

# NEWSLETTER

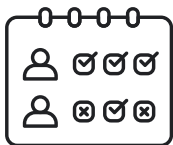


14 November 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It has been another wonderful week at Manor Drive Primary Academy. A heartfelt thank you to The Reverend George for leading a thoughtful Remembrance assembly, the children showed great respect throughout. Well done to all our pupils for their beautiful Remembrance Day decorations and thank you to families for supporting the Poppy Appeal so generously. We'll share the total amount raised once we hear back from the Royal British Legion. A big thank you also to Miss Rowe for organising a fantastic Science Enrichment Day. The children were full of excitement and curiosity as they explored a range of experiments and investigations.

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## Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



**Bears Class**  
90.48%



**Emus Class**  
93.70%



**Raccoons Class**  
94.69%



**Penguins Class**  
94.86%



**Elephants Class**  
97.02%



**Yaks Class**  
96.06%



**Geckos Class**  
96.20%



**Roadrunners Class**  
95.42%



**Macaws Class**  
93.75%



**Hummingbirds Class**  
99.25%

## Stars of the Week

### Reception

Michelle Taiwo-Adegun  
Nihal Binish

### Key Stage One

Pearl Smith  
Eevee Chater  
Austin Beeton  
Philip Kiran

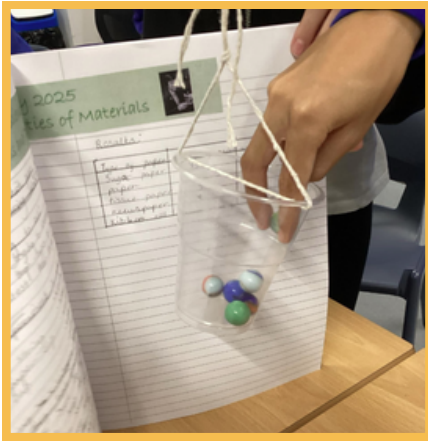
### Lower Key Stage Two

Lacie Morgan  
Praveen Agalawatta  
Damilare Adelani  
Isabella Beckwith

### Upper Key Stage Two

Isabella Beckwith





# MDPA SCIENCE DAY



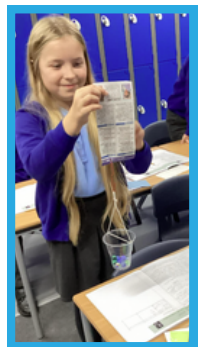
Our school had a fantastic Science day focused on discovering how scientists from the past and present have helped shape our world. Each class explored a different scientist and carried out exciting hands-on activities to bring their learning to life.



Nursery children learned about Dr. Robert Goddard, who built the first liquid-fuelled rocket, and had fun making and launching their own rockets.

Reception children discovered Marie Curie, who studied radioactivity and helped develop X-rays. They experimented with light to create beautiful light patterns and even made their own X-rays using black card and cotton buds.

Years One and Two children explored the work of Sir David Attenborough, who teaches us about the wonders of the natural world. They investigated and sorted animals into groups before imagining and designing their own new creatures, then created mini documentaries to share their discoveries.

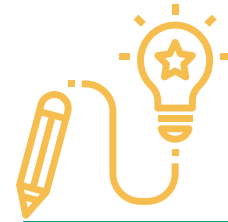


Years Three and Four focused on James Hutton, known as the “Father of Geology.” The children examined different types of rocks and created their own erupting volcanoes to understand how our planet changes over time.

Year Five explored the work of Stephanie Kwolek, the chemist who invented Kevlar, a very strong material used in many protective items. They carried out experiments to test the strength of paper and compared their findings.

Every class also created a fact file about their scientist, showing how much they learned and how inspired they were. The children showed wonderful curiosity, enthusiasm, and creativity throughout the day, who knows, we may have the next great scientist in our school today!

# Dates for your Diary



## School Events

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

**Reception Stay & Play**  
(Bears & Emus)  
Friday 5th December  
2.00 - 3.00pm

(Parents invites, no younger siblings can be accommodated during this session)

**Reception Nativity**  
Tuesday 9th December  
2.00pm

(Bears & Emus Parents invited)

**Nursery Christmas Carols & Craft**  
Thursday 11th December  
9.30 - 11.00am  
(Parents invited)

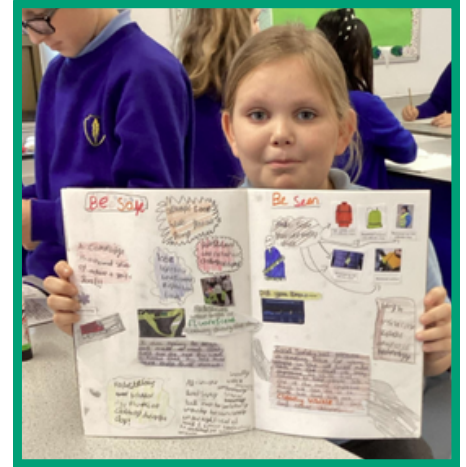
## Term Dates

**Autumn Term 2025**

**End of Autumn Term**  
Friday 19th December

**Training Day**  
(no school)  
Monday 5 January

**School begins for Spring Term**  
Tuesday 6 January



## Enriching Curriculum

### Nursery Team

In Nursery we have had an exciting and meaningful week of learning and fun! On Monday our young scientists blasted off (literally) during Science Day. Prompted by the scientist and Father of Modern Rocketry, Robert H Goddard, we explored how rockets fly, talked about astronauts, made paper rockets and space helmets. The highlight of the day was a science experiment mixing cola and mints to create an 'explosion', like rocket propulsion, such surprise and excitement! On Armistice Day we talked about what it means to remember and say thank you to those who keep us safe. We were very proud of the children when we observed the two minutes silence watching the live broadcast from London. We learnt how poppies are made each year by veterans, then created some beautiful poppy crafts. It was lovely to share our Book Buzz session with parents. The children chose stories to read with their parents and enjoyed Mrs. Graham's sounds story. It is a lovely way to foster a love for books and storytelling. We look forward to planning further sessions during the year.

### Reception Team

We have had a great week! We started this week with Science Day, learning about Marie Curie and her discoveries. We made x-ray hands out of cotton buds, built dark tunnels and looked at glowing sticks inside as well as painting with metallic, glowing paints! We then learnt all about Remembrance Day and lots of children worked collaboratively to make a large poppy to display in the classroom. We have also been doing lots of activities for Children in Need! We have had a very busy but wonderful week!

### Key Stage One Team

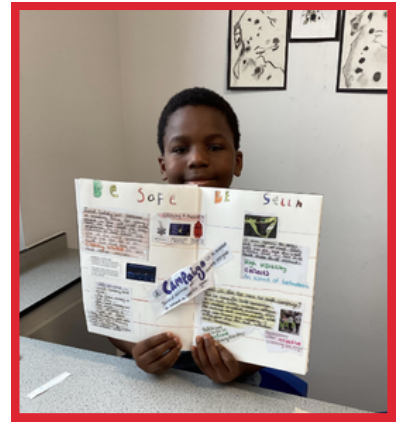
We have had a busy week this week, starting off with our Science Day on Monday where we learnt all about Sir David Attenborough. This linked nicely to our Geography where we have been learning about the continents and oceans of our world. In Computing we have begun our new unit, where we are learning how to use the keyboard to write and we had to show perseverance as it became tricky to remember where the letters were. In DT, we have been looking at mechanisms and how they work, we are excited to

### Lower Key Stage Two Team

For Science Day, extending our understanding of rock formation, the children created fabulous volcanoes and they can't wait to make them erupt on Friday afternoon! In Geography, the children have begun to explore using atlases and learning the cardinal points on a compass to help with finding directions. Their studies in this area continued by examining human and physical features in the environment. For P.E., Year Three and Four have started building a range of skills in Basketball, focusing on spatial awareness and tactics.

### Upper Key Stage Two Team

For Science Day, the children took part in an exciting investigation where they tested the tear strength of a variety of different types of paper. They discussed their ideas, made predictions, and carefully considered how to make it a fair test by keeping certain variables the same. Everyone enjoyed comparing results and thinking scientifically about why some papers were stronger than others. In Maths, Year Five have been exploring the concept of negative numbers, learning how to use and order them on a number line. They have been applying this knowledge to real-life contexts, such as investigating temperature changes in different countries and comparing climates around the world.



**Children  
in Need**

**Thank you for your generous contributions; our non-uniform day, we will let you know next week the total raised for this worthy cause.**