

## Summer Term Newsletter 3 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Key Dates

June 2024	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school from the half term holidays. Opening ceremony for MC Olympics, children to wear class countries colours
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school D-Day commemorations
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Clive Pig History Day with Y3 and Y2 at Lyme Regis Fossil Festival



### Design and Technology Careers Day – A message from Mrs Wilkins

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May we were visited by a fantastic range of volunteers who work within the Design and Technology sector. All children, from preschool to Year 6, spoke to them in the hall to learn more about what they do for a living. Each visitor brought a variety of objects with them, which the children enjoyed looking at and learning more about their chosen careers and how design skills help them to fulfil their work.

### Year 6 enrichment week – A message from the Year 6 team



Our week began with a fun-filled sports tournament led by Mr Burns. The children enjoyed a mixture of tag and team games before a wonderful rounders tournament. In the afternoon, children enjoyed quizzes in their classroom followed by a visit from The Pancake Pod, whose pancakes were delicious.

Tuesday began with a visit from Sharadys Birds of Prey. The children were visited by a range of British Owls including a Little Owl and the impressive Eagle Owl. This was followed by tie-dyeing t-shirts and finally burger making led by Mrs Nadeau.



Pupils then embarked on their residential to Huish Woods where they enjoyed a mixture of outdoor pursuits including laser tag, caving, archery, and woodland crafts. The Year 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their week, they have been fantastic role models and demonstrated both exemplary behaviour and friendship throughout.



### Hot weather – please help us to keep your children safe

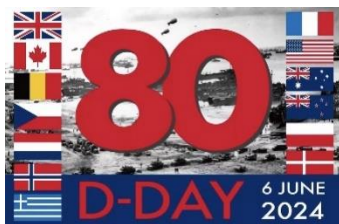
We are finally having a few more consistent days of warm weather and are ever hopeful that it may continue. Can you please help us to keep your children safe in the sunshine and hot weather by applying suncream to your children before school, sending them into school with a sun hat and plenty of water-based drinks to drink throughout the day.

### Behaviour principles a message from the local governing body

We have all worked extremely hard to build a supportive community that we can be proud of and that lives up to its values to 'care, learn and achieve together'.

Can we please remind each parent that any kind of violence, threatening behaviour, or abuse between children, or by parents, within the school community towards the school's staff both verbally (in person, or on the telephone) and via the written word, will not be tolerated.

If a parent does not conduct themselves properly, the school reserves the right to ban them from the school premises and, if the parent continues to cause disturbance, they may be liable to prosecution.



### Whole school 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day commemorations – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June we will be commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy that started the conclusion of the end of the Second World War. We will be having a busy day of history with visiting speakers, interviews with veterans (or individuals linked to the invasion) and a carousel of activities.

Children and staff are invited to come to school in 1940 inspired clothing (evacuees, land girls, soldiers etc.) or smart and respectful clothing that is red, white, or blue.

Children must not wear football or sports clothing on this day and if they do not wish to wear the suggested clothing then they must please wear school their full school uniform.

### Half-term Holiday breakfast scheme

Our friends at St Mary’s Church and The Lords Larder are offering free breakfast bags that will last for the school half term holidays. Please see their poster at the end of this newsletter for further information.

### School shoes and ties

We have noticed that several children are coming to school each day wearing trainers or ankle boots. This is not school uniform or appropriate footwear for the children to be wearing to school. We have also noticed that some children have not been wearing their school tie to school on a regular basis. Please be prepared for a member of staff to mention the tie and footwear to you at the end of the school day.

### Foundation Stage Superhero Day

Foundation Stage had a brilliant Superhero Day last Friday. The children completed many challenges around the school, using their super speed, strength, and superpowers!



### Paris Olympic and Euro 2024 assembly

Miss Kitto and Mr McCarten led our whole school assembly on Monday morning to launch our summer of sport. Throughout the rest of this school year we will be celebrating the Paris Olympics (and Sports Day will have an Olympic theme – please see separate letters) and the Euro 2024 football tournament in Germany. Please do ensure that you read the letters that have been sent home or find them on the school website so that you know what is happening.

### 2024-2025 Term Dates

We have set our term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year. These can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the parent section of our school website.

### Year 5 Shabat re-enactment

Last week the Year 5 children continued their learning about Judaism and the importance of the Sabbath to the Jewish believers. The children made challah bread, that is traditionally eaten on Friday nights as part of the celebrations and enjoyed participating in a re-enactment of the meal on Friday. The children gathered in the hall to eat their bread and drink traditional grape juice and told stories to each other.



### The Summer Show – A message from Mrs Morton

The 2024 Summer Show will be held at Holyrood Academy on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. As per usual tickets can be purchased on EventBrite (**Tickets are now on sale – please see the hyperlinks sent home last week and that can be found on our social media accounts**) and all proceeds will be placed into our creative arts budget to provide additional enrichment opportunities for each of the children who attend our school in the next academic year. Please do not delay in purchasing your tickets as the venue is limited to 240 seats each evening.

The following classes are performing on these dates and the children in the Arts Council, choir, dance club, drama club and sing & sign will perform on both nights.

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedgehogs class</li> <li>• Bumblebees class</li> <li>• Nightingales class</li> <li>• Kingfishers class</li> <li>• Eagles class</li> <li>• Badgers class</li> <li>• Herons class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squirrels class</li> <li>• Dragonflies class</li> <li>• Magpies class</li> <li>• Owls class</li> <li>• Puffins class</li> <li>• Foxes class</li> <li>• Otters class</li> </ul>

### EYC news from Sophie

In between the rain, the children have loved being outside. With the sun shining, the preschool children have had a great time taking part in lots of team games on the field. We have been practicing our balancing, passing, and catching skills. Please keep an eye on eyLog as there are a number of events coming up for the children, and we would not want you to miss any key information! Please also note that open toed shoes are not to be worn at preschool.



### Sports Day – A message from Miss Kitto

We are looking forward to participating in a lot of sports in the first week after the half term holidays by holding our KS1 and KS2 Sports Day and celebrating the Paris Olympics. We are asking children to wear their house colours or the colours that represent the country that their class has chosen.

Please refer to this letter as a reminder as to what we would like your child to wear.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/manor-court-community/UploadedDocument/afb6dc3b-b72e-4e54-b2ae-9db764b1283e/olympics-letter.pdf>



### Foundation Stage RNLI talk

Foundation Stage enjoyed a visit from the RNLI yesterday. They learnt about water safety and the meaning behind the different coloured flags that they may see at sea. The children got to participate in some physical activities that will support them when they are swimming in the sea.

### Sport funding – A message from Miss Kitto

We are looking for some local business sponsorship, to continue to create inspiring sporting events for our children. We have a range of prices available for sponsorship funding starting from £30 - £200. Please do contact Miss Kitto if this would be of interest to you via the school office phone or email. Thank you again, for your continued support.

### Year 6 advance warning – A message from the Y6 team

It is a busy time of the school year for the Year 6 children now that their focus on their end of KS2 assessments has finished. Our focus has now turned towards further curriculum enrichment, your child's transition to their Secondary school and the traditional school play – this year it is *Pirates of the Curry Bean!*

We've been asked by a few parents to inform them of these important dates at the end of the school year so that time off from work can be booked. Please put these dates in your diary so

that you do not miss out.

1. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Afternoon performance of *Pirates of the Curry Bean!* in the school hall a 13:30 start.
2. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Evening performance of *Pirates of the Curry Bean!* in the school hall a 18:00 start.
3. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers assembly in the school hall a 13:45 start.



### Our new classrooms – A message from Mr Talmage

We are delighted that the lengthy and detailed tendering process for our two new classrooms is now complete, and the preferred construction company have been notified that they were chosen to complete the building works. The build will start in the Summer Holidays, and we anticipate that it should be finished by February or March 2025. After half term, Mr Clode and I will start to devise the necessary plans for safe access to the school site and how lunch times will work with the Key-Stage 2 playground out of action for the Autumn Term.

### Year 1 Science

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about the structure of flowering plants. The children have been growing beans in class so took some time to investigate the roots, stem, and leaves before they planted them outside to observe the impact that the weather has on their growth.



### New school website address

Please be aware that we have changed our school website address, as the previous website domain was owned by Somerset County Council and there was a risk of the school website being lost if the County Council goes further into administration.

Our school website address is now: [www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk](http://www.manorcourtcommunityprimary.co.uk)

### Online safety videos

The Online Safety council have worked together to create their 'top tips' for staying safe online video that have been shared via our Social Media accounts. They wanted to share them to help keep everyone safe online and to help educate adults as to the dangers that children may face online. Stay tuned for further videos about this ever-changing topic of online safety made by the children in each of our year groups.



### Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who they believe may be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Community Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for each pupil regardless of ability or background. However, it is useful to receive this funding for all children entitled to it. If your children are entitled to free school meals or a member of the household is currently in receipt, or has been in the last six years, of Universal credit then please do apply through this hyperlink or ask in the school office for a form that we can send off for you.

[https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm\\_formalias=freeschoolmeal](https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal)

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## Online safety news from Miss Hamilton

With half-term almost upon us, you may be looking for guidance about helping their children to develop a healthy relationship with technology.

Internet Matters have a series of tips and guides to help with this including setting up parental controls, finding other activities to do, agreeing on boundaries and more. You can view the guidance at <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/#age-guides>



## Year 5 visit from the Police

Year 5 had a special talk on Wednesday from the local Police about online safety and the sharing of inappropriate pictures and comments online. This valuable session with the police will help children to understand how to keep themselves safe online.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think "What if I'm wrong Think... 'What if I am right" If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Clode and Designated Safeguard leads are Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Mrs Wilkins, and Mr Talmage.

Deputy

The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Sue Wakeman

### Wrap around care telephone number



The telephone number for our wrap around care provision (breakfast & after school club) is **07471 412147** Please save this telephone number to your phone if you use wrap around care. Breakfast club is held in the school hall and our after-school wrap around care is held in The Den (a room in the Year 1 block). To ensure that we have the correct ratios please ensure that you contact the school office the day before you require club. We appreciate that emergencies sometimes happen.

### Year 6 SATs week

Our Year 6 children worked exceptionally hard last week (and in the months preceding) for their National end of Key-Stage 2 assessments. The children all tried their best and we have no doubt that they have achieved the best that they could. We will share the results with you as soon as they are released in July.



### Year 5 Earth Summit

As part of their current Geography topic, Year 5 held their own Earth Summit on Tuesday. Each group had to present their findings on the human impact of the Amazon basin. The children have enjoyed learning about and participating in global citizenship.



### Year 3 trip to Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary

The Year 3 children had a morning full of donkeys as they spent the day at the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary on Tuesday. The children enjoyed an educational talk all about donkeys from around the world and had a play in the wonderful park during lunchtime.

In the afternoon the children completed their latest MC48 as they got lost in a maze. Two of the children had to be 'rescued' by Benji as they were truly lost in the maze. A wonderful day was had by the children and the staff.



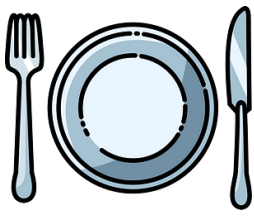
### Reading challenge

Well done to Carolina and Betty, who have both finished the Year 6 Reading Challenge! They received their certificates and book tokens in a recent celebration assembly.



### Have we got your correct details? – A message from the school office

To keep your child safe, please make sure that if you have changed your telephone number, email address or home address that you remember to let the school office know so that we can update our records.



### Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for over 190 children each weekday and it appears to us that the children within the school are enjoying the meal that is being offered to them and parents have selected for them through ParentPay.

We would like to ask parents to provide feedback, positive or negative, as to the food that we are providing to your child. If you would like to share this feedback with us, please do email the school office.

### Summer Fete

The FMCA summer fete is fast approaching and there are lots of excellent events planned to raise additional funds for enrichment opportunities for the children that attend our school.

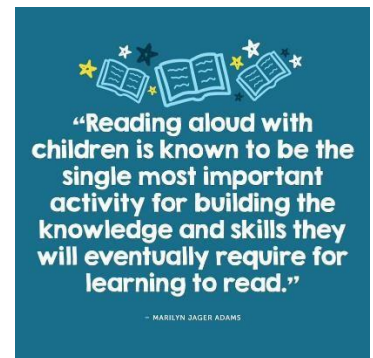
This year the Fete is immediately after school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please do come along and support the FMCA in raising funds for the children in our school and possibly take the opportunity to soak Mr Talmage and Mr Clode who will be found in the Stocks!

### Reading expectations – A message from Mrs Terry

At Manor Court Community Primary School, we seek to ensure that children are supported to be confident, lifelong learners with a love of reading. Reading plays a very important role in developing children culturally, emotionally, and socially and we believe literature plays a key role in such development. Reading enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and build on what they already know.

In school children in KS2 are heard reading on a 1:1 basis at least once a week by their class teacher and Learning Support staff and this is much more frequently in Foundation Stage and KS1. Those pupils not at an expected reading level are heard daily. The EYFS and Key Stage 1 reading books follow a clear progression of banding, ensuring fluency is developed. This academic year, you may find your child has a book sent home that they have already read at school, and this is something that is now promoted in all schools. The more a child reads, the larger their vocabulary becomes. When a child reads or hears the same book multiple times, they become familiar and comfortable with a greater number of words. Fluency is the ability to read text “accurately, quickly, and with expression.”

Repetitive reading allows a child to read without stumbling or stopping, and reading time becomes more pleasant for everyone. Once a child masters one book, it makes moving on to another more appealing. Reading comprehension is the ability to understand all the components of a story — from plot to character development to symbolism. Comprehension is “the essence” of reading. Each time your child reads or hears a book read to them; they learn more about the story itself. Each pass through the text or illustrations allows them to dive into the story’s meaning, preparing them for more complex narratives down the road. Children who progress from the banded scheme to ‘free readers’ can access their class library, and the school library, and can be supported to select appropriate books by staff. Pupils are encouraged to take home fiction and non-fiction texts. Children are expected to read at home 5 times a week, ideally daily, as this helps to develop confident and fluent readers. We would recommend 20 minutes of reading a day. Children’s reading logs are checked to ensure this is taking place. Where children are not reading the required amount in school, they are invited to attend a lunchtime reading club. There is also opportunity to read to a member of staff at Homework Club and After-school Club.



### Attendance our school expectations – A message from Miss Gregory

Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance will be monitored and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. We would like to kindly remind parents that the school’s expectations on individual pupil attendance is 95% and above, with the aim of having 100% pupil attendance. Should your child fall behind the school’s expectations a monitoring process is triggered, and we may ask you to come into school to

discuss your child’s attendance with us. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child’s attendance please do not hesitate to contact me within the school.

### Wrap around care booking reminder from the school office

Our wrap around care provision is very popular but we are having an increasing number of children attend who have not been booked on to sessions. Whilst we make every effort to accommodate them, we cannot always guarantee that there is space.

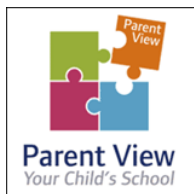
Please may we remind you of the following booking deadlines:

After school care – 2.00 pm on the day.

Breakfast club – 2.00 pm the day before.

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### Ofsted Parent view

Parent view is a way in which Ofsted surveys the parents of children within a school to find out their views of the school and how it can be improved further. These opinions become part of the overall judgment of the school. If you would like to pass on your opinions to Ofsted, please complete the survey on the parent view website. The website can be found at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### More volunteer readers needed – A message from Mrs Terry

Do you have spare time that you could commit to volunteering at our excellent school in 2024?

We are looking for more adults who can spend time listening to our children read. Full training (including safeguarding) and lots of friendly children and staff will be provided! Each volunteer will require a DBS (paid for by the school) before they can start. If you'd like to find out more information, please contact the school office to speak to me, Mrs Terry (Assistant Headteacher), or Mrs Hunt (Business Manager).



### Year 1 road safety walk

Dragonflies and Bumblebees talked about road safety today and went on a walk to find safe and unsafe places to cross the road. The children discussed the importance to "Stop. Look and listen!" and to cross safely on the crossings and not between parked cars. Each class in the school will complete a road-safety workshop with experts from Somerset County Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.



### The FMCA needs you!

The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children. If you would like to find out more about their work and how you can get involved, please do email them on [contactfmca@gmail.com](mailto:contactfmca@gmail.com) or contact them through their Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Luke Talmage  
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



## Holiday Breakfast Scheme.



Holiday Breakfast Bags are back  
for the half term Holiday.

Do you think it may help you and your  
family to start the day with a good solid  
breakfast?

We will give you a free, no questions  
asked bag/s, to last a week, which will  
contain everything that is needed,  
regardless of your family size.

Just turn up at the St Mary's Centre on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May between 8.00 and  
10.00

Anyone from the family can come to pick  
them up.

Stay and join us if you would like for  
coffee and toast while you are here.





SAVE THE  
DATE

MANOR COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY

21st June

3.15-5.30PM

- RAFFLES • GAMES • BOUNCY CASTLE •
- ICE CREAM • BURGER VAN •
- AND MORE •





# Manor Court Community Primary School School Terms and Holidays 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:	
<b>Term 1:</b> 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)	
<b>Term 2:</b> 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)	
<b>Term 3:</b> 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)	
<b>Term 4:</b> 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)	
<b>Term 5:</b> 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)	
<b>Term 6:</b> 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)	<b>TOTAL = 195</b>

Bank and public holidays 2024/25			
Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
New Year's Day	01 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.			

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