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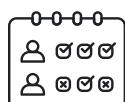

Summer Fete

Deputy Headteacher's Message: Mrs Parrott

This week we have been focussing on being brave, especially when thinking about our new adventures moving up to the next year group! We've thought about what it means to be brave, such as trying new things, doing something even if it feels a bit scary and asking for help when we need it. We've also got some strategies in our bravery toolkit about how to be brave: talk to someone we trust, take deep breaths, remember the good things ahead and think of other times we were brave before. Reception children enjoyed a trip to West Lodge Farm, they saw lots of different animals, went on a tractor ride and found time to play in the adventure barn- what a busy and exciting day! On Thursday, our nursery children graduated ready to embark on their next adventure in Reception. Following this on Friday, our Reception children graduated! How quickly this year has flown by, we are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made!

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us on Friday for our annual Summer Fete. We raised an impressive **£1014** which will go towards purchasing new playground equipment.

Class Attendance



The class with this week's highest attendance is:

Elephants



Bears Class
88.60%



Emus Class
97.41%



Raccoons Class
81.93%



Penguins Class
89.88%



Elephants Class
98.34%



Yaks Class
92.13%



Geckos Class
91.17%



Roadrunners Class
93.18%



Macaws Class
93.38%



Hummingbirds Class
93.04%



Stars of the Week



Reception

Mikaeel Al Fasil
Jahkonnen Williamson

Key Stage One

Arka Bharadwaj
Phillipa Edwards
Freya Greenwood
Kiekie Akinpeloye

Lower Key Stage Two

Assem Abouraia
Kornelia Stahlke
Alpha Barry

Upper Key Stage Two

Samuel Abban



Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Brave



Dates for your Diary



School Events

Summer Term Honours Awards
Thursday 16th July
2.30pm
(Invited parents only)

Term Dates

Last day of Summer Term
Friday 17th July

Autumn Term 2026

Staff Training Day
(Staff Only)
Tuesday 1st September

Start of Term
(Children return)
Wednesday 2nd September



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

This week we have been busy preparing for our Nursery graduation. The children are very excited! We have enjoyed playing lots of games this week, taking turns and sharing with our friends. Nursery have had lots of water play to try and help us keep cool and we have been talking about the importance of keeping hydrated.



Reception Team

What an exciting and busy week we have had! In the classroom, we have been getting ready for our transition to Year One. We have been talking about everything we are excited about, thinking about new things we will learn and getting to know our new teachers. On Tuesday, we had a wonderful trip to the farm seeing lots of different animals, a tractor ride and getting time in the Adventure Barn. It was lovely to see how excited the children were! We were so proud of how well they listened and followed instructions which made for a lovely day altogether. On Friday, we welcomed in our families and friends to celebrate the end of Reception. We looked back on all the amazing memories the children have made, the learning they have done and how they have all flourished in their first year at Manor Drive. It was an amazing afternoon spent altogether!



Key Stage One Team

This week in Key Stage One, the children have started looking at how to tell the time. Year One have been identifying where the numbers are and reading o'clock and Year Two have been looking at the nearest 15 minutes. In our PSHRE, we were thinking about the importance of hand washing and played 'the glitter germ game' to represent how quickly germs can spread. In our other curriculum subjects, we have been completing end of unit assessments to reflect on our learning and showcase what new knowledge we have gained. The children have worked hard and shown great resilience as they tackled different challenges across the curriculum. We are very proud of the progress they have made and look forward to building on this learning in the weeks ahead.



Lower Key Stage Two Team

In Year Four, we have been busy writing biographies about Howard Carter. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and used their knowledge to produce some fantastic pieces of writing. In RE, Year Three pupils explored the significance of Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, and Passover in Judaism through drama and role-play. By acting out key events and traditions, the children developed a deeper understanding of the meaning and importance of these significant Jewish festivals. In Year Four, we continued exploring the significance of Dharma in Hinduism, learning how it serves as a code of conduct that guides moral responsibilities and influences the daily lives of Hindus.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

This week in Year Five, the children have enjoyed another busy week of learning. In PE, they have been developing their athletics skills by practising the shot put, focusing on technique, control and improving their throwing distance. In Science, we have been exploring the life cycle of flowering plants, learning about pollination, fertilisation and seed dispersal. In Mathematics, the children have been measuring and drawing angles accurately using protractors, applying their understanding to a range of practical challenges. We have been impressed with the resilience and enthusiasm the children have shown this week, particularly given the heat. Well done, everyone!

