



27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I wanted to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening at Manford Primary School.

IMPORTANT

We have several new children joining our school community who have serious nut allergies. These allergies can be life-threatening, and even the smallest exposure to nuts can cause severe reactions. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of these vulnerable children, we will be implementing a nut-free policy across the entire school from the start of the new term. This means that from September, we are asking all families not to send any products containing nuts into school. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, chocolate spreads, and any snacks or treats that may contain nuts or have been produced in facilities that handle nuts. Please check food labels carefully, as nuts can appear in unexpected products.

I want to reassure you that our school kitchen already follows strict nut-free procedures. All meals provided by the school are prepared without nuts, and our food curriculum activities are also nut-free. We have these systems in place already, so this change primarily affects the packed lunches and snacks that come from home. Additionally, it will mean that cakes and sweets brought from home for birthday celebrations will have to be verified as nut free before they can be shared.

We understand that this may require some adjustments to your usual lunch preparations. However, your support in this matter is absolutely essential to protect the safety of these children. Even trace amounts of nuts on hands, clothing, or surfaces can pose a serious risk to children with severe allergies.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us create a safe environment for all our children.

What's been happening in school?

This week has been our 'Right to be Safe' week, which is something we focus on at least once each term with different aspects of safeguarding highlighted. We've noticed some name calling and unkindness on the playground this term, so we decided to focus our attention on celebrating difference with our younger children and talking about derogatory language with Key Stage Two. It's important that our children understand how our words can hurt others and that we create a school environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

I'm pleased to let you know that I've been meeting with music teachers who work across a number of schools in our area, a company called [Focus Music](#). We've arranged for music tuition to be held here starting in September, which is really exciting news for our children. I did hear that the QR code they sent didn't allow parents to book lessons initially. I've raised this issue with them and it should now be resolved, so you should be able to book without any problems.

Sports Day was a great success this year. We had to change our plans around to make use of more shade that was available, which worked out really well for everyone. There was a mix of competitive and non-competitive elements. The atmosphere was fantastic and it was wonderful to see all our children participating with such enthusiasm. The winning house, Earth, was absolutely delighted with their victory.

Our fundraiser on Friday with Sporting for Schools was another great success. We managed to raise nearly £2000 towards replacing our old playground equipment. Many thanks to all of you for your support - this money will make a real difference to our children's play experiences. It's amazing what we can achieve when we work together as a school community.

Early Years had their 'All Around the World' day this week, where they spent time learning about different cultures and places around the world. I heard lots of different types of music coming from the hall and their outdoor classroom and it was clear that the children had a great time exploring and discovering new things. Today they have come into school in cultural dress and are so proud to be sharing their culture with their friends and



teachers. These kinds of experiences really help broaden our children's understanding of the wider world.

Staffing updates

As we come to the end of the year, it's time to let you know about some teacher changes. Mrs Agyeman has now left Manford after a number of years here to focus on her health. Mrs Lomas is also moving on - she has gained a promotion at Gearies Primary, so congratulations to her! Miss Sandhu has already left once and come back to Manford - this time she's leaving to move to a different part of the UK, so good luck to her!

On a positive note, Mrs Khan has been at Manford for a while now and is joining us as a permanent teacher, along with Miss Ahmadi. Mrs Houghton has been here for the Summer Term in Year 5 and is also staying with us, which is great news. Miss Chowdhury is joining us for the year to cover Mrs Akiva's maternity leave, and Mrs Chaudhry is returning from her maternity leave. Finally, we congratulate Miss Kigozi and

Miss Rahman who have passed their two 'Early Career Teacher' years with flying colours.

We are currently finalising where teachers will be teaching in September, we will let you know in July who your child's new teacher will be. We have also planned two dates for children to meet and work with their new teachers.

End of Year routines

School closes on July 22nd at **2pm**. There is no after school club on that day. Reading books will be collected in before then and medicines held in school will be sent home for you to check expiry dates and return in September. We have a number of celebrations planned for our Year 6 leavers and also for our children with great attendance and our pupil leaders. The winning house will have their celebrations too. Please check the 'dates for your diary' section. Obviously, we won't know who the winners are until nearer to the dates.

Just a quick reminder about the deadline for photo orders - please make sure you get these in on time - the deadline is Monday 30th June. Some parents said their children have not brought home the proofs so staff are checking this today.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Have a wonderful rest of the term.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 3rd Y4 visiting London Zoo

Fri 4th Y3/4 cricket trip

Mon 7th Y5 Taster Day at The Forest Academy

Thurs 10th Last Young Carers meeting - end of year celebration 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Fri 11th Family Art Workshop after school

Tues 15th Party for children in the House which has won this year (KS1)

Wed 16th Party for children in the House which has won this year (KS2)

Thur 17th Non-uniform day for this term's winning house

Thur 17th Y6 Buggy Malone dress rehearsal (siblings and Pinewood residents)

Thur 17th Preschool Graduation event 2-3pm

Fri 18th Summer Raffle Draw

Fri 18th Year 6 Buggy Malone Performances (am and pm) details to follow

Fri 18th Lunch with Mrs Donnelly for children with 600+ house points

Mon 21st 100% attendance for the whole year celebration

Mon 21st Year 6 Pizza Party

Tues 22nd Farewell assembly for Year 6 (internal event - no audience)

Tues 22nd Farewell 'clap out' for Year 6 whole school, end of day (all members of our school community welcome to join us on the playground)

School reopens for children on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.