitted to do so, hopefully before the end of term.

It has also been an encouraging week for our plans to develop nursery provision at Manuden. Our consultation has now concluded, and the proposal has progressed to the county governance stage. This represents an important step forward in our ambition to strengthen the school's future and provide further opportunities for local families. There are still formal approvals to complete, but we will continue to keep you informed as plans develop.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to look forward to, including NSPCC workshops, our ongoing work on positive relationships and Anti-Bullying Week. These opportunities reflect our commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, valued, included and supported to thrive.

As we move forward, I am excited about what we can continue to achieve together. We have a great deal to be proud of at Manuden, and I am determined that we build on our strengths while continuing to make thoughtful, positive improvements for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust, kindness and support. It really does make a difference.

**Mr Molyneux**
Headteacher

## CELEBRATING MANUDEN

### Effort & Achievement Award

| Class | Effort & Achievement |
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| **Pygmy Owl** | Noah |
| **Tawny Owl** | Nesta & Liam T |
| **Hawk Owl** | Emma & Hawk Owl Class |
| **Eagle Owl** | Roxy & William |

**House Trophy: Red [23] Blue [14] Green [12] Yellow [13]**

## IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

### NSPCC WORKSHOPS – THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Children in Year 2 and Years 5/6 will take part in age-appropriate NSPCC workshops. These support children to recognise when something is not right, identify trusted adults and know how to seek help. You can find family guidance at www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: 16–20 NOVEMBER

This year's theme is "Break the Silence". Through assemblies and classroom activities we will encourage children to speak up, listen to others and seek help when they see or experience bullying. Families can find ideas at anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026.

### ODD SOCKS DAY – FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

As previously advertised, we plan to mark Odd Socks Day in school on Friday 20 November. Children are welcome to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique; there is no need to buy anything.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thu 12 Nov – NSPCC workshops (Y2 and Y5/6); Y5/6 dodgeball

Mon 16–Fri 20 Nov – Anti-Bullying Week

Tue 17 Nov – Reception 2027 school tour, 9.30am

Fri 20 Nov – School Odd Socks Day

Mon 23 Nov – Y5/6 CPR training

Tue 1 Dec – Whole-school pantomime trip

Fri 4 Dec – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

## SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

### TALKING ABOUT WORRIES

If your child tells you about unkindness or bullying, listen calmly, reassure them and let school know so we can work together. Encourage them to talk to a trusted adult at school. For further advice visit www.nspcc.org.uk or www.childline.org.uk.

### WINTER CLOTHING

Please make sure children have a named coat in school each day as the weather becomes colder. Kindly check that jumpers and PE kit are clearly labelled.

### MORNING GATE

Our 8.55am bell signals that parents and carers should leave the site, allowing us to secure the gate promptly at 9.00am. Thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY & WELLBEING

### THANK YOU TO OUR PFA

A big thank you to our PFA and everyone who helped organise Monday's "Beats, No Bang" light show. Events like this bring our village school community together and we are grateful to all who gave their time and support.

### POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

We are welcoming a practitioner from the Mental Health Support Team into school for six consecutive Wednesdays to work with children on building positive relationships. Sessions will explore friendship, respect, communication and how we can support one another.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – NOW ONLINE

Our governors have approved our School Development Plan for 2026–27, which sets out our priorities for strengthening teaching, inclusion and the opportunities we offer every child. We encourage families to explore the priorities on our website: Read our School Development Plan




**Week beginning 9th November 2026 = Week 2**
**of the NEW Autumn 2 Term Menus**

## After School Clubs List for the Autumn Term 2026

Clubs marked with £ require fees

| Day | Club | Year Groups | Times | Teacher | Week Commencing | | | |
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| | | | | | 09/11 | 16/11 | 23/11 | 30/11 |
| Monday | Karate £ | R to 6 | 3:15pm-4:00pm | Pro-Karate | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tuesday | Stingers Netball | 5 & 6 | 3:15pm-4:15pm | Miss Grant | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| 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 |

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Netball Club on Tuesday 1st December due to the Whole School Trip to the Panto at Harlow Playhouse**

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2026

New/Amended Dates in RED

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| 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 |
| Thursday 26th November | Pygmy Owl Class Trip to Audley End Enchanted Railway at 11:00am |
| 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 'Mop Up' Flu Vaccinations at 1:30pm – for those who missed the 21st Oct |
| 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 18th December | Last Day of Term – **FINISH AT 1:30PM** |




Our popular £5 Christmas Tree School Fundraiser is back for another year!

As many of you will know, **Folies of Stansted** has supported local schools for many years by donating **£5** for every Christmas tree purchased by a family supporting their school.

We're delighted to be continuing this tradition at our new home, Folies Fields, **opening on Saturday 21 November**.

All families need to do is mention their school's name when purchasing their tree. We'll keep a record of the donations raised and donate the total amount collected to each school at the end of the Christmas season.

We'd be grateful if you could share this with parents through your school newsletter or parent groups.

You'll also find Christmas decorations, gifts and refreshments at our new location.

**Folies Fields, Alsa Street, Stansted, CM24 8SX**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back this Christmas!

10th Anniversary

# SING-A-LONG

Manuden Musical Mayhem




## Saturday 28th November

Doors open 7.00 pm

Manuden Village Community Centre

*In aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK*

Fully interactive evening of singing (!!), mayhem and dressing up (optional)

£7.50 £7.50

Bar

Bring your own nibbles

**Tickets available from John (john@japers.co.uk) 816397**
**and Richard (richard@dale-cooke.co.uk) 07894 146303**

Entry £1 – Obligatory Goody Bag £6.50

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