

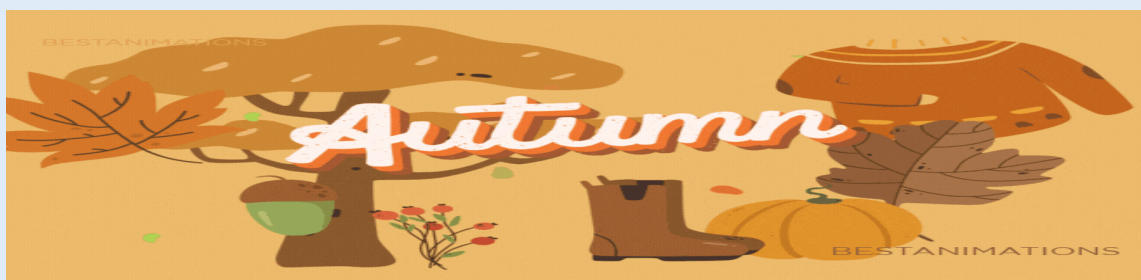


## Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

Half Term ending Friday 23rd October 2024

Core value: **Caring**

### Head Teacher's Message



The Squirrel children have been wearing lovely autumn leaf crowns this week from leaves collected in their autumn walk. At Manor Field, one thing we are not short of is trees and falling autumn leaves. Ladybird Nursery also had their first Forest school's day this half term. They had a fabulous time, showing excitement and curiosity about the world around them. This time of year is a great time for autumn walks, and collecting different shape and coloured leaves, conkers and acorns. We also had a lovely Harvest Festival assembly, and I thank you for your donations to the Waveney Foodbank.

In contrast last week all the children went to visit the Big top of the travelling Circus. They tried various circus skills including juggling and tight rope walking. They came back and assured me there was no Lion taming though !

If your child is in Squirrel class, you will be aware of our new member of staff- Mrs Wheeler who now works together with Miss Holmes teaching our Reception class. I'd like to welcome Mrs Wheeler and confirm she already feels part of the Manor Field family.

In Fox and Badger class, we had some very special visitors- Guinea Pigs !. They belong to Hope and Phin and were brought to school as part of the children's learning about animals. We may have further animal friends visiting later in the year.

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The minute I say to the children it's winter coat time, the sun comes out and they need to take them off. Please ensure your child's coat is labelled and this goes for hats, gloves and scarfs too. I have already acquired a lone black glove.

We have different equipment or activities out for the children to play with each lunchtime and it always amazes me the imaginative ways they think of using or playing with them. On a Friday, Mrs Moore brings the speaker out and the children dance and sing to their favourite songs.

With this being a long half term, rest and recuperate when on holiday, as when we come back the countdown for Christmas starts. Cards have already been made and Christmas play, and carols chosen. Be prepared for random bits of glitter to appear anywhere and everywhere !

Take Care

Mrs Haines



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### Around the School EYFS

#### Ladybird

The children are settling into Nursery life and routine fantastically, making new friends and enjoying all of our classroom resources. They have met lots of our lovely staff and explored all of our outdoor areas too. Our new starters have particularly enjoyed visiting Hills and Hollows! Alongside singing many nursery rhymes and reading many stories, we began our focus exploring the book 'The Colour Monster'. Within this, we have discussed feelings and what they might look and feel like, whilst matching them to colours we have been learning about in math's too. We've also talked about times we might feel happy, sad or angry. We've looked at ourselves in the mirror– pulling faces and noticing the features on our faces. We then had a go at mark making for our self portraits. We have introduced our Core story 'The Everywhere Bear', which the children have loved to explore talking about their own adventures they would go on with their bears. We have enjoyed baking hedgehog bread, honing in our fine motor skills and we were very lucky to have Mrs Gowing lead Forest School for our nursery where the children were very curious about owls and their habitats. They even made conker soap! A wonderful first half term.





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#### Squirrel

The children in Squirrel Class have settled in well, enjoying getting to know each other and staff. Our focus during the early weeks in Reception is always on building relationships, sharing and showing kindness to others. It has been lovely to see new friendships developing and children really enjoying learning with their friends. Our core story this half term is 'The Everywhere Bear' by Rebecca Cobb about a bear who gets lost and has a very eventful journey back home. We have spent time talking about how it feels when you lose something as well as objects that are precious to each of us.

We also enjoyed a super Forest Schools day last week. The children used lots of natural resources to create wands and necklaces and learnt so much about British wildlife, using lots of amazing language. They learnt that squirrels live in a drey and that baby hedgehogs are called hoglets!



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## Around the School KS1

### KS1

It has been so lovely getting to know the children in our new classes this half term. They have settled in really well.

It has been a busy half term. Our Core story has been "Old Bear" by Jane Hissey. You can listen to the full story here: [1-1 | Old Bear Stories - Old Bear \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-1-Old-Bear-Stories-Old-Bear)

In the story, Old Bear needs to be rescued from the attic. The children have worked hard on their writing in response to this; they have retold the story and also written a letter pretending to be a lost toy.

We are really growing in confidence with our maths work. Y1 have been working on place value. If you'd like to find out more about how we do this in school, this website can help: [Numbers from 11 to 19 - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize](#)

Y2 have been working on place value too, and are now moving on to use this to help with addition and subtraction. You can find out more here: [Ordering numbers to 100 - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize](#)

Our science work has been really interesting this half term. We have been learning all about different types of animals, such as mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. There is more information and activities here: [Animals including humans - KS1 Science - BBC Bitesize](#)

We have had some other lovely experiences this half term too. First of all was the circus, where we were lucky enough to be invited to do some circus skills workshops with the performers. We used diablos, did juggling and lots of other exciting things.

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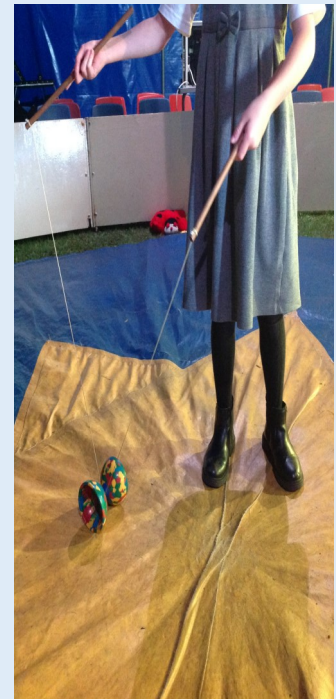
### Around the School

#### KS1

Next was a wonderful Forest Schools day with Mrs Gowing. We had an autumn theme and we collected autumn leaves and other natural objects and used them in our activities.

This week has been Stay Safe week. We have had some great visitors in to KS1; a police officer, a paramedic and a fire fighter all telling us what they do to help keep us safe. Y2 have also taken part in road safety lessons.

We hope you all have a happy and restful half term break.



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### **Around the School**

#### **Christmas at Manor Field**

Please see below for the all important dates and information.

#### **Tuesday 3rd December– Ladybird Nursery**

This year we will be holding a Christmas Craft session on Tuesday 3rd December in the hall from 9.30am to 10.15am for all Ladybird Nursery children and parents. Please join us for a morning of crafts and Christmas songs.

#### **Wednesday 4th December-Squirrel Class**

Reception singing in the hall from 9.30am to 10.00am, to parents of children with birthdays between September and February .

#### **Friday 6th December-Squirrel Class**

Reception singing in the hall from 9.30am to 10.00am, to parents of children with birthdays between March and August.

#### **Wednesday 11th December - KS1**

Dress rehearsal performance to invited members of the community/schools /former colleagues

#### **Thursday 12th December– KS1**

KS1 performance to Fox Class parents 9.15am in the hall

#### **Friday 13th December-KS1**

KS1 performance to Badger Class parents 9.15am in the hall

**Unfortunately we will are unable to offer a creche facility for any of the dates above this year and we ask that you do not bring younger siblings to any of the performances.**



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## **Around the School**

### **Site Reminders**

As we come to the end of the first half term, may we remind parents of the school site rules. The school car park is strictly for staff only. There is no parking for parents and we ask that you do not drive onto site to drop off or pick up at any time during the school day. This includes collecting or returning children to and from medical appointments. The gates are only open during the day for access for delivery vehicles and for pre-arranged taxi's. The safety of the children is our priority and we must keep our car park as safe as possible. We are also a dog free and no smoking/vaping site. As per our Safeguarding rules, we also politely ask that you refrain from using mobile phones whilst on site. We thank you for your co-operation with helping keep Manor Field a safe environment for the children.

### **Children in Need**

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. More details will follow. Our JustGiving page is open for donations, please click on the following link:

[Manor Field is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/manor-field/bbc-children-in-need)

### **Flu Vaccine**

On Thursday 14th November we have the vaccination team in school to administer the nasal flu vaccine to those who have responded to say they wish for their child to be vaccinated. Below is a link to a video from NHS Scotland that shows what will happen on the day. We would encourage you to share this video with your child this half term and talk to them about what is going to happen so that they are not anxious or frightened by the process. School staff will sit with your child if they want them to, but are always in the room and on hand to encourage and support them. If a child refuses to let the nurse administer the spray then you will be contacted to arrange an alternative appointment for them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuO1KW4PrEk>



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## Save the date!

November	
Monday 4th November	School reopens
Tuesday 5th November	Reception Height and Weight Checks
Friday 8th November	Badger Class Pop-Up Café 2.30pm in the hall
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening
Friday 15th November	Children In Need– More details to follow via Dojo
December	
Tuesday 3rd December	Ladybird Christmas Crafts in the hall 9.30am to 10.15am
Wednesday 4th December	Squirrel -Reception singing in hall to parents of children with birthdays Sept- end Feb 9.30am to 10.00am
Thursday 5th December	PTA Elfridges Day– More details to follow
Friday 6th December	Squirrel– Reception singing in the hall to parents of children with birthdays March to August 9.30am to 10.00am
Friday 6th December	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Performance for Fox Class Parents 9.15am
Friday 13th December	KS1 Performance for Badger Class Parents 9.15am
Wednesday 18th December	PTA Christmas Raffle Draw
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term

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### Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. **IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

#### Our attendance:

Attendance target: 97%

This half term's attendance: 96%

Class with the best attendance: Fox Class 99%

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: 215

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