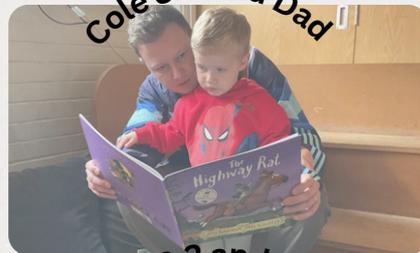




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Primary

# Manor Wood Early Years



## BOOK BREAKFAST

This term, we invited all our 0-3 families to join us for a special Book Breakfast, where beautiful stories came to life and everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast together! Thank you to all the families who attended, it was wonderful to share our love of books with you.

Parent partnerships are such an important part of nursery life, as they help build strong connections between home and school. Events like Book Breakfast gives you the chance to see how reading is celebrated in nursery and to share stories together, supporting children's language development, imagination, and confidence.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and continue to enjoy reading together at home!



## NEW BEGINNINGS

Welcome everyone, I'd like to introduce myself to those who haven't met me, I'm Carmel Barton, the Birth-5 and Extended Services Manager here at Manor Wood Primary School. This first half term has absolutely flown by (I think I say that every term!), and it's hard to believe we're already heading into the final months of 2025. This September, we were thrilled to welcome so many new faces to our Manor Wood community. From our tiniest learners in Baby Nest to our confident Reception children, it has been an absolute joy spending the past few weeks getting to know each and every one of them.

## Settling in and transition

We're so proud of how well both our new children have been settling in, as well as the existing children who have transitioned to new spaces. They have been amazing at adapting to the new routines and they have shown great resilience and curiosity! We have observed them making new friends and exploring the new environment with confidence. It's wonderful to see them feeling more comfortable each day and embracing this change with such positive energy. Thank you to all our parents for your support, it really helps the children feel secure and ready to learn. Together, we're creating a happy, nurturing space that gives every child a sense of belonging in order for them to thrive.

# ALFRESCO ADVENTURES

Our baby room has been enjoying lovely walks around the community in our new wheeled wagon, supporting one of our golden threads, alfresco! During these outings, the little ones have been noticing all the beautiful signs of autumn; like changing leaves, crisp air, and colourful trees. These trips are a wonderful way for the babies to explore the world around them, experience nature, and enjoy fresh air together.



**The Petit Wagon; feat Quinn 1:5, Kiswa 1:7 and Fern 1:2**

We brought the treasures they collected back to the Baby Nest for more exploration. We got creative with messy play, using sticks and leaves to make art and even whipped up some leaf soup! These activities help develop their senses and encourage imaginative play.



**FRANKIE 1:3**



**ROMARNI 1:3**



**HENRY 1:7**

Lyra 2:1  
Albie 2:5

Harry 2:6  
Zac 2:3



## Little Crumbs Bakery

This term, our 2-3YO children have been busy making bread every day! They're having a fantastic time getting involved in every step, from picking the ingredients to mixing them in a bowl. Their kneading skills have really impressed us as they work on the dough! Once it's ready, they pop it in a bowl to rise, and it's heartwarming to see their joy as it puffs up. After that, the dough makes its way to an oven tray for baking. When it's done, the children eagerly slice the warm, fresh bread and spread butter on it to enjoy.



Watch this space - our delicious homemade bread might be coming to your local supermarket soon! 😊



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## FSU Green Group

Green Group have been fascinated by birds and feathers this term, inspired by one of our newest members, Lizzie.



by Honey 4:0

Their curiosity has led to thoughtful observations about changing trees, skies, and sounds as autumn arrives. Inspired by these changes, they explored ideas of migration, habitats, and how animals prepare for colder weather. Collecting natural materials like feathers, leaves, and twigs, the children created imaginative artwork and stories. An exploration of peacock feathers encouraged discussions about colour, pattern, and symmetry. Using watercolours, they carefully recreated the feathers' delicate beauty, showing growing skill and creativity. Their stunning artwork now celebrates both their artistry and their appreciation of nature.

## FSU Orange Group



Jonah 4:6  
Lilah 4:3  
Lila 4:2



By Elora 4:11



*At the start of Reception, children create self-portraits to help them explore their sense of identity, build confidence, and celebrate what makes each of them unique as they begin their school journey.*

## FSU Stay and Play

Thank you so much for joining us at our recent Stay and Play session for nursery and reception children! It was wonderful to see you engaging with your little ones and sharing in their learning and play. Your involvement means a lot to us and truly supports the children's confidence and development.

We hope you enjoyed the time together as much as we did and look forward to more opportunities to connect and learn as a community.

Orange group has been captivated by conkers, autumn leaves, and family bonds. Their play, which included creating leaf collages and telling stories, helped them explore ideas of belonging, care, and connection, strengthening warm relationships within the group.

The recent apple harvest also inspired wonderful mathematical thinking. The children enthusiastically used ten frames to count and sort the apples, demonstrating growing confidence in number recognition, one-to-one correspondence, and problem-solving through this hands-on autumn activity.



*Nell (4:5), Heidi (4:1), Della (4:4), Alba (4:4) spent time collecting items and organising. The group then constructed a caterpillar house and labelling their creation.*



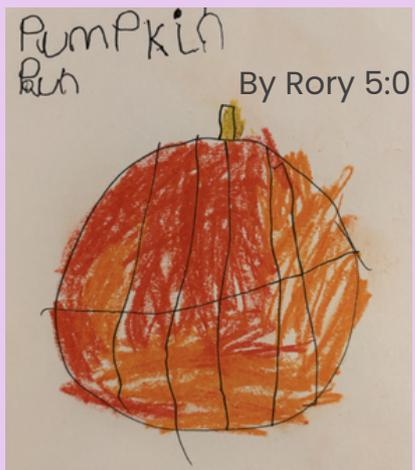
*"Caterpillar begins with a 'c' and I can write that!" Nell (4:5)*

## FSU Purple Group

Purple Group have been inspired by the story *These Are My Rocks: A story about collecting* by Bethan Woollvin, sparking their interest in collecting, sorting, and categorising. They gathered treasures from outdoors, organising them by size, colour, and texture, and proudly shared the stories behind their finds.

Using these items, the children created self-portraits that express their creativity and individuality, now proudly displayed in the learning space.

Inspired by autumn, they also explored seasonal changes through pumpkin drawings and paintings. The reception children extended their learning by labelling pumpkins, using their phonics skills to write the words confidently.



**FSU**  
**A REMINDER**  
**TO WASH AND**  
**RETURN**  
**WATERPROOFS**  
**AFTER THE**  
**HALF TERM**  
**HOLIDAY.**

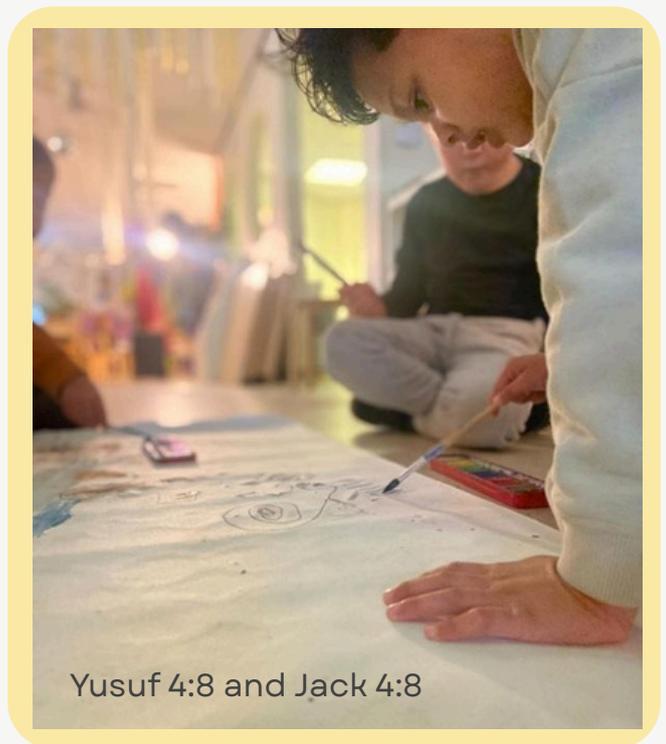
## FSU Yellow Group

*"Plop plop plop...they fall down!"*  
 Akello (4:10)  
 explores fine motor skills with conkers.



Yellow Group have been excitedly exploring movement, nature, and weather, inspired by Storm Amy earlier this term. Their curiosity about the windy weather led to rich discussions about storms and the effects of wind.

They've expressed their ideas through creative activities like making leaf people and exploring textures, shapes, and colours. In the movement and sand area, they experimented with sand, conkers, and rolling, using their whole bodies to see how different materials move. These hands-on experiences have helped develop their coordination, balance, and understanding of natural forces like wind and gravity. Through storytelling and movement, they've brought their ideas to life, growing in confidence and curiosity as they connect their play with the changing world around them.



Yusuf 4:8 and Jack 4:8

# Arts Week!

This term, Owlcoates Multi Academy Trust's set us a Focus Week and the theme was The Arts.

At Manor Wood, we explored expressive arts and what makes us feel good.

Children across our 0-5 setting expressed themselves through art, design, painting and movement.

This week also reflects one of our golden threads of Believing and Belonging and our commitment to a whole-child, Reggio-inspired approach where children's creativity leads the way.

I look forward to sharing our experiences from the week in my next newsletter.

## Children in Need - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

As part of this year's "Challenge Yourself" campaign for Children in Need, we'll be working with the children to decide on fun and meaningful ways to raise money for those in need. Please take some time to start brainstorming ideas with your child too!



**0-3 AND FSU NURSERY CLOSED -  
FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
RECEPTION OPEN AS NORMAL**



Children and families from our Baby Nest and 0-3 spaces are invited to join us for a small bonfire inspired event on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 4:00-5:00pm

## Open Day Event

MANOR WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHERE IT ALL BEGINS...

We are so pleased to welcome you into our school! Come and meet our fantastic staff and children, and see what makes us unique.

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your  
space  
now!



Please keep an eye on Family to see updates from your child's keyworker and/or teacher, we also welcome parents to add stories on to your child's Family account.

### Here's how;

child's profile >journey>new observation>add text/photos or both>save>send for review.

