



Newsletter

11th September 2026

Welcome Back!

It was so lovely to welcome everyone back this week, looking so smart in their uniforms. Please remember to name all clothing-we've had some lost jumpers already. When I visit the classrooms the children are ready to learn, confident and settled, there's a real buzz around the building.

Our Reception classes are now in, getting used to the routines of a school day and making friends. We've also welcomed our first 2-year-olds to Preschool and they have done remarkably well too.

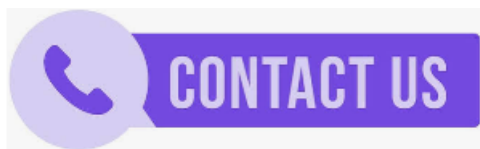
Our after-school Sports Clubs will be starting again soon-[here's the link for bookings](#).

Our music provider is also ready to take on new students-[here's the link for information and bookings](#).

It's in a name project

These locker labels have started to be returned to school and I've been reading them. My favourite part is why the name was chosen, there are some touching tributes to family members and some family traditions which are very personal. Some of the children had never asked where their name came from and were delighted to find out.

Contact us



You should have the email address for your child's teacher- these are regularly checked. If you're unsure who to contact please email or phone the school office and they will help you.

After the class teachers the next person you should contact is the phase leader, either on the playground or by phoning the school office to get a message to them:

Early Years and Year 1-Mrs Schooling

Years 2, 3 and 4-Ms Clarke

Years 5 and 6- Mrs Prasad

For concerns about Special Educational Needs please contact Miss Gibbings and for Safeguarding Mrs James.



MANFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Absence from school

As you will have read in our report, attendance remains a key focus for us this year. Children can come into school with coughs, cold and minor illnesses. If your child is too unwell for school, please phone the school (0208 500 2143 option 1) and leave a message to let us know.

Travel plans should not be made during school term time and will not be authorised. Similarly, medical appointments should be made after school or in the holidays please. Our term dates are on the [website](#).

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School Dinners

On Wednesday we had to throw away more than 20 meals because children had a lunch ordered but then brought a packed lunch. Please remember to cancel bookings if your child is having a packed lunch so that we don't waste food, and money.



Dates for your diary

- 18th September-Colours of Redbridge workshop (by invitation)
- 23rd September 9am-Brain Buddies coffee morning-Years 3 and 5
- 28th September-Year 6 residential week
- 6th October-Choir starts after school
- 9th October-World Mental Health Day
- 14th and 15th October-Parents' Evenings
- 15th October-Year 4 trip to British Museum
- 16th October-'Drama for all' workshops for Early Years
- 20th October-Choir visiting Fairlop Primary
- 21st October-Glow disco years 1, 2 and 3
- 23rd October 3.15pm-School closes for half term
- 4th November-Glow disco years 4, 5 and 6
- 19th November-Individual Photographs
- 18th December- School Closes 2pm (reopens 4th January 2027)

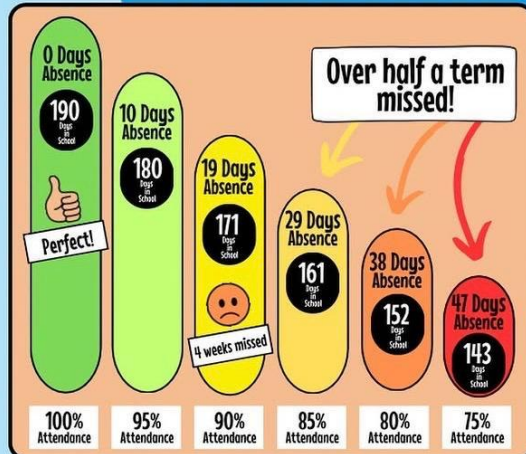
School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

 Academic Achievement Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.	 Social Skills Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.	 Routine & Responsibility Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.	 Focus & Engagement Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.	 Building Confidence Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.	 Enhanced Learning Opportunities School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.
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Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.	Aim to attend every day Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.	Plan appointments carefully Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.	Talk positively about school Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.	Stay in touch When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.	Prepare the night before Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.
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