

Newsletter 9th May 2025



Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the middle of May, I'm delighted to share with you the vibrant tapestry of activities and achievements that have been woven into our school life recently. Our learners continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, dedication, and zest for learning. Apologies for the long newsletter- we've been very busy!

What's been happening in school?

We've been treated to a wonderful array of experiences lately. The melodious strains of a string quartet filled our halls, offering our learners a taste of classical music. Meanwhile, some of our girls represented us proudly at the Borough Girls football event, showcasing their sporting prowess and team spirit and coming second overall- well done girls!

The school community looked great in red, white and blue for [St George's day](#).



Strictly speaking it should have been just red and white, the colours of England's flag (St George is the patron saint of England not the whole UK) but red, white and blue gave people more wardrobe options!

Our Preschool learners had an exciting time with some unusual visitors - owls, reptiles, and other fascinating creatures! A big thank you to the parent who organised this wonderful, hands-on learning experience. It's these kinds of encounters that spark curiosity and a love for nature in our youngest learners.

Seeing Reception children and staff dressed as Superheroes today as part of their learning using the book 'Supertato' was great, as was the whole page of independent writing by Jon that I saw yesterday.

I'm pleased to report that our Year 4 swimmers are making a splash with their weekly lessons, building confidence and skills in the water. And for our parents, the 'Keeping Up with the Kids' maths sessions are running weekly, offering a great opportunity to engage with your child's learning.

Our Easter Egg raffle proved very popular! Here are the lucky winners.





The farm collected the ducklings yesterday morning. There has been much excitement around school over the past couple of weeks as we have watched them hatch and grow-the



children are amazed how quickly they change. Having had to listen to them chirping all week I am quite glad they've gone back to the farm, despite the learning and wonder the children have experienced!

Speaking of new life- I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Akiva and her husband welcomed baby Isabella last week- congratulations to them.

Governor Visit

It's always a pleasure to welcome our Governors to Manford, and their recent full-day visit was no exception. They were thoroughly impressed by the positive, focused atmosphere in our school, and particularly noted the excellent behaviour and learning attitudes of our children. It's heartening to see our school values reflected so clearly in our daily life.

Looking ahead to September

As we look towards the new academic year, I'm happy to announce that our Reception classes for September are full. Mrs Schooling is busy contacting parents and nurseries to arrange transition for our new families. We're excited to welcome our newest members to the Manford community! We're also starting to prepare our Year 6 students for their next step when they join secondary schools in September.

Assessments coming up

Next week brings an important milestone for our Year 6 learners - their SATs. There's a really positive atmosphere in the Year 6 classes as they prepare for this challenge. We're all looking forward to supporting them through the week, starting each day with breakfast to fuel their efforts.

Before the end of Term our Year 1 and some of our Year 2 children will be taking part in the national phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will be completing the Times tables check. It's really important that children attend school every day.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our learners and the Manford community. Your support and engagement continue to make our school a vibrant place of learning and growth. Here's to another exciting week ahead!

Attendance

We have had an unexpected increase in children being taken out of school for family holidays or to visit relatives in other parts of the world. Leave is rarely authorised, in

line with our attendance policy, Redbridge and National guidance. Details can be found in our [policy](#) and the legislation is [here](#).



As part of our rewards for great attendance, your child will be able to come in non-uniform when their class turns over every letter in our 'Every Day Matters' displays. So far six or seven classes have gained this reward-well done!

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th -Thursday 15th May- Year 6 SATs, starting with a chat over breakfast at 9am.

Thursday 15th May- Reception classes visiting Hainault Forest

Friday 16th May- Girls rugby event

Friday 16th and Friday 23rd-Maths workshop for parents continues

Thursday 21st May- Autism coffee morning 9am (details to follow)

Friday 23rd May- Tours for new Reception families

Friday 23rd May- last day of half term- school **ends 3.15pm**

Wednesday 4th June- Coffee Morning -Relationships and Sex Education 9am

Thursday 12th June- Class Photographs

Monday 16th-Friday 20th June- National School Sports Week

Thursday 19th June- Arts Festival at Coppice Primary-details to follow

Monday 7th July- Year 5 taster day at The Forest Academy