

Dear Parents and carers

## Summer Term 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022



May 2022	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Jubilee week Y6 activity week including residential trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of this half term
June 2022	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school for the last half term of 2021-2022 academic year
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	First swim session for Year 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	FMCA School Disco and non-school uniform day. See this newsletter for further information
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Careers week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Foundation trip to Lyme Regis
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Residential to Wildwood Escot

### Online Gaming – A Message from Mr Talmage

At Manor Court, we take online safety very seriously and take care to try and teach our children to be kind and responsible online. Part of this education includes teaching them about age-appropriate games and apps so that children aren't exposed to things that would be frightening, worrying or harmful. We talk to the children about PEGI ratings, which are a way of helping to keep them safe. In conversations about online safety, we have had numerous children (as young as six) talk about their experiences playing games which are aimed at players significantly older than they are (including Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto which have a PEGI rating of 18). Although children's gaming habits at home are decided at the discretion of their parents and carers, we would strongly advise that children are only given the opportunity to play games which are suitable for their age so they aren't exposed to unnecessarily graphic, violent and upsetting content. You can check the PEGI ratings of games here: <https://pegi.info/page/pegi-age-ratings>



### Kindness badges

Last week a selection of children across the school made badges for the workmen making the new paving in town, to thank them for being so kind and considerate to the community of Chard. You may have seen on Social Media that on Monday a small group of Manor Court children walked into Chard town centre with Mr Morton and Mr Talmage and gave the badges to the workmen who were thrilled to receive them!

Mrs Morton has spoken to the owner of the company and provided information as to why the children had chosen to do this. He was delighted as well as he said that they rarely have positive comments about their work and only hear the negatives!

### Medical and allergen information

It is important that we have up-to-date information on your child's medical and allergen needs. If there have been any changes, please let the school office know.

### E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

At Manor Court, we would encourage all parents and carers to monitor their child's online activity as well as talk to them about it. The Family Online Safety Institute has some brilliant resources to help you begin conversations about online safety with your child as well as lots of guides, tips and advice sorted into platforms (like Tik Tok and Roblox) and into topics (like cyberbullying and gaming). You can find all the resources here: <https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting>



### Jubilee Bingo

It is not too late to join us at the FMCA Jubilee Bingo tonight where there will be lots of great prizes to win. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information and the contact details to book your table.

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### Poetry recital competition – A message from Mrs Terry

This Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, three girls took part in the Ilminster Literacy Festival by performing poems at Greenfylde School. Ellie, Zara and Dakota had previously become the winners of KS1 and KS2 through rounds held at Manor Court in class, and then in front of Mr Talmage and one of our Governors, Mrs Wakeman. They had reached the final nineteen children, out of 131 who had taken part in earlier rounds from other local primary schools.

Each girl performed brilliantly, projecting their voices in front of a packed audience. Well done girls.

### Manor Court production kitchen

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we will be building our own production kitchen in the Summer Holidays. It is anticipated (without any unforeseen hold ups) that this kitchen will be ready in time to make over two hundred meals each school day and improve the overall quality of food for our children.



### Platinum Jubilee week

Next week is our Platinum Jubilee week in which we have planned lots of fun and informative activities, please see the letter that was sent home for further information about the week. Don't forget to make your entries at home for our pudding competition and bring them into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Mr Clode cannot wait to be one of the judging panel members! At the end of this newsletter we have also included a poster from Chard Town Council advertising the events that are happening during the time of national celebrations.

### Sports Day

Please save Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June in your diary for our Sports Day (weather permitting) and wait for a letter to be sent home before the end of this half term to provide further information.



### FMCA Summer Disco and non-school uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

We are excited that the FMCA are able to restart holding their excellent events after the pandemic. Their next event will be a Summer Disco and non-school uniform day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. For a £1 donation the children can attend a Summer Disco and wear non-school uniform during the day. The FMCA are trialling different times for the discos. If your child is in KS1 or KS2 and you would like your child to attend the disco, please return the slip that the FMCA will give you in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and add your contact details so that they can contact you in case of emergency.

### Preschool & Foundation stage

14:45 - 15:15. Please collect your child from their classroom or EYC as usual.

### KS1 (years 1 & 2)

15:30 - 16:30. Please collect your child from the rear of the school hall by the trim trail.

### KS2 (years 3 - 6)

16:45 - 17:45. Please collect your child from the rear of the school hall by the trim trail.

KS1 will have a drink and snack included in the £1 donation and KS2 - will have a tuck shop available at extra cost to raise further funds on the day.



### Holyrood BTEC students

Last week Holyrood's BTEC students performed their own version of 'Alice in Wonderland' for our FS and KS1 pupils. It was fantastic and involved lots of audience participation from our children!

### SEND Soft play sessions at Chard Leisure centre

This week we have received a flyer about free SEND Soft play sessions at the Leisure centre. Please do read the poster at the back of the newsletter and share the word about these much needed and appreciated sessions.

### Y6 Shirt ironing as part of their Manor Court 48

The adults who work with the Y6 children have started the process of Y6 transitioning to their secondary schools. The children are continuing with their lessons and completing additional activities as they prepare for the next stage of their education. It is also a time of additional enrichment for the children; residential next week and completion of the Manor Court 48 activities. This week the children have been learning to iron shirts in readiness for their time at Holyrood.



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## 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 and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.



### Foundation Stage visit to Chard Museum

Foundation Stage enjoyed their visit to Chard Museum. They learnt all about the history of Chard, looked at lots of different artifacts, visited a Victorian classroom and went to visit the old fire station at Crowshute House.

### Summer Show – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The art council were delighted to be able to inform you about the Summer Show via their advert this week. If you haven't watched it yet, please do view it through the Vimeo link (to our school Vimeo account) on the school Facebook or Twitter account.

This is a date not to be missed so please do put it into your diary, further information was sent home next week in a letter from Mrs Morton. Tickets go on sale after half term.



### Laurence Anholt donated signed books

A huge thank you to published author Laurence Anholt for his donation of signed books and the special wow video of Stone Girl, Bone Girl which has hooked our Year 3 pupils to learn more about Mary Anning.

### EAL ambassadors – A message from Mr Clode

We'd like to introduce you to some of our EAL ambassadors - children who do not have English as their first language, who are role models for each child and help us with translation, show parents around the school and help to make Manor Court such a wonderfully cosmopolitan place. They will meet regularly with Sra Gomes and I to be given responsibilities and feedback.



### Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who is believed to be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for all our pupils 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 [https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm\\_formalias=freeschoolmeal](https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal)



### Recruitment

We are looking to appoint a skilled practitioner to be the new manager of our Early Years Centre. We are also recruiting for two Learning Support Assistants to start in September. If you believe that you are who we are looking for please contact Mrs Diana Hunt in the school office to arrange to visit us.

### Year 6 'Make £5 Grow' Project – A message from Miss Gregory

Last term the year 6 classes took part in the Virgin Money, Make £5 Grow entrepreneur project. They did an incredible job of creating a company, products and marketing material, all of which was achieved independently and to a high professional standard. Following this, the pupils were then tasked with the challenge of selling their products to the wider Chard community on a market stall within Chard Town Council's Saturday market. The pupils accepted the challenge and my goodness did they deliver! All stalls not only made a profit, but also sold out of all their stock. There was huge appreciation and praise for the pupils from the general public with customers commenting on how professional, polite, and courageous the pupils were. After balancing the books with Virgin Money, we are now able to announce that the children made a collective profit of £502! This is such a tremendous achievement for all pupils within year 6 and they should be immensely proud of their commitment and dedication to the project. Many of the children requested that the money earned should be donated to charity, it has therefore been decided that a portion of the money will go towards a charity of the Year 6's choice and the remainder will go towards an end of year treat for them. More details of the treat to follow of the coming weeks.



The photo shows the group, 'The Art Box', who achieved the most profit selling handmade keyring creations from polymer clay.

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### Jubilee lanterns

Please continue to bring in empty and clean one pint milk bottles for the Jubilee lanterns (those purchased from any shop and in any shape is perfect) that we will be making next Monday and Tuesday. Your child's teacher is continuing to collect empty milk cartoons in their classrooms.

### EYC news from Stacey

Thank you for those of you who attended parents evening, it was lovely to be able to invite you all in and talk to you in person about your wonderful children.

The children who are moving to Manor Court's foundation in September have been excited to spend time in the Foundation Stage classroom and outdoor area exploring the new environment. Next week we have lots of activities planned for the jubilee week, be sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook page for what we've doing.



### Careers week

We are enjoying returning to the rhythm of our Manor Court School calendar and have started planning for our annual careers' week which this year will be held between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. As usual we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come into school to talk to the children about their chosen career. If this is something that you would like to do, please contact your child's teacher through the year group email address, email the school office or speak to one of the staff.



### Sports at Holyrood

This week a selected group of Y5 and Y6 children have attended Holyrood Academy. A group of boys and girl dancers have completed a workshop in the Holyrood Dance studio. Our Y6 Tag Rugby team entered the local cluster (primary schools that feed into Holyrood) Tag Rugby tournament. The children played superbly and reached the semi-finals of the tournament.

### National Ballet Company

We are looking forward to working with the Royal Ballet company from July and through the next academic year. We will send more information home towards the end of the academic year.



### Orchestra livestream

On Wednesday afternoon children from Foundation Stage to Y6 were enthralled whilst participating in the 'Explore the Orchestra: Midnight Magic' livestream. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children within the school to experience the joy of live orchestral music and learn more about the instruments.



### St Mary's Church Flower Festival

The children have been busy making flowers and crowns ready for St Mary's Church Flower Festival which runs on Saturday 21st May 11:00am - 3:30pm and Sunday 22nd May 11:30am - 2:00pm. The crown made by children in Years 1-3 and flowers were made by children in Years 1-6. Please go along to the festival to see the children's creations.

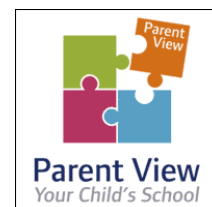


### 2022 – 2023 Term and Holiday Dates

We've recently published our 2022-2023 School Term and Holiday dates on our school website this week and have added them to the end of this newsletter for you to print off for use at home.

### 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)



### 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)



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

It is a busy time of the school year for the Y6 children and 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's Peter Pan!

Please put these dates in your diary so that you do not miss these important events.

1. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Afternoon performance of Peter Pan in the school hall (13:30 start).
2. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Evening performance of Peter Pan in the school hall (18:00 start).
3. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's service in the school hall (13:30 start).

Thank you for your continued support and with all good wishes.

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Mr Luke Talmage  
Head Teacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Clode'.

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader



# QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

JOIN IN CHARD TOWN'S  
CELEBRATIONS



## THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

**FREE OF CHARGE**

Lantern making workshops at the Guildhall, Fore Street. Children of all ages welcome along. Bring them along on our torch lit parade!

**8:30pm**

Torch Lit Parade to Beacon assembles outside the Guildhall, Fore Street to depart at 8:45pm

**9:45pm**

Beacon Lighting - Crowshute Link. Refreshments will be available.

## FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

**10:00am**

Civic parade to St. Mary's Church assembles outside The Guildhall, Fore Street to depart 10:15am

**11:00am**

Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, Holyrood Street. Followed with refreshments.

**7:00-9:00pm**

\*Queen of the Commonwealth: The Queen's Reign Over 70 Years - Variety Concert at The Guildhall, Fore Street.

## SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

**1:00-4:00pm**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

Family activities provided at Freedom Leisure Centre  
• Archery • Soft play • Swimming • Bouncy castle

**6:00-10:00pm**

Outdoor concert at the Beacon, Crowshute Link. Featuring music from pirate-themed, folk-rock singalong band **Piratude**, as well as highly energetic, high impact rock band **Storm**.

## SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

**11:30am-3:30pm**

**The Jubilee Big Lunch.**

Taking place outside Freedom Leisure, Fore Street.

Please bring your own picnic and we will provide the setting, music, entertainment etc.

\*Ticket £2.50 from Eventbrite or Guildhall reception.

## CONTACT US

Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP

Phone: **01460 239567** • Email: **events@chard.gov.uk**

\*Please note all activities may be subject to change



We love coming as there are no expectations on how to behave and everyone plays together and being quiet and low light helps a lot

My boys love coming as there is no pressure from other children

**FREE weekly  
SEN/SEND soft  
play sessions at  
Chard Leisure Centre  
for children up to the age of 16  
(siblings welcome @ £5)**

Reduced capacity

Subtle lighting

Calm and friendly atmosphere

Additional resources: puzzles, colouring etc

Cafe shutter closed (full cafe services still available)

I have watched children come in to the sessions and make new friends and play together. It is so lovely to watch them having fun

**Thursdays 4:30-6**

**Sundays 9-10:30**

It is great to watch my children having fun in a non-judgemental environment. All the parents are friendly and supportive

**Pop in to the centre to book or phone  
our friendly team who will be happy to  
answer any questions  
01460 315007**

**Friday 3rd June**  
**Queen of the Commonwealth:**  
**The Queen's reign over 70 years**  
**Variety Concert**

**19:30 – 21:00**

**Doors open at 19:00**

**Poetry**  
**Choirs**  
**Dancing**  
**Singing**

**Buy your tickets at:**

**Eventbrite - Queen of the commonwealth, Chard**  
**(please note there is an additional charge)**



*Or*

**Chard Guildhall - £2.50**

# Manor Court Community Primary School 2022 - 2023 Term Dates & Holidays



September 2022						October 2022						November 2022						
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su		4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		
December 2022						January 2023						February 2023						
M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
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March 2023						April 2023						May 2023						
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W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W		3	10	17	24	31
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F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27	
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023						
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### Key:

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### Term dates summary:

**Term 1:** 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)  
**Term 2:** 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)  
**Term 3:** 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)  
**Term 4:** 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)  
**Term 5:** 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)  
**Term 6:** 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days)     **TOTAL = 195**

### Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

\*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

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# Manor Court Community Primary School



## QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE PUDDING COMPETITION.

As part of our Jubilee week, your challenge is to design and make a 'nut-free' pudding at home in honour of our long reigning Queen.

The winning pudding from each class will receive a prize and the overall winner will receive a trophy!

Bring your pudding into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May to be judged first by your class and then the best pudding from each class will be judged by Mr Clode & the School Council to find our overall winner.

