



Weekly

NEWSLETTER



11 September 2026

Deputy Headteacher's Message: Mrs Parrott

What a wonderful first full week back! It has been lovely to see our new Reception children join us on a part time basis this week, we warmly welcome you to Manor Drive Primary Academy. Our focus in assemblies this week has been kindness. We know kindness means treating others with care, respect and understanding. Small acts of kindness can make someone feel valued and supported. When we choose kindness, we help create a happier and more welcoming community, which is what we want for our community here at our school. In addition to discussing what kindness means, we considered how kindness can affect our mental health. Being kind is good for our mental health! Being kind increases feelings of happiness, increases wellbeing and reduces stress. We thought about how we can show kindness to ourselves and others. Some of the ways we thought of were to praise ourselves and smile to others. As it is getting cooler please remember to bring a labelled coat for your child.



This week's
Attendance Winners are:

Turtles & Roadrunners



Key Stage One

Alexander Manley
Paula Jakstaityte
Nashel Mbiza
Hazel Kuruthukulangara

Lower Key Stage Two

Philip Kiran
Alex Dziadosz
Natan Kuchta
Harriet Wood

Upper Key Stage Two

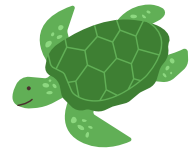
Luke Sharpe
David Okon

Owls



95.04%

Turtles



100%

Raccoons



90.26%

Penguins



95.57%

Chameleons



96.56%

Elephants



95.06%

Geckos



95.67%

Roadrunners



100%

Merlins



94.55%

Honeybees



93.38%

Newts



98.89%

Mountain Hawks



94.14%

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

Year 6 Parent Information Meeting

3:30pm Thursday 24th September

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

What a wonderful week it has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed our first full week back, and it has been fantastic to see all of the children settling in so well and growing in confidence each day. We have spent time getting to know one another, exploring the nursery environment, and building positive relationships with our key person. We embraced new routines with enthusiasm and have shown great curiosity as we investigated the different areas of the classroom. Some of the week's favourite activities have included creative painting, engaging water play, and imaginative role-play in the home corner, where we have enjoyed developing our social and communication skills. We are very proud of how well everyone has settled and look forward to another fun-filled week ahead.

Reception Team

This week, we have been learning about the school's rules, routines and behaviour expectations. We have also been exploring the different learning areas within the classroom and learning where resources belong during tidy-up time. We have shown great teamwork while helping to tidy the classroom and have worked together brilliantly to keep our learning environment organised. Our teachers are proud of us and the fantastic first week at school we have had, we have developed new friendships and built positive relationships with both our peers and teachers.

Key Stage One Team

This week Key Stage One have settled into our full lesson. Both Year One and Year Two enjoyed an immersive lesson linking to our new writing books. Year 1 had cave paintings, linking to Cave Baby and Year Two had a smelly chair and a suitcase, linking to The Bear Under the Stairs. In PSHRE we have been thinking about what to do if we are feeling worried and in History, we have begun our new topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

This week in Lower Key Stage Two, Year Three have been adding commutative numbers in Maths and visiting a mysterious circus in Writing, using nouns and adjectives. In Science, we have been exploring the different types of shelters that animals find or make. Year Four have been learning about freedom in the context of American History. In PE, we have been practising throwing and striking a ball in fielding games.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

It has been another fantastic week in Upper Key Stage 2, with children continuing to settle well into the new school year. We have shown great enthusiasm in class and have been demonstrating our school values of Working Hard, Being Kind and Being Brave across the curriculum.

In Maths, Year Five have been exploring the relationship between fractions and decimals, developing our understanding of the tenths place value column. In Year Six we have also been building on our place value knowledge, working confidently with 6 and 7-digit numbers.

During our indoor PE lessons, all children in Upper Key Stage Two have been enjoying dance. Year Five have been exploring new techniques in the Dance by Chance style, using creativity and randomness to link movements. Year Six have been using loud, confident actions to create the music within their performances, showing excellent expression, energy and confidence as we perform.