

19th June 2026

The sun has arrived! Whilst it's lovely to have the sun we do need to take extra care in the hot weather.

Uniform- children can wear shorts and their usual school top. **Cycling shorts/tight shorts will not be allowed**-shorts should be loose therefore cool. Shoes still need to be good for climbing and playing so no flip flops, crocs or open toe sandals please.



Bring to school- a hat to wear outside and a water bottle. Apply sun screen before school

In school-we will remind children to stay hydrated and will make sure the classrooms are as cool as possible. It does get hot, but everywhere is hot! Children must continue to come to school as absence will be unauthorised. **Battery powered fans** are not suitable for children to use in school and are not included in the guidance we have received from the London Borough of

Redbridge.

We'll consider the heat during PE lessons and time outside and monitor children closely for signs that the heat is making them unwell.

What's been happening in school?

Mrs Schooling has been busy visiting our new Reception children at their preschools and nurseries. Once again Manford is full for Reception 2026 and we have a waiting list for Reception as well as other year groups. This is not the case in many Redbridge schools who are facing falling numbers of children and job cuts.

We are fully staffed for September and really excited to welcome some new staff to Manford. Once again, some year groups are having the classes re-balanced, this is a complicated process to ensure that it's right for all children and always really thoroughly discussed by the team in school. At the end of the year, you'll get a chance to see your

child's current teacher and hopefully to meet their new teacher. In September we will be holding the welcome meetings again.

Today I've been listening to the excited squeals from our children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 who have been enjoying drama workshops. It sounded like a lot more fun than the work I had on my desk!

Last week's Parent Forum was the final one of this academic year. Feedback has been very positive about how the school have listened and acted on feedback from parents. We also have a number of volunteers for our Sports Week events which is great. On top of that our parent volunteers held 'Sale for Someone Special' this



week as a fundraiser, our volunteers have been fantastic this year and have been vital in our fundraising efforts-many many thanks to them all.



Our Year 5 Geographers attended a competition at another Redbridge school this week and showed some fantastic knowledge. They didn't win, but should be very proud of the way they represented Manford Primary.

Yesterday our choir were out and about again. This time they attended the annual Summer Arts Festival at Coppice Primary where their 'a Capela' singing was exceptional. Well done to them all.

Sports Week

We have lots planned for National School Sports Week, 6th July-10th July. We launch the week with the fundraising goal shoot-out that we had last year. Then Early Years, KS1 and KS2 have sports events in the mornings. We are holding an inter-class rounders tournament in the weeks leading to Sports Week-announcing the winners as part of the celebrations. I am meeting with the coaches on Monday so will confirm timings after that.

Cycling for all

Following on from our successful Bikeability training this week, Cycling Instructor are delighted to be able to offer two complimentary cycling lessons which are funded by Redbridge & TFL alike.

Lessons will take place at Valentine's Park & bikes & helmets are available to loan if you do not have your own.

These lessons are suitable for non-riders as the instructor will help your child learn to ride. Lessons are also available to experienced riders to help improve their skills. Parents can also take advantage of this opportunity.

[Book here](#)

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd June - 26th June - Bikeability Year 4, 5 & 6

Monday 22nd June – Raffle tickets go on sale for the Summer Raffle Draw

Wednesday 24th June - Year 3 Roman Day

Friday 26th June - Year 6 West Hatch High School Transition Day

Tuesday 30th June - Coffee Morning 9am – promoting positive behaviour

Tuesday 30th June - Year 6 Beale High School Transition Day

Wednesday 1st July - Year 6 TFL Citizens Workshop

Thursday 2nd July - Year 6 The Forest Academy, Oaks Park, King Solomon & Caterham
Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July – Coffee Morning – Year 6 Transition to High School

Thursday 9th July – Football Match against Coppice Primary School (details to follow)

Friday 10th June – Summer Raffle Draw will take place – winners will receive a phone call

w/c Monday 13th July – School reports will be sent out throughout the week

Friday 17th July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 2PM FINISH