

NEWSLETTER



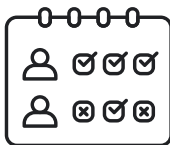
24 October 2025



Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of Autumn One, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, children and families for a successful and enjoyable first half term of learning. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and progress across the school. We hope that the parents of our Reception children enjoyed their recent Stay and Play session, and that all parents found the parent consultation evenings valuable. We truly appreciate your continued support and the strong partnership between home and school. Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break.

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Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:

Hummingbirds



Bears Class
85.77%



Emus Class
96.21%



Raccoons Class
95.93%



Penguins Class
90.98%



Elephants Class
95.32%



Yaks Class
87.40%



Geckos Class
97.54%



Roadrunners Class
96.93%



Macaws Class
96.32%



Hummingbirds Class
97.71%

Y.D.P. YOUTH DREAMS PROJECT
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HALF TERM CAMPS
FUN SPORTS CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - SCHOOL YEAR 8

- Manor Drive Academy, Peterborough
- Ages: 5 - 16
- Paid (non HAF) child £19 per session
- Next date: Monday 27th Oct, 09:00 – 15:00
- In association with Peterborough City Council

www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk

We will be having a special menu at lunchtime to support our Passport Around the World Day:

Passport Around the World Day



This year, we are excited to introduce a new project to give our children more opportunities to explore the cultures and traditions of countries around the world. This special event will be called 'Passport Around the World' Day and will take place on Friday 7th November. On the day, each year group will focus on a different country, learning interesting facts, customs, and traditions. They will also take part in creative activities such as art and dance, among other fun experiences, to bring their chosen country to life.



In our Reception classes, Emus and Bears will embark on an adventure to **Greece** during our Passport Around the World day. Their engaging learning activities within continuous provision will include:

- Discussing the location of Greece, pinpointing it on a map, and comparing it to the UK
- Tasting traditional foods: Greek yogurt with honey, pitta bread, cucumber, and feta
- Crafting Olive Leaf Crowns in the creative area
- Constructing "temples" using blocks, cardboard tubes, or Lego in the construction zone
- Writing postcards featuring images of various places in Greece at the writing table
- Painting Greek flags in the painting area

In Year One, the Penguins and Raccoons classes will dive into the culture of **Spain**. Their activities will encompass:

- Studying the works of artist Pablo Picasso
- Learning Spanish greetings, including "please" and "thank you," as well as how to order food
- Enjoying a food tasting with tapas
- Discovering essential facts about Spain's geography and other key details

Year Two students in the Elephants and Yaks classes will set off on a journey to explore **Kenya** through the following engaging learning activities:

- Bead crafting inspired by Maasai jewelry, using dyed pasta for threading
- Investigating Kenya on the map, focusing on safari landscapes and wildlife
- Enjoying a food tasting session with fruits from the book 'Handa's Surprise,' such as bananas, pineapples, and mangoes

In Year Three, children in the Geckos and Roadrunners classes will learn about **China**, participating in the following enriching experiences:

- Exploring the works of Chow Chun Fai, a contemporary artist who reinterprets traditional Chinese imagery and storytelling in modern ways
- Learning Chinese greetings
- Sampling Chinese cuisine during a food tasting
- Discovering famous locations and landmarks, including The Great Wall of China

In Years Four and Five, students in the Macaws and Hummingbirds classes will delve into the fascinating world of **Japan**. Their learning activities will include:

- Examining Japan on a world map
- Discovering key facts about Japan, including language, religion, and climate
- Exploring Japanese culture, traditions, and popular cuisine through a sushi-making activity
- Engaging in the art of origami



Autumn 1 Honours Awards

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Working Hard

- Jahkonnen Williamson
- Lena Szymanska
- Mason Wright
- Emily Ward
- Alex Dziadosz
- Goodness Herunga
- Ifedayo Segun-Agbolade
- Sati Milasiute
- Annalise Lawrence
- Noah Milasius

Kindness

- Sapphire Barnieh
- Jesiah Szasz
- Gerda Povilenaite
- Phillipa Edwards
- Theodore Reedman
- Freya Greenwood
- Reuben-John Godfray-Beadman
- Aleksander Narbutowicz
- Gustas Liugaila
- Jayden Gilbert

Bravery

- Zuzanna Przyborowska
- Remy-Ray Wilson
- Zaid Srour
- Mikolaj Switala
- Della Mills
- Louis Bannister
- Amir Derbas
- Daisy Mills
- Paige Flewitt
- Ingrid Raducanu



IT Rockstar Champions

- Ezekiel Ohousei
- Anashe Monera
- Julia Gastol Makowska



Numbots Champions

- Aria Coman
- Alex Jolly Crick
- Theodore Reedman



Dates for your Diary



School Events

Reception Parents
(Bears & Emus)
Reading Workshop
Tuesday 11th November
2.30pm
(Reception parents only,
younger siblings will not be
able to attend)

Macaws Class Assembly
Thursday 20th November
2.30pm
(Macaws parents invited)

Reception Nativity
(Bears & Emus)
Tuesday 9th December
2.30pm
(parents invited)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

Half Term Break
27th October - 31st October

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

In Nursery this week we have consolidated elements of the children's learning and experiences planned within our topics and enhanced provision focus. In Maths, creating patterns with a variety of materials gave the children the opportunities to express their learning and knowledge of colours and shapes. The children enjoyed learning new songs and rhymes with repetitive phrases as part of our phonemic awareness provision, as well as traditional stories such as Little Red Hen and a Squash and a Squeeze. For our All About Me topic the children have been developing their independence and testing their physical skills - putting on their coat is quite a special trick now! Balancing bean bags on their head, throwing and catching balls and bean bags, using utensils and tools to mash up discarded fruit. We learnt about Diwali, the Festival of Light celebration and our treat was icing biscuits with coloured sprinkles inspired by the Rangoli designs seen during Diwali. Then yoga and mindfulness rainbow relaxation breathing is a lovely time for calm and resetting the children throughout the week.



Reception Team

What a lovely week! We have been learning all about the celebration of Diwali. The children have created beautiful pictures of fireworks, draw round their hands and decorated them in mehndi as well as creating rangoli patterns with chalk. On Wednesday, many of our adults joined us for the Stay and Play. It was lovely to see the children show you around their classrooms and they love doing while at school. It has been a fantastic first half term for our Reception children and we are all so proud of how well they have done and the hard work they are showing. Well done Reception!



Key Stage One Team

We are proud of the children for putting all their writing skills into practise to complete their end of unit writing piece. Year One have been using their imagination to create their own superhero stories and Year Two have been writing fact files about wolves. In Science and History, the children have been showing their new learning by completing end of unit quizzes. In Computing, we have been thinking about the importance of staying safe online. It's been a busy half term and we are proud of all the learning we have done so far!



Lower Key Stage Two Team

The children have learned all about how fossils are formed and even had the opportunity to create their very own fossils, a wonderfully hands-on way to bring their learning to life. In Maths, they have been using concrete resources to deepen their understanding of measuring, estimating, and comparing measurements, developing both accuracy and confidence in their mathematical skills. In History, the children drew together everything they've learned this term to produce an impressive piece of writing about life in Ancient Rome, exploring what it was like to live during the Roman Empire, comparing the experiences of the Romans and the Celts, and discovering when and why the Romans invaded Britain. In RE, they thoroughly enjoyed enacting the Baptism of Jesus, taking on the roles of narrators and actors with great enthusiasm and understanding.



Upper Key Stage Two Team

We've reached an exciting milestone as we finished reading "Hidden Figures." The students have written some fantastic non-chronological reports about the four incredible women who made such significant contributions to humanity. In PE, we finished our tag rugby unit with an enthusiastic game that had everyone on their toes. Our Music lessons have been a highlight as well, with great fun had during our ukulele sessions.