

NEWSLETTER

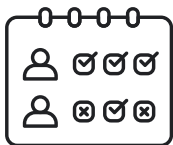
10 October 2025



Headteacher's Message

We began the week by welcoming The Reverend George, who led an assembly to enlighten the children about the importance of the Harvest Festival and assisted us in celebrating our contributions to the Peterborough Food Bank. On Monday, I participated in training provided by The Maths Hub, aimed at enhancing our implementation of Maths Mastery teaching at MDPA. Throughout the year, we will work closely with the Maths Hub and NCETM to explore effective Maths leadership practices, observe live mastery teaching, implement components like lesson design, and refine our systems to maximise student impact. On Wednesday evening, some of our Year Four students proudly represented our school at a Poetry Festival, where they performed a memorised poem. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and a special thanks goes to Miss Mason for facilitating our participation in this event with other schools in Peterborough.

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Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Hummingbirds



Bears Class
87.23%



Emus Class
85.38%



Raccoons Class
93.44%



Penguins Class
92.11%



Elephants Class
95.90%



Yaks Class
90.20%



Geckos Class
93.33%



Roadrunners Class
94.32%



Macaws Class
95.96%



Hummingbirds Class
98.09%

Stars of the Week

Reception

Harlow Davies
Esme Read

Key Stage One

Keitija Sumska
Max Rutterford
Mikolaj Switala
Aria Coman

Lower Key Stage Two

Reuben-John
Godfray-Beadman
Ariana Beitnoraite
Kaya Drozdowska

Upper Key Stage Two

Baillie Horrocks



Dates for your Diary



School Events

Reception Stay and Play
Wednesday 22nd October
2.10 - 3.10pm
(parents invited)

Parents Consultation Evenings
Monday 20th October
Wednesday 22nd October
3.30 - 6.30pm
Please book via MCAS

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

School Opens
Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Break
27th October - 31st October

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December

Peterborough Schools Poetry Festival



On Wednesday evening, some of our Year Four students took part in a Poetry Festival at the Cresset Theatre, where they performed 'Jackdaw' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

The children delivered their performance with confidence and enthusiasm, representing Manor Drive Primary Academy beautifully both on and off the stage. We are incredibly proud of their wonderful performance and exemplary behaviour.

Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

Our Maths focus is currently recognising, naming and exploring 2D shapes. The Autumn colours in nature provide us with some amazing colourful scenes provoking wonderful colour naming and matching too. The children used coloured shapes in creative ways practicing important fine motor skills while cutting, gluing, and arranging shapes to create individual pictures. Also matching shapes using picture prompt cards. As the children are getting to know one another better, it is lovely to see more frequent collaborative play as they find opportunities and cosy spaces to share their interests. It is rewarding to see so many of our children benefiting from our Phonemic Awareness activities and the tuning in skills and language development ...fun stories and poems, rhymes, songs, music and movement, rhythm dances, and sound games are incorporated into their everyday experiences.

Reception Team

We have continued to focus on the topic 'All About Me'. This week we were talking about how we change as we grow up. We have had lots of pictures sent in of the children when they were babies which has sparked some wonderful discussions in both classes about how much they have all changed and things they are able to do now which they could not when they were children. The children have been making great use of the outdoor area and we are really impressed with how independent they have become in putting on a wetsuit and wellies! We have continued to learn the same sounds in Phonics and have been building two and three letter words. Well done everyone!

Key Stage One Team

The children have been building on their writing skills. They have been looking at the different types of sentences including questions in Year One and commands and statements in Year Two. In Maths, Year One have been consolidating their number knowledge to 20 while Year Two have been consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction. In Science, we have been thinking about how the world rotates to create daytime and night-time and in PSHRE, we have been looking at the different groups of people who help us in our community, this has tied in very nicely with our History, where we have been looking at how shops have changed in our community.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

As part of our Rock topic in Science, the children investigated what soil is made of. They explored different soil samples closely and became young scientists, observing, feeling, and asking questions. We are continuing with our exploration of the Roman invasion of Britain by studying the exploits of Boudicca. In Computing we are exploring the ownership of intellectual property on the internet. In Art, the children have been illustrating 'On the Ning Nang Nong' written by Spike Milligan.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

The children are really engaged by the book 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly, which forms the foundation of our Reading and Writing lessons. They had an amazing induction day with NACA, where they got a taste of what it's like in the field. To get creative, they wrote job adverts for computers and scientists. We also learnt all about the inspiring stories of the Tuskegee pilots from WW2, discovering how the work of NACA played a vital role in their bravery during combat. In their Science lessons, the children tested which solids were soluble and, working scientifically, they decided how to best present their results.



Wellbeing

We kindly ask everyone to help us keep our school a calm and respectful place for all.

If you have any worries about your child's wellbeing, please contact a member of staff so we can listen and support you.

It's best to avoid discussing these matters on the playground or with other parents, so we can work together to find the right solution.

At Manor Drive, we are all part of one community, and by showing kindness and respect to each other, we help every child and family feel that they truly belong.

