

Summer Term Newsletter 7– Friday 19th July 2024

Key Dates

July 2024	
Friday 19 th July	Last day of the school year Non-School uniform day and no charitable donation required
September 2024	
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th September	All children return to school
Friday 6 th September	Year 6 Trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye
Monday 9 th September	After school enrichment clubs for the Autumn Term commence
Friday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day – No dressing up required and further information to follow in September

Mr Talmage review of the school year

Those who work within schools' work to a different calendar than most other people and our year goes from September to July and often it seems to not go from January to December. For me personally, July is always a time of reflection and planning; reflection on what has been achieved and a time of planning as to what we hope to achieve better in the next school year.



The children who attend our school continue to excel academically. However, academic achievement is not the only goal of Manor Court, and we wish for every child to find their hidden talents and to enjoy every aspect of an especially enriched curriculum. If you read our fortnightly school newsletters, or look at the school X or Facebook page, I believe that this clearly shows that we do this!

There have been many moments of pride and satisfaction in the 2023-2024 school year. Some of the personal highlights for me have included:

1. A wonderful Christmas period of celebration and making childhood memories for the Manor Court Children. Our mixture of traditional events such as the Foundation Stage Nativity, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas productions, Carol Services at St Mary's for the Key-Stage 2 children, Christmas dinners funded by the FMCA and the open top bus tour to see the Christmas lights in Chard, will certainly provide memories that each child (and staff member) will never forget!
2. New relationships with organisations and individuals within Chard and further afield that have provided opportunities within the curriculum. This has been especially useful within our careers education when visitors from local businesses were able to inspire our children to consider new job roles.
3. More children that have joined the school as in year transfers. This is always a sign of the significant work that is being positively achieved within our school and the great reputation that we have.



It continues to be a personal pleasure to lead, with the great support of each member of the staff team, the local governing body, parents and carers, a school that continues to thrive.

Farewell Year 6

Our brilliant cohort of Year 6 children have left us today to move onto their secondary education. Most of the children will complete the next stage of their education at Holyrood, some have chosen to go to Axe Valley and as some have passed their 11+ they will be attending Colyton Grammar School.

As part of the tradition at Manor Court, the children in the lower year groups clapped them out as they left the school for the last time. We certainly wish them much happiness and luck in the next stage of their education.



Goodbye to some members of staff

Today we said farewell to some members of staff who are leaving employment at Manor Court to relocate or move to work in other PPAT schools. I am sure that you will join us in saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Nakamoto, Mrs Tompkins, Mrs Koziello, Miss Kitto and Mrs Wilkins.

Whole school academic attainment

The children throughout the school have achieved exceptionally well academically once more this year and they are considerably above the National Averages in all areas. At the end of the Newsletter there is an attainment summary for the 2023-2024 academic year and a three-year average document that shows that the Manor Court children consistently perform well.



Trim Trail – A message from Mrs Jones

Can we please remind all parents that children are not to use either Trim Trails at the start, or end of the day, and must only use them under the supervision of school staff during the school day.



Whole school assembly at St Mary's Church

We had a lovely final whole school assembly at St Mary's Church on Monday morning. We sang together, Year 5 children read poems to say goodbye to their friends in Year 6 and Reverend John explained the contents of the gifts that the Year 6 children had been given by St Mary's.

Each of our Year 6 children were given a thoughtful leaving gift from St Mary's, including a book and a handmade Secondary School survival kit.

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

Chard food pantry – A message from Miss Gregory (Early Intervention Officer)

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting some families hard and the cost of food has increased incredibly. The Chard Community Pantry is a local initiative that provides food and household supplies for only £5 a week. Please speak to Mr Clode or myself if you require any further information.

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 Deputy Designated Safeguard leads are Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Mrs Wilkins, and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Sue Wakeman

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responsibility**

PE Days for the Autumn Term – A message from Mr McCarten

The PE days for the Autumn Term are in this table below. Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) are only required to have one hour of PE a week and we have provided for every child in Year 2 and above two hours of PE a week.

Please remember that the children can come to school on these days wearing their PE kits.

EYC	Thursday
Foundation Stage	Monday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4	Monday & Friday
Year 5	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 6	Monday & Friday



EYC news from Sophie

The EYC children had a fabulous time at their leaver's celebration, this week. We played a video showing lots of photos of our time at EYC. Some of the children were so small! Everyone got a special gradation certificate and had their photo taken with a cap and gown. We all were then treated to an ice cream. All of the staff at preschool would like to wish every single child good luck with their transition to primary school. We know they will love it and continue to flourish.

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Mr Clode, Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Miss Warren, or Mr Talmage. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Holiday Breakfast Bags

Our friends at St Mary's Church and The Lord's Larder are providing breakfast bags for each week of the Summer Holidays. These bags can be collected each Monday morning, between 08:00am and 10:00am from the St Mary's Centre (behind St Mary's Church). More information can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.



The FMCA needs you!

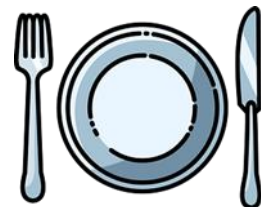
The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children.

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 or contact them through their Facebook page.

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.

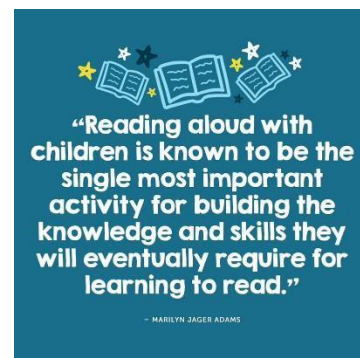


Reading expectations – A message from Mrs Terry

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.



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.

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Online safety news from Miss Hamilton

We are always happy to talk about online safety so please do feel that you can come and speak to us. However, if you would like to talk to your child about online safety at home but need help with knowing where to start, Internet Matters have created a set of activities which can help start you off. The activities are fun, don't need to take long and should help lead to some useful conversations. You can find them here: [Internet safety advice and information | Internet Matters](#)

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.

M&M Production of The Little Princess

Yesterday afternoon the whole school enjoyed a special performance of Frances Hodgson Burnett's book, 'A Little Princess'. Our wonderful FMCA kindly paid for this M&M Theatrical Production Show.



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.

We wish you all a very happy and safe summer holidays. We look forward to seeing you and your children on Wednesday 4th September.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader

Manor Court Community Primary School Summary of 2023/2024 reported data



Key Stage 1 achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2023/2024 National Average	2023/2024 Somerset Average
GLD	75%	TBC	TBC
Phonics	86%	TBC	TBC
Reading	78%	TBC	TBC
Writing	78%	TBC	TBC
Maths	78%	TBC	TBC
RWM	78%	TBC	TBC
SpaG	78%	TBC	TBC

Key Stage 1 achieving Greater Depth

	Manor Court Community Primary	2023/2024 National Average	2023/2024 Somerset Average
Reading	38%	TBC	TBC
Writing	30%	TBC	TBC
Maths	37%	TBC	TBC
RWM	29%	TBC	TBC
SpaG	31%	TBC	TBC

Key Stage 2 achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2023/2024 National Average	2023/2024 Somerset Average
Y4 MTC	78%	TBC	TBC
Reading	80%	73%	TBC
Writing	83%	71%	TBC
Maths	83%	73%	TBC
SpaG	86%	72%	TBC
RWM	75%	61%	TBC

Key Stage 2 achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2023/2024 National Average	2023/2024 Somerset Average
Reading	24%	29%	TBC
Writing	20%	13%	TBC
Maths	25%	24%	TBC
SpaG	47%	30%	TBC
RWM	7%	TBC	TBC

KS2 Scaled scores

Reading	101.41
Maths	104.69
SpaG	107.32

Luke Talmage 9th July 2024

Manor Court Community Primary School Three-year average of reported data



Key Stage 1 achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	National Three-year Average	Somerset Three-year Average
GLD	75%	TBC	TBC
Phonics	89%	TBC	TBC
Reading	78%	TBC	TBC
Writing	78%	TBC	TBC
Maths	81%	TBC	TBC
RWM	77%	TBC	TBC

Key Stage 1 achieving Greater Depth

	Manor Court Community Primary	National Three-year Average	Somerset Three-Year Average
Reading	37%	TBC	TBC
Writing	27%	TBC	TBC
Maths	33%	TBC	TBC
RWM	25%	TBC	TBC

Key Stage 2 achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	National Three-year Average	Somerset Three-Year Average
Reading	85%	74%	TBC
Writing	85%	70%	TBC
Maths	84%	72%	TBC
SpaG	89%	72%	TBC
RWM	78%	60%	TBC

Key Stage 2 achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	National Three-year Average	Somerset Three-Year Average
Reading	31%	28%	TBC
Writing	27%	13%	TBC
Maths	29%	23%	TBC
SpaG	52%	29%	TBC
RWM	10%	TBC	TBC

Three-year average of KS2 Scaled scores

Reading	103.63
Maths	104.46
SpaG	107.49

Luke Talmage 9th July 2024



Holiday Breakfast Scheme.



Holiday Breakfast Bags are back
for the Summer Holidays.

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 every
Monday from the 22nd July 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.





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SATURDAY 27TH JULY

CINECHARD SCREENING OF THE LONGEST DAY

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

PARTY IN THE PARK

TUESDAY 30TH JULY

TOUR OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY

STORY TELLING IN THE MUSEUM

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

CHARD RESERVOIR'S POP UP PLANES DAY

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST

CHARD REVEALED AT THE GUILDHALL, CHARD

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

CHARD MUSEUM OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST

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the holidays?
Enjoy arts and crafts?

10.00AM-12.00PM

TUES 13TH AUGUST

ALL AGES WELCOME

Forefront Community Centre
42 Fore Street



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

September 2024						October 2024						November 2024								
M		2	9	16	23	30	Mo			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25
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March 2025						April 2025						May 2025								
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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

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

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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