MANUDEN WEEKLY

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Friday 13th November 2026

THIS WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Anti-Bullying Week • Parent Forum • Reception Tours • Assessment Week

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week at Manuden, with lots happening across the school as we continue through the autumn term.

Next week, we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week, an important opportunity to reinforce the values of kindness, respect and inclusion that sit at the heart of our school community. Throughout the week, children will be taking part in activities and discussions about positive relationships, recognising unkind behaviour and the importance of speaking up when something isn't right.

We are particularly looking forward to our multi-school School Council assembly, which will give children the opportunity to come together and share important messages about preventing bullying. On Friday 20 November, we will also be celebrating Odd Socks Day, when children are invited to wear odd socks as a simple way of recognising and celebrating our differences.

I also wanted to let you know about a small change to our Parent Forum schedule. Our next meeting would ordinarily have taken place in December, but given how busy the end of term can be, we have decided to move this to early January. We hope that our Ofsted report will have been published by then, allowing us to discuss the findings, what they mean for Manuden and our next steps together. We will confirm the date and further details nearer the time.

Looking ahead, we will be welcoming prospective Reception families for a school tour on Tuesday 17 November. We are always delighted to show families what makes Manuden such a welcoming and special place to learn, so please do share this opportunity with anyone who may be considering our school for September 2027.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. There is a great deal happening at Manuden, and I am grateful to our children, staff and families for the positive contribution they make to school life each day.

Mr Molyneux
Headteacher

CELEBRATING MANUDEN

Effort & Achievement Award

Class	Effort & Achievement
Pygmy Owl	Stevie
Tawny Owl	Josh P & Dylan
Hawk Owl	Teddy & Bella
Eagle Owl	Oscar & Nicholas

House Trophy: Red [16] Blue [29] Green [20] Yellow [15]

COMMUNITY & WELLBEING

PUPIL VOICE – SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will take place towards the end of November. This is an important opportunity for our elected representatives to share ideas, raise suggestions from their classmates and help shape school life at Manuden.

We want our children to know that their voices matter and that they can make a positive difference to their school community.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

IMPORTANT / ACTION REQUIRED

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK · 16–20 NOVEMBER

This year's theme is "Break the Silence". Through assemblies and classroom activities, children will explore how to recognise bullying, support one another and speak to a trusted adult. More can be found here: Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

ODD SOCKS DAY · FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Children are welcome to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and difference. There is no need to buy anything new.

ASSESSMENT WEEK · 23–27 NOVEMBER

Teachers will use assessments to understand children's learning, recognise progress and plan next steps. There is no need for extra preparation at home.

RECEPTION 2027 SCHOOL TOUR

Tuesday 17 November at 9.30am. Please share this date with families considering Manuden for September 2027.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16–20 November - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 17 November - Reception 2027 school tour – 9.30am

Friday 20 November - Odd Socks Day

23–27 November - Whole-school assessment week

Monday 23 November - Year 5/6 CPR training

Tuesday 1 December - Whole-school pantomime trip

Friday 4 December - INSET day – school closed to pupils

SAFEGUARDING & PRACTICAL REMINDER

TALKING ABOUT WORRIES

If your child shares concerns about unkindness or bullying, listen calmly and contact school so that we can respond appropriately. Remind children they can speak to a trusted adult in school.

WINTER CLOTHING

Please send children with a named coat and check that jumpers and PE kit are labelled.

Our work with the Mental Health Support Team continues, with children exploring friendships, kindness, respect and positive communication.

These sessions complement our wider focus on wellbeing and help children develop the skills to build healthy relationships, manage disagreements and support one another.

Week beginning 16th November 2026 = Week 1 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			
					16/11	23/11	30/11	07/12
Monday	Karate £	R to 6	3:15pm-4:00pm	Pro-Karate	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBC
Tuesday	Stingers Netball	5 & 6	3:15pm-4:15pm	Miss Grant	Yes	Yes	**No**	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

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

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 Manuden Primary School when purchasing their tree. We'll keep a record of the donations raised and donate the total amount to Manuden School at the end of the Christmas season.
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!

