



# Apple Tree Press



Manor Court Primary School

Edition 4

May 2025



Coming back again for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of our school newspaper and its been a busy term! Bank holidays and so much to pack in. This term we have just about made it to release, but all the delays are worth it!

We have this edition jampacked with stuff and this is just a small selection of it, VE Day, A Colour run, a visit to the Waffle House, Multi-cultural day, Building work updates and much more.

Well, no point in me explaining just open this newspaper up and see for yourself!

Kitty

Mr Clode and Mr Talmage's exciting visit to Buckingham Palace is featured in this edition.

After putting up a picture on our Facebook Page they had lots of lovely comments so we have picked a few to share with you.

“ Very proud to be a Manor Court Mum! “

“ We are so proud of you and our amazing school. Thankyou for representing Manor Court. “

“ A well deserved honour for everyone at Manor Court. “

“ My dad would be so proud! “ - Jo Brice



## In This Edition

**VE Day  
Commemoration**



**Celebrating our  
many cultures.**



**Something to  
Waffle about**



**Manor Courts  
VIPs.**



# Something to Waffle About.....

We ventured down to the Chard Communitia Waffle house for a chat with The Manager, Bleu, and found out a waffle isn't just something you eat!

The waffle house is a community interest company and it helps to raise money for charities within Chard. Since opening its doors in October 2024 it has become a popular destination for families and people of Chard. We went into the Waffle house to learn more about it.

**Waffle doesn't just mean a tasty sugary treat it is also means to have a chat and talk. Something that the Directors, volunteers and staff all believe should be an important part of the café.**

## Did You Know?

It has very affordable prices. And in the holidays there are often offers that include children eating for free. In addition to this they also run a pay what you can meal deal Tuesday to Friday between 2.30 – 4.30.

The meal deal includes a 2 course meal for people who don't have access to hot meals or are unable to cook for themselves. This also helps those that might financially be finding things difficult. The Waffle House is a safe space for people to come and have a hot meal, company and a warmth.

The village agent is at the Waffle House every Wednesday between 10 and 12. They are able to offer advice and signpost people to organisations that can help.

The Waffle house has raised £640.00 for Chard Youth Club, they have also previously supported Chard 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and are now working with 1<sup>st</sup> Chard Scout Group to help raise money for a mini-bus.

To ensure as much money goes back to the community as possible the Waffle House has relied on the generosity of others to help decorate, furnish and even supply a stair lift. This generosity from staff and others created a positive foundation to start the business from.

*Bleu told us that she loves working at the Waffle House. "When I first moved to Chard i started volunteering in a local shop and it made me realise how important volunteering is to the community but is also good for your own well-being. This then led me into finding a job."*



Volunteering is easy and there are lots of opportunities and not just as front of house. Opportunities also include social media management, making items for the café, publicity aswell as cooking and serving. Just pop in for a chat if you are interested.

## What about the Waffles?

WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO SAMPLE SOME WAFFLES FOR OURSELVES AND WE DIDN'T LEAVE ANY!

BLEU TOLD US THAT THE ROCKY ROAD WAFFLE SEEMS TO BE THE MOST POPULAR, BUT THEY ALSO MAKE WAFFLE FIRES, WAFFLE TOASTIES AND HAVE LOTS OF SAVOURY AND SWEET OPTIONS.

WAFFLES INCLUDE STARWBERRIES AND CREAM, BANANA AND BISCOFF, BACON, BRIE AND CRANBERRY AND MANY MANY MORE.

WHEN DECIDING ON THE WAFFLES TO PUT ON THE MENU THE TEAM EXPERIMENT AND TASTE TEST. THEY THEN LOOK AT COSTS AS THEY DON'T WANT THEIR WAFFLES TO BE TOO EXPENSIVE. THE TEAM ALSO LISTENS TO CUSTOMERS SUGGESTIONS AND USE THEIR IDEAS.

### WHAT SUGGESTIONS WOULD YOU HAVE FOR A WAFFLE?



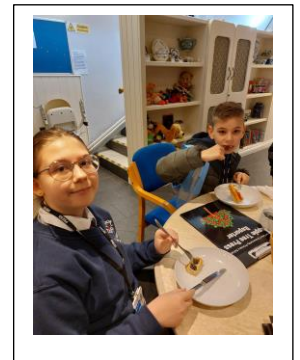
### The Communita Tree

The tree celebrates the team at the Waffle House. At the roots are the 5 directors. They are the founder members and take no payment of any kind from the project. The leaves and trunk are made up of the paid staff and volunteers.



### Future Plans?

“ We want to find more ways to help others in the community, and to be able to provide a space free of charge for local groups, charities and our community. To be better known in the community and learn more about what our community needs, as-well as growing our volunteer team. “



## Build Update!

**Its nearly time to start furnishing our new classrooms. Walls are plastered, electricians and plumbers have been busy and each has now received a coat of paint!**

**The Apple Tree Press got to have a sneaky peek inside.**



# Time to Meet Manor Courts very own Royalty. Mrs Crump and Mrs Clarke.

**These two lovely people are Manor Court Royalty and they laughed a lot during their interview, and we mean a lot! We had lots of fun and found out all about them, who knew they were so funny!**

**What made you become LSA's?**

“ I had 2 young children in the school at the time and it was a good job to be able to fit around them, I also liked the fact that I got to have the holidays off! “

Mrs Crump

**What is the best part of your job?**

You get to help a lot of children, but sometimes you get that one child who wants to work hard but finds it a bit tricky. You get to help them on their journey. Watching everything fall into place for them and seeing them flourish: that is what makes it all worthwhile.

Mrs Crump

It's also the laughs that we have! You do all come out with some unexpected and funny things and it does make us chuckle all day.

Mrs Clarke

**What is the worst thing?**

Both Laughing!!

“Clearing up sick!”

**What are your favourite memories?**

After 20 years there are a lot!! I always love the year 6 show and I get quite emotional. It always makes me think of when you first started and how far you've come.



*BETWEEN THEM MRS CRUMP AND MRS CLARKE HAVE WORKED AT MANOR COURT AS LSAS FOR A TOTAL OF OVER 39 YEARS! MRS CLARKE IS NOW IN HER 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AND MRS CRUMP IS JUST BEHIND IN HER 19<sup>TH</sup> YEAR. THAT REALLY IS QUITE A WHILE!*

**What does an LSA do?**

Its a lot of hard work, but it is also very rewarding, watching children progress like you guys!

We do have to do a lot of work to do everyday. We help the teachers, hear you read, do interventions, help in the classroom, make displays, make sure your safe on the playgrounds, fix you up when you hurt yourselves and many more things. It's a lot to fit into a day!

*MRS CRUMP' FAVOURITE LESSON IS ART AND SHE MAKES LOTS OF OUR DISPLAYS. MRS CLARKE'S FAVOURITE IS MATHS.*

**Do you have a teacher that you remember from your school days?**

Both laughing again!

“ That’s going back a few years!

“I remember my Italian Teacher called MR Moscadine. He always wore a big fluffy hat whatever the weather! “

Mrs Clarke

“ I remember my very first teacher at infant school called Mrs Adderleigh. She used to have a handbag and I remember that she let me carry her handbag across the playground which was a real privilege!”

Mrs Crump

**What is the funniest thing you have dressed up as?**

Dressing up is not one of Mrs Crump’s favourite parts of the job!

“Carpool karaoke was quite good, I think when we get to a certain age we should be exempt from dressing up at school!”

Mrs Crump

“I was one of the 3 muskateers on world book day this year and have come dressed as a motocross rider before.”

Mrs Clarke



Mrs Crump’s favourite books are autobiographies. Mrs Clarke likes the book War Horse.

*BOTH TOLD US THAT THERE FAVOURITE HOBBY IS DEFINITELY EATING TEA AND CAKE AND GOING OUT FOR MEALS.*

SO OUR STAR TEACHERS HAVE HAD WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND JOB, ITS NO WONDER THAT THEY ARE SUCH WONDERFUL AND FUNNY LSAS. WE ARE ALL LUCKY TO HAVE THEM AT OUR SCHOOL.



## A ROYAL INVITATION

**In February 2025 Mr Talmage received an email from the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset's secretary inviting him to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace because of his services to education of the children in Somerset. Mr Talmage was shocked and a bit stunned at the invitation. He was able to bring a guest and invited Mr Clode to join him. On the morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May on a gloriously sunny day they both made their way to the palace.**



### What happened on the day?

"We entered through the main gates of Buckingham Palace and were greeted and led around the side into the gardens.

On arrival there was a military band and an orchestra playing. We were given drinks and watched some ballet dancers performing. At 4pm the national Anthem was played and King Charles and Queen Camilla arrived on the back steps of Buckingham Palace. The Yeoman Guards were all present as they walked down the steps. We had sandwiches with the crusts cut off and there were lots of mini cakes. There was Barley Squash Earl Grey and Apple juice made from apples on the Sandringham Estate. It was an honour and very surreal to realise we were stood on the opposite side of the gates at Buckingham Palace."



Representing the whole school community.

Attending the garden party was only made possible by our amazing year 6 and their families. By attending school early for their Wednesday SATS they enabled Mr Talmage and Mr Clode to be able to leave in time to catch their train. Something that they are very grateful for.

**"It was not just our honour, we represented all of our pupils, their parents, children that have been at Manor Court before, our governors and also our amazing staff team. We were very humbled and grateful to be able to go but we know that we can only do our jobs as well as we do because of the people that we work with. We have a school that everyone is proud of because of everyone that is a part of the school community. "**





The first thing they did was to raise a toast to their parents. Mr Talmage lost his mum when he had just turned 30 and Mr Clode recently lost his dad.

**“ We raised a toast to them because we know that they would have been really proud of us and what we have achieved. ”**

**Mr Talmage**

**Mr Clode and Mr Talmage took time to explore the gardens and there was even a lake in them! They made the most of the shade and spent time in the rose gardens which they described as smelling beautiful.**

**Mr Clode did experience some gardeners envy, as a man who is very proud of his own lawn and edging, he was very impressed to see the straightness of the edges and lines in the lawn!**



**WE ASKED MR CLODE AND MR TALMAGE IF THEY BOUGHT BACK ANY SOUVENIRS FROM THE GARDEN PARTY. THERE WAS LOTS OF LAUGHING AND GIGGLING AT THIS POINT SO WE THINK WE MAY NOT OF HAD THE FULL STORY FROM THEM! THEY SAID THEY HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO AS NOTHING HAD THE ROYAL CREST ON IT, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO.**



*Both felt that there was so many highlights it was too hard to name just one.*

*“ Being able to stand and see the royalty in awe and know that we were representing all of you children. When I got home it took me a long time to switch off just thinking about the day and all that had happened.”*

**Mr Talmage**



# VE-DAY

## Manor Court Commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**3pm on the 8th May 1945 is a time that many Veterans will of remembered. Its the day that after 5 cruel years of fighting, bombing, depression and death it all stopped because Germany had surrendered. The war in Europe had ended. It was a day of celebration and hope. 80 years on we still celebrate the victory and commemorate those brave soldiers who gave their lives.**

**Noah**



**WARTIME OATY BISCUITS**  
 DO YOUR BIT - BAKE WITH BLITZ SPIRIT!  
**REDUCE · REUSE · RATION**

Marguerite Paton OBE, who was an English home economist, food writer and broadcaster. She was one of the earliest celebrity chefs who became known during World War II thanks to her programme on BBC Radio, where she shared recipes that could work within the limits imposed by war rationing. This recipe is from her Victory Cookbook which was written to help make the best of the rationed foods that were available during and after WW2.

**Ingredients**  
 115g (4oz) butter  
 85g (3oz) sugar - try using a mixture of the lighter and soft brown sugar  
 200g (7 1/2 oz) Scottish Oatmeal  
 100g (3 1/2 oz) Scottish Porridge Oats  
 1 egg  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 egg beaten

**Method**  
 - begin by heat your oven to 180C/360F fan/350F/Gas 4 and oiling three baking trays.  
 - Cream the butter and sugars until light, then stir in the oats and flour until well mixed.  
 - Moisten gradually with the beaten egg until the dough forms a smooth pliable lump.  
 - Roll out to about 3mm thick (1/8in) and cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter.  
 - Lay onto the trays leaving space between each biscuit.  
 - Bake for 15 minutes until golden and firm, then cool on a wire rack.

Try icing in red white and blue stripes and give out to neighbours and friends. Leave them on the doorstep as a nice surprise.

**KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON COOKING**  
 EVERY CRUMB COUNTS - WASTE NOT, WANT NOT!



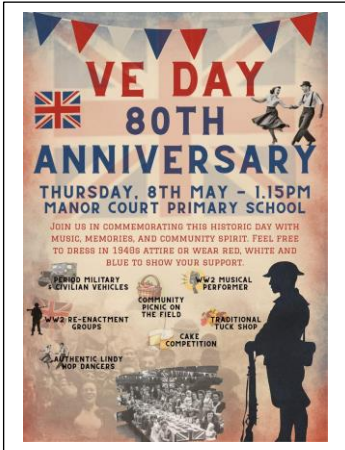
### Did you Know?

**VE Day was not the end of the War it carried on for another 3 months until September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945. On board the USS Missouri the war in the Pacific was ended. Japan surrendered to Allied forces and is now commemorated with VJ day. Victory over Japan.**



**Chard Town, like many other towns, celebrated. Huge Crowds took to the streets, singing, dancing and rejoicing. At Manor Court we held our own celebration on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and staff, children and parents dressed up in 1940's clothing for the day. The day was organized by MS Gregory.**





**Manor Court had a great celebration for VE Day bringing back all the excitement from 1945. Everyone was invited to join us on our school field and lots of people came. Children got to experience Lindy Bop dancing, singing and songs from the 1940's and a biscuit competition. We also saw lots of old cars and vehicles and there were 2 displays full of history. Parents got to come and have picnics with their children.**



**Reverend John opened the celebrations with a lovely speech. This was followed up by children reading a poem about VE day that touched everyone.**



**“My favourite part was being able to read the poem at the start of the celebration. I was a bit nervous but was happy to be doing it.”**

**“ My favourite part was looking at the old cars I thought they were very cool.”**

**“ The singing and dancing was really good, my favourite part was seeing my family and having a picnic with them.”**

# Manor Court's Colourful End to SATS Week!



What better way to end SATS week than to take part in a sponsored Colour Run organised by the FMCA.

Children from EYC to year 6 all took part in this Rainbow Extravaganza on a sunny Friday afternoon in May.

Fun was had by all including many of the teachers, here are just a few photos from this amazing afternoon.



Our year 6's took charge of supporting our younger children to run the course as well as helping to ensure everyone got the full colour experience!





A raffle was drawn to see who would have the honour of **Gunging** Mr Talmage, Mrs Terry and Mr Clode. The noise and laughter was incredible!

Staff members had as much fun as the children.




The FMCA raised an enormous amount of money, over £1500, which will all go back into providing incredible experiences like this for the Children of Manor Court.

Well done to all of our year 6 children for your amazing effort this week. We know that all of your teachers are incredibly proud of you!




## ANIMAL FUN

### Zoo Animals



**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the names of the different animals from the word list in the letter grid below. To find them all you will have to look in every direction, including backwards and diagonally. Good luck!

ALLIGATOR	L	K	R	O	T	A	G	I	L	L	A	S	A	L	A	O	K
CAMEL	Y	Z	U	G	E	U	Z	R	P	E	J	P	B	K	V	F	L
ELEPHANT	K	F	G	H	C	C	G	N	C	V	Y	W	A	G	O	K	U
FLAMINGO	S	M	O	P	X	P	E	E	O	A	I	N	M	N	O	G	H
GIRAFFE	I	B	R	O	D	K	L	T	E	I	G	M	A	F	D	P	C
GORILLA	P	C	I	G	I	C	N	V	N	A	L	K	E	F	S	A	M
HIPPO	O	B	L	H	R	A	V	Z	R	Y	K	I	R	O	V	O	O
KANGAROO	L	C	L	I	H	A	Y	O	J	U	T	C	O	P	N	U	G
KOALA	A	O	A	P	I	T	O	U	C	A	N	R	E	K	F	H	N
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MONKEY	RHINO
PANDA	SEAL
PELICAN	TIGER
PENGUIN	TOUCAN
POLAR BEAR	ZEBRA

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### Animal Facts - Did you Know?

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Polar Bears have Black skin to attract heat.

Owls don't have eyeballs.

The male seahorse gives birth instead of the female.

Reindeers eyes turn blue in the winter.

### True or False?

- |                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Gorillas eat their Poo.         | T / F |
| 2. A Giant Sloth is a real animal. | T / F |
| 3. Chickens can Fly                | T / F |
| 4. Octopus have 3 hearts           | T / F |
| 5. Kangaroos can walk Backwards    | T / F |
| 6. A quacker is a real animal.     | T / F |



### A new shed for the FMCA

You may be aware that on our ks1 playground a previously fenced area has now been replaced with a new shed. One of our parents who have 2 kids in the school, ( 1 of whom wrote this! ) has kindly donated a new shed for the FMCA. If this parent is reading this we would like to say a great big thankyou to them. This has been a really big help for our FMCA in giving them someone where to store all of their equipment. **South Somerset Holiday Park Ltd** thankyou for your **generous donation.**

## Sports Round- Up



### Westlands Dance Showcase

This year the Dance showcase at Westlands was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. We had 2 groups of dancers that took part from Years 4, 5 and 6. We all did different dances to different types of music. Year 4 and 5 took on a piece of Ballet, whilst year 6 showcased a more modern dance based on an old movie. We all had very late nights!

## Sports Day Round -UP

We finished the term with our sports days. Mr McCarten and Mr Johnson organised 2 days of sports and gave us a new challenge, a long distance race for KS2. On Monday morning we ran 3 laps of our field to get points for our houses.

Badgers class helped with the KS1 children who had lots of fun on Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday it was time for KS2 to take part in all the different sports, we did sprint relays, long jumps, obstacle courses, vortex and relay races. We worked hard in pe lessons to qualify to be on the relay teams.

This year it was all about team-work and working together to win the house cup.





“ MULTICULTURAL DAY IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES AND WHAT GOES ON AROUND THE WORLD.”

GORDON

# Multi- Cultural Day

25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Every year Manor Court celebrates Muti-cultural Day organized by Sra Gomes. We dress up and learn about different countries and cultures. We have lots of fun and do lots of exciting things. The school is decorated with flags from across the world. It is an important day where we learn about people of the world and also about people in our school community. At the end of day we finish with a parade where we all get to show off our costumes and dance to music from around the world. It’s very colourful and noisy.



**Sra Gomes says**

“ Multi-cultural Day is a day where we celebrate our heritages roots. Our school is very diverse and is a very inclusive setting. It is important for our children to understand the world around them. ”



In Foxes we learnt about France and learnt how to play Boules. We spilt into teams and had a tournament in our classes. The capital of France is Paris and there is a famous art museum called the Louvre there. The flag is called the Tricolore.



In Eagles we learnt about India and drew around our hands and designed Hena tattoos. Something that is used in Hinduism which is one of the main religions. The flag is known as the Tiranga. In the centre is a wheel with 24 spokes called the Ashoka Chakra.





Dragonflies learnt about Greece, they made a Greek Salad then did some Greek dancing.



Squirrels and Hedgehogs learnt about Australia and Poland. They made Polish Flags, ate some Tim Tam biscuits and made Koala Bears.



Emma believes that Multi-cultural day is important for everyone at Manor Court.

“ We get tom learn lots of things about our friends who are from different countries that are in our classes. We learn lots of new facts and this means it is easier to make new friends with children from other countries. “

# The Press Team

THANKYOU FOR READING THIS EDITION OF THE APPLE TREE PRESS. ALL ROLES WITHIN THE PRESS TEAM HAVE BEEN FULFILLED BY PUPILS FROM YEARS 5 AND 6 AT MANOR COURT. THEY HAVE RESEARCHED AND FACT CHECKED ARTICLES, PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT INTERVIEWS, CREATED PUZZLES, TAKEN PHOTOS, PUT TOGETHER FINISHED ARTICLES AND BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF CREATING THIS FOR YOU. WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO STARTING WORK ON OUR NEXT EDITION.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OR EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE PAPER PLEASE TALK TO ONE OF THE TEAM, OR CONTACT MANOR COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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