

NEWSLETTER



19 September 2025

Headteacher's Message

It has been great listening in to the Year Two Samba drumming sessions this week, delivered by a specialist teacher from The Peterborough Music Hub. I have yet to visit how Year Five are getting on with their ukulele sessions, I'll make sure I stop by next week!

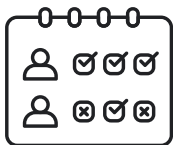
In assemblies this week, we have been focusing on our learning tool: **resilience**. We learnt how we can 'bounce back' when we are faced with a challenge and how we can support one another at these times.

We are very excited to share that we will be receiving lots of free trees for our school donated by the Woodland Trust. They are due to be delivered in November. I would like to thank Mrs Plumbley, one of our Higher Level Skilled Teaching Assistants who organised this donation of small copse and hedge saplings. In the coming months, we will be working hard to develop our new Forest School area. We would be very grateful of some help from willing parents to support us with planting the trees when they arrive. If you are interested in assisting us with this, please do comment below. I will then be in touch in the near future to arrange a 'Ground Force' planting day.

E Marks



We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully raised an incredible **£227** to contribute to the Jeans for Genes charity. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous donations!



Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Bears Class
95.49%



Emus Class
94.58%



Raccoons Class
97.53%



Penguins Class
88.33%



Elephants Class
93.28%



Yaks Class
96.58%



Geckos Class
97.21%



Roadrunners Class
97.22%



Macaws Class
95.96%



Hummingbirds Class
96.68%

Stars of the Week

Reception

Kaien Mansfield
Isla Meadows

Key Stage One

Gerda Povilenaite
Eleanor Boothman
Thomas Wisken

Lower Key Stage Two

Hollie Boylan
Kalarna-Kay Clarke
Mateo Ciumac

Upper Key Stage Two

Emilis Ukrinas

Nan Teelan



Manor Drive Primary Academy



Book Buzz

Join Our Story Sessions!



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are thrilled to invite you to our MDPA Book Buzz sessions next week, an exciting opportunity for you to join your children in their end-of-day class story sessions. This is a wonderful way to foster a love of reading and spend quality time with your child in a learning environment that encourages imagination and creativity.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 22nd September: Year 1 (Penguins & Raccoons)

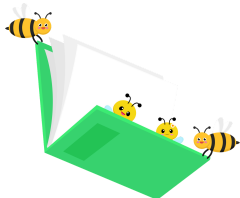
Wednesday 24th September: Year 3 (Geckos & Roadrunners)

Thursday 25th September: Years 4 & 5 (Macaws & Hummingbirds)

Friday 26th September: Year 2 (Elephants & Yaks)

Location:

Please sign in at the School Office entrance.
You will then be escorted to your child's class.



Time:

3.00 - 3.15pm

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the joy of storytelling!



Dates for your Diary

Manor Drive



School Events

Year Five Bikeability
Wednesday 1st October
(all day)

Harvest Food Bank Collection
Wednesday 2nd October
(deadline for contributions)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

School Opens
Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Break
27th October - 31st October

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December



Harvest Food Bank Collection

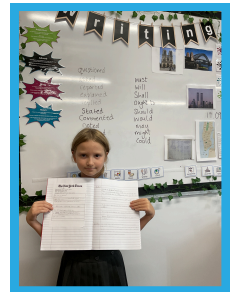
We are collecting canned and packet goods for Peterborough Food Bank. Please ensure your contributions are in date. Please can the contributions be given directly to your child's class teacher each morning. Many Thanks



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

This week our Nursery children have shown growing confidence as they settle into routines and explore both the classroom and outdoor areas. They enjoyed an 'adventure' around the school grounds, including the MUGA, and impressed us with how well they followed instructions to stay safe. The children have been busy exploring a range of activities, from creating colourful butterfly and flower collages to experimenting with ice, colour mixing and discovering that foam turns into 'marshmallows' in water (without tasting any!).



Reception Team

It has been our first full week! We have had a fantastic time learning our routines and exploring the whole school. The children have started their learning this week looking at patterns in Maths, starting to learn their first sounds in Phonics and talking about their 'All About Me' books with their friends. We have been using our creative skills to make our school out of boxes and materials as well as creating animals based on our classroom names. The whole of Reception have managed really well with their full days, including lunchtime. They have learned the routines in the dinner hall and loved playing outside with other year groups. It has been a great week!



Key Stage One Team

This week in KS1 the children have continued working on their writing by learning new skills. Year One have been learning that all sentences must begin with capital letters and end with full stops whilst Year Two have been learning how to use contractions within their writing. In PSHRE, we have been sharing the things that make us unique and the things we enjoy doing with our families. It is lovely to hear about all the different things the children get up to at home. In Computing, the children have been exploring the key parts of a computer and learning how to use the mouse and in history we have been thinking about our community and what things we would love to add.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

In Reading, we have explored a range of poems based on native animals from the United Kingdom, helping us to appreciate both language and nature. In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction through a variety of practical and written tasks. In Art, we continued our learning about the illustrator Inbal Leitner, whose unique style has inspired our own storyboards based on the poem The Ning Nang Nong. In RE, we learned about the baptism of Jesus and explored various artworks that depict this significant event in his life, enhancing our understanding through visual interpretation.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

What an exciting time we've been having in UKS2! In Science, our budding scientists have been delving into the world of soluble and insoluble substances by creating their own saline solutions. In music, the children strummed away on their ukuleles, learning new tunes and enjoying themselves. Meanwhile, in writing, we've been busy honing our journalistic skills, preparing and delivering news reports all about Philippe Petit and his amazing rope walk across the twin towers.

WECO WARRIOR



This week in Eco Warriors Club, the children were thinking about the importance of ensuring our rubbish goes in the bin. Look at all the litter we collected from our school site!

Also, a huge thanks to a boy in Year Four for collecting many bottle lids. We are still continued to do this so if you have any please bring them in.