

04 September 2026



Headteacher's Message: Mrs Marks

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and enjoyed the amazing weather. The children have made a wonderful start to the new school year, returning after the summer holidays looking so smart, confident, and ready to learn. They've truly hit the ground running with excellent behaviour, positive attitudes, and a real sense of pride in their school community. It's been a joy to see such enthusiasm and focus in every classroom, and they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. As we begin the Autumn term and the weather starts to become cooler, please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing their coat. Please note, that unless there is a medical condition that we have been made aware of, children should have water in their bottles each day. We do not allow juice to be brought to school.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Key Stage One

Kevin Zitkauskas
Kaïen Mansfield
Mikolaj Switala
Thomas Quinn

Lower Key Stage Two

Maja Kuchta
Louis Bannister
Kyla Wallace
Creede Duke-Griffin

Upper Key Stage Two

Oseias Benacio
Delilah-Rose Cripps



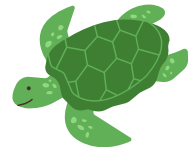
This week's
Attendance Winners are:

Chameleons

Owls



Turtles



Raccoons



90.79%

Penguins



90.73%

Chameleons



95.71%

Elephants



92.47%

Geckos



83.70%

Roadrunners



92.03%

Merlins



78.98%

Honeybees



86.84%

Newts



92.05%

Mountain Hawks



87.42%

Dates for your Diary



School Events

**Individual & Sibling
School Photograph Day**

Friday 18th September

**Please ensure children wear
their school jumper**

Jeans for Genes Day

Monday 21st September

**(£1 contribution via MCAS)
Children can wear non-uniform**

Book Buzz

**Parents invited for end of day story in
class with their child
3.00 - 3.15pm**

Year 2 - Monday 21st September

Year 1 - Tuesday 22nd September

Year 3 - Wednesday 23rd September

Year 4 - Thursday 24th September

Years 5 & 6 - Friday 25th September

Term Dates

Autumn Half Term Break

Monday 26th October

to

Friday 30th October

Autumn Two Term

Back to School

Monday 2nd November

End of Autumn Term

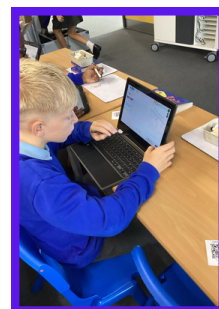
Friday 18th December

Staff Training Day

Monday 4th January

Start of Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

This week at Nursery, we have spent time welcoming both existing and new children into our setting. The transition sessions have been very successful, allowing us to get to know the children who will be joining Nursery and giving them the opportunity to explore their new environment. Our older children have been wonderful role models, enjoying showing the new children around, sharing toys, and helping them to settle into Nursery life. It has been lovely to see new friendships beginning to form and the children playing together so positively. We would like to thank everyone for their support during this transition period and are very pleased with how well the children have engaged in the sessions. We look forward to welcoming all Nursery children back next week for their regular sessions and to another exciting term of learning and fun together.

Reception Team

We have had a lovely first two days welcoming our new children and their families into school. It has been wonderful to meet with parents and talk about their child starting primary school, finding out all about their likes, dislikes, interests and individual needs. This will help us to understand each child and ensure we can provide the right support to help them settle, feel happy and thrive in school.

We also had an exciting day of staff training to explore our new Early Years curriculum and shared ideas and good practice with our Early Years colleagues from across the Trust. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from one another and develop our provision for the children. This term, our topic is 'Marvellous Me!' Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the children's personal, social and emotional development as they make new friends, build relationships and explore the different areas of our classroom. We will be getting to know what makes each child special, including their likes and dislikes. As we move towards the end of September, we will explore our five senses and the human body and encouraging the children to discover and talk about themselves.

Key Stage One Team

This week in Key Stage One, the children have been settling back into routine in their new classrooms. We have been sharing our stories about our Summer holidays, practising our handwriting and thinking about what we want to achieve in the year ahead. In our first PSHRE lesson, we have been thinking about our feelings and reminding ourselves that all feelings are okay, it is how we manage them that is important!

Lower Key Stage Two Team

The children have demonstrated great teamwork and resilience as they have settled into a new Key Stage. We have spent lots of time considering the School Learning Toolkit and reflecting on the Manor Drive ethos of Work Hard, Be Kind and Be Brave. In Art, we have created some fantastic self-portraits, using line and tone to add detail and expression. In Reading, we have been assessing our reading levels in preparation for choosing the reading books we will be reading in class and at home.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school and settling into the new school year. We have revisited our school values of Working Hard, Being Kind and Being Brave, thinking about how these values help us to make positive choices each day. In Maths, our Year Five pupils had lots of fun practising their times tables through a variety of engaging games. They enjoyed developing their speed and accuracy while working together and challenging themselves. Year Six pupils have revisited place value knowledge in preparation for our new units of work. They have also been introduced to a new platform that they will be using to practise and develop their Maths skills.