

Weekly

# NEWSLETTER

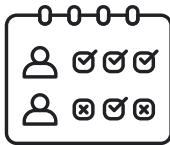


19 December 2025

## Headteacher's Message

It is hard to believe we have completed an entire term at Manor Drive Primary Academy. What a fabulous final week to the Autumn term it has been! There have been many magical moments this Christmas period, including a wonderful visit to each class from the big man himself, Father Christmas, who brought gifts for the children. We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas lunch lovingly prepared by our Accent Catering team as well as ending our final day with singing around the Christmas Tree. A huge congratulations to our Christmas card competition winners, we hope you enjoy creating more beautiful artwork with your prizes. Wishing you all a restful and fun filled holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January ready to begin the Spring term.

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### Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



**Bears Class**  
97.05%



**Emus Class**  
97.38%



**Raccoons Class**  
91.41%



**Penguins Class**  
82.66%



**Elephants Class**  
90.69%



**Yaks Class**  
96.43%



**Geckos Class**  
94.30%



**Roadrunners Class**  
90.00%



**Macaws Class**  
92.73%



**Hummingbirds Class**  
90.11%

## \*\*\*\*\* Autumn Term Honours Awards \*\*\*\*\*

### Working Hard

- George Pye
- Rosie Wisken
- Arka Bharadwaj
- Keanu Nye
- Max Rutterford
- Thomas Wisken
- Harriet Doe
- Harry Greenwood
- Archie Gray-Montgomery
- Hanna Moroz

### Kindness

- Harlow Davies
- Seth Kitcherside
- Ellaline Edwards
- Amelia Gastol Makowska
- Philip Kiran
- Aron Pacevicius
- Shahed Samaoli
- Emilija Luigailaite
- Eadie Esmond
- Anna Zheng

### Bravery

- Adrian Zaluda
- Bonnie New
- Oscar Parsonage
- Hazel Kuruthukulangara
- Peyton Davies
- ElsieLee Agyei
- Cosmina Bagu
- Creede Griffin
- Luke Sharpe
- Dennis Cvetvos

### Numbots Champions

- Arka Bharadwaj
- Amelia Gastol Makowska
- Kaylan Rackys
- Maja Kutcha

### IT Rockstar Champion

- Natan Kutcha
- Anashe Monera
- Alfie McSwiggan





## Dates for your Diary

<u>Term Dates</u>	<u>Term Dates</u>
<p><b>Passport Around the World Day</b> Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January Children will spend the day exploring a country within their year group teams</p>	<p><b>Autumn Term 2025</b></p>
<p><b>Raccoons Class Assembly</b> Thursday 29 January 2.30pm (Parents Invited)</p>	<p><b>End of Autumn Term</b> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</p>
	<p><b>Training Day (no school)</b> Monday 5 January</p>
	<p><b>School Begins for Spring Term</b> Tuesday 6 January</p>



## Enriching Curriculum

### Nursery Team

What a wonderful and festive final week of term we have had in Nursery! Our children have been busy enjoying a range of exciting seasonal activities, including festive picture finger printing, threading coloured beads and jingle bells, recognising colours to create patterns and helping to develop hand-eye coordination and concentration. The children also proudly created artwork incorporating shapes vocabulary, developing cutting skills and experimenting with a variety of materials to make coloured jar lights and sparkly tree decorations.

### Reception Team

We did it! Reception have done their first term at school, they have all been amazing! We have had a wonderful last week of term with Santa visiting us, having Christmas Dinner altogether and lots of Christmas singing. In the classroom, we have been busy creating lots of different Christmas crafts ready to share with our adults, helping Santa wrap all his presents and listening to all the lovely things our children do at this time of year! It has been lovely to see children coming into school in their Christmas jumpers and how excited they are to show their friends. We are all so proud of how well every child has done this term and can't wait for Spring term full of lots more learning and exciting activities in Reception!

### Key Stage One Team

This week, the children have been consolidating their learning from the Autumn Term. In Science, PSHRE and RE we have completed quizzes and it's been really lovely to see how much learning they have enjoyed and understood. In Writing, the children have been finishing off their fact files for their focus with non-fiction texts. In Computing we have been looking at the differences of typing on a laptop or writing on paper and how easy it is to undo/redo any mistakes we make. We have also enjoyed some festive activities preparing us for the Christmas break!

### Lower Key Stage Two Team

The children have successfully completed their current units of study. In writing, pupils produced their own versions of 'The Heart and the Bottle', demonstrating creativity and narrative understanding. In mathematics, the children have engaged and completed a unit of work exploring scale. In Science, our focus has been on human and animal X-rays and the classification of vertebrates and invertebrates, with the X-rays used to support classification activities. This week has been both exciting and festive. Highlights have included a visit from Father Christmas, a traditional Christmas lunch, a range of seasonal crafts and carol singing around the tree to conclude the term.

### Upper Key Stage Two Team

What a wonderfully festive and busy week we've had in UKS2! The classroom has been filled with creativity and sparkle as the children have been making very special Christmas Cards. Alongside our festive fun, the children have been continuing their Geography and Science topics. This week, we explored the human and physical features of Europe, North America, and South America. In Science, we have been learning about the gestation periods for various mammals and we were surprised to learn that an elephant is pregnant for 660 days!

*Enjoy The holidays!*

