

March 2026

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 31st March - Y3/4 Easter Show (AM show)
- 1st April - Y3/4 Easter Show (PM show)
- 2nd April - Break up for Easter
- 3rd April - Good Friday (school is closed)
- 16th April - Reception places offer day
- 20th April - Return to school
- 4th May - Bank holiday Monday
- 11th - 14th May - Y6 SATs week



Manor Wood
Primary

As we wrap up this half term and look ahead to the final term of the school year, there is a lot to celebrate at Manor Wood. It has been a successful start to Spring for our children, with achievements reaching far beyond the classroom, including national sports finals and community art commissions! Thank you for your continued engagement with everything happening at school; here is a look at what we've been up to as we head into the Summer Term...

A huge congratulations must go to Faris in 4H, who travelled to Luton earlier this month to compete in the National Primary and Year 7 National Cross Country Final 2026 - representing the school on such a prestigious stage! Faris performed brilliantly, placing 36th in the entire country. This is an absolutely amazing achievement and we are incredibly proud of his dedication and athleticism.

In the world of the arts, we are also full of pride for Lorent in 6H, who recently won an art competition hosted by Yorkshire Water. Lorent's design will be transformed into a permanent mural at Peel Park for Bradford City Council. We cannot wait to see his fabulous artwork representing our school in the heart of the local community for years to come.

It has been an incredibly busy month for school events and we are, as always, deeply grateful for your continued attendance and engagement. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our Parent Consultations to discuss your children's wonderful progress and shared goals. The school has also been alive with innovation lately; our Year 5 STEAM Installation provided a fantastic showcase of our pupils' creativity, while the ECO Climate Change Walk highlighted our collective commitment to a greener, more sustainable future. Within our 0-3 Setting, we have enjoyed introducing a variety of new projects that continue to enhance our early years provision and support our youngest learners!

Our recent Iftar Gathering in the school hall was a particularly beautiful highlight of the term. It was a well-attended evening that truly reflected the spirit of our school community. We are also thrilled to announce that the evening was a fundraising success, raising nearly £200 for our PTA.

Our recent Purple Day was a resounding success and a poignant reminder of our school's lasting impact. We were delighted to welcome back past pupils Sophie and Vinnie, who returned to lead an incredibly informative assembly for our current students. Their leadership was matched by the generosity of our families, as the subsequent bake sale raised approximately £150. It is always a genuine joy to welcome back former students and see them leading the way as confident young adults.

As we look toward the end of the term, we continue to celebrate the everyday successes of our pupils. Children who received a "Praise Postcard" this term have been officially entered into our lucky dip as a reward for their consistent effort. Finally, a group of selected children from across the school joined the Headteacher this week for a special Easter Egg with the Head treat, celebrating their hard work and the many successes they have achieved over the past few weeks.

Today is the final date for any donations of eggs, toys, or crafts, as well as your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. Alongside the usual bundles, the PTA have three extra special prizes up for grabs this year. One lucky winner will secure a non-uniform day for their entire class, another will win ice lollies for all their classmates and a third will earn ten team points for every person in their class. The PTA are happy to welcome raffle donations until 4pm today and ticket sales will remain open until 8pm this evening. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting these school events.

[EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS](#) sales are linked here.

Our Forest School area is continuing to evolve as we work toward creating an outdoor learning environment for our children. We are pleased to share that we are making steady progress and the space has recently taken a big step forward with the addition of a large, top-hat tipi-style tent. This new structure provides a fantastic focal point for the area and will offer a sheltered space for storytelling, reflection, and group work, regardless of the British weather. The landscape remains a significant, large-scale project and there is still plenty of work to be done to bring our full vision to life. We continue to look for support from our school community. Whether you can assist with specific resources, offer practical DIY skills, or simply donate a few hours of your time to help with landscaping and setup, we would be incredibly grateful for any help you can provide. [VOLUNTEER TO HELP HERE](#)

We would like to remind families that indoor pumps must be worn while inside the building to keep our learning spaces clean and safe; please note that sliders, slippers, and Crocs are not considered acceptable or safe footwear for inside school. A reminder of uniform expectations is attached. Playtime snacks should be limited to a piece of whole or prepared fruit or vegetables. We also kindly ask for your support in encouraging children not to take items out of their lunchboxes during morning break; these should be reserved for lunchtime or kept as an after-school treat. Finally, a reminder that we are a healthy school and ask that no sugary or fizzy drinks are included in packed lunches, as water or milk are the much-preferred options for staying hydrated throughout the day!

Finally, as we arrive at the end of what has been a fantastic Spring Term, we would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Passover and Vaisakhi and a Happy Easter to those celebrating. We hope that the upcoming two-week break provides a well-deserved opportunity for you to rest, recharge and enjoy some quality time together. Whether you are heading away or enjoying a quieter fortnight at home, we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the start of the Summer Term. Thank you for your continued partnership and for making this half term so successful for our children.

Kate Humphries
Headteacher



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Uniform and PE kit expectations for Y1-6

School Uniform

- Mid-grey plain trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt
- White shirt, blouse OR white polo shirt (with collar)
- Manor Wood official school sweatshirt or cardigan
- White, grey or black tights, leggings or socks
- Green gingham summer dresses
- Sensible, dark coloured outdoor shoes
- A pair of black pumps for indoor use

Please ensure the clothing is named clearly as we have a terrible problem with unnamed lost property which is never reunited with its owner!

PE Kit

Indoor kit: white t-shirt and plain dark (black or navy) coloured shorts

Outdoor kit: white t-shirt, plain dark (black or navy) coloured tracksuit with full length trousers and jumper/hoody and trainers

We continue to ask that you send your children in to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.

Book bags

Please ensure that your child has a Manor Wood school book bag or document case. They can be purchased from The Uniform Shop in Meanwood or via this link : <https://www.uniwears.co.uk/products/manor-wood-primary-book-bag>

Hair

Please ensure that long hair is tied back using a small bobble or plain ribbon. Hair should not be dyed and should not be decked with huge bows or decorative head bands.

Jewellery

Children can wear small plain studs if they have pierced ears and inexpensive watches if parents are in agreement. No bangles / necklaces etc. unless they are of religious significance. For example, a small cross, Star of David, Sikh bangle.

Dear Parents and Carers,
We need your help!

We're excited to share that we are in the process of setting up a Forest School area for our children, which will give them wonderful opportunities for outdoor learning, creativity, and exploration.

MANOR WOOD FOREST SCHOOL

To help bring this project to life, we are looking for donations of materials or practical help from our school community. If you have any of the following items available (new or used), we would be extremely grateful:



- Old kitchen sinks
- Loose parts for play and construction
- Tyres
- Mud kitchen accessories
- Wooden planks or offcuts
- Decking boards
- Pallets
- Crates
- Wooden reels

We are also looking for anyone with joinery or practical building skills who may be able to volunteer a few hours here and there to help us safely construct elements of the Forest School area. Even a small amount of time would make a huge difference.

If you're able to donate items, offer skills, or would like more information, please click the google form (on the right!).

Any support at all would be very much appreciated. Thank you for helping us create a special outdoor learning space for the children.



The Forest School Team