



## Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

Tuesday 23rd July 2025

Core value: **Creative**

### Head Teacher's Message

What a year!

We welcomed new pupils and staff to Manor Field Infant and Nursery School at the beginning of the year and now those new Squirrel children will soon be transitioning to Year 1 – time flies when you are having fun.

The end of the year is always a mixture of emotion for pupils, staff and family. Our Year 2 children, some of which we have known since Nursery, will be transitioning to their next school. We are proud however to be sending, capable, respectful and happy learners to the next phase of their life.

For the children staying with us, we very much are looking forward to seeing them mature and grow over the year ahead.

It has been a very successful year for Long Stratton, with all three community schools and parent groups working together for the benefit of the community and children. We owe a huge thank you to all the PTA members across the schools for what they have helped us achieve this year. Watch this space for more exciting collaborations.

Ofsted visited the school in May and we are pleased to say that school has maintained our 'Good' standard. To view the full OFSTED report, please visit : [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)

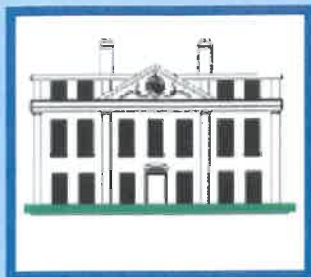
We are saying goodbye to some members of staff: Mrs Dade, Mrs Smith, Mrs Wigg and Miss Cox. All have worked with us for a considerable time and have been respected members of the Manor Field staff unit. Thank you all for your years of service, you will be missed, but we wish you very well for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Wheeler who is leaving to join another school.

I hope you all have a restful and restorative summer holidays break. I am looking forward to not having to get up so early and to relaxing while drinking my morning coffee. Whatever you are looking forward to, stay safe and take care of yourselves this summer.

Staff are back in school on the 1st September and children follow on the 3rd September 2025.

Mrs Haines





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### Ladybird Nursery

We have been immersed in our learning based around rainforests and African Savannahs. We explored our core story "One day on our Blue Planet: In The Savannah." The children were curious about the animals that lived here and what the weather was like compared to the rainforest.

We finished our rainforest learning with a short focus on the beautiful painting, "The Tiger in the Storm" by Henri Rousseau. The children had fantastic perspectives and ideas about what they thought was happening in the painting. We have also been using our senses, to taste and smell our wonderful produce in our small nursery garden, trying green beans and strawberries.



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This term we have been reading and enjoying our Core Story 'The Storm Whale'. We have explored creatures that live under the sea and read other books with similar themes, teaching us about the importance of keeping our oceans free from litter and pollution.

We have also been interested in our other shorter topics and learnt about how to keep safe in an emergency, the different layers of the Rainforest and all about Australia! We have been lucky enough to have seen some pictures of Australian animals and artefacts that the children have bought in.

We have turned very creative recently and the children have really immersed themselves in creating and performing puppet shows. We have seen some lovely role-play and pretend zoos taking place. The children are confident now with adding labels and captions to their work and their speaking and listening skills have developed well as they are all keen to come to the front to share their work and their accomplishments.

We have celebrated the end of this school year with a wonderful summer party full of dancing and ice lollies!



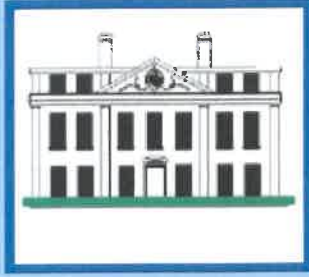
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The summer term is always a busy one, and this year has been no exception. Fox and Badger class went on a wonderful trip to Redgrave and Lopham Fen. Klaudia wrote:

*"On a sunny Wednesday morning, we went on a large cozy coach. When we arrived, our first activity was minibeast hunting. It was very exciting to catch some minibeasts! I found a tiny larva and two stilt bugs. They had very long legs! I loved seeing the interesting creatures. Finally, we climbed up on the coach. It was so much fun! Everybody loved the trip!"*

Our core story this half term has been "A River" by Marc Martin. It's a beautiful story of a child who takes a boat trip from his home in the city, through villages and farms, mangroves and the ocean and back to his home again. The children wrote their own wonderful versions of this in response.

Our focus in art has been sculpture and the children have explored techniques to make 3D art work from paper and cardboard producing some excellent results. This is something they could explore further at home over the summer. If you're feeling ambitious you could look at Darrel Wakelam's work for inspiration: [Gallery — Darrell Wakelam](#)

In science we have been looking at types of animals. Are you planning a zoo trip over the summer? If so, ask your child about whether the animals they see are mammals or amphibians, or if they are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores. You can find out more about it here: [Animals including humans - KS1 Science - BBC Bitesize](#)

We had a fabulous sports day this half term. The weather was kind and it was wonderful to see so many families supporting their children. We were so impressed at the resilience of our children; we had been practicing the races and the games skills in PE lessons and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have made over the term.

This term we say goodbye to a fantastic group of Y2s. We have loved watching them grow from their first days in Nursery to the fun, confident group they are today. We wish them every success in their new schools.

Have a fantastic summer break, and we look forward to welcoming Y1 back as our new Year Two in September.

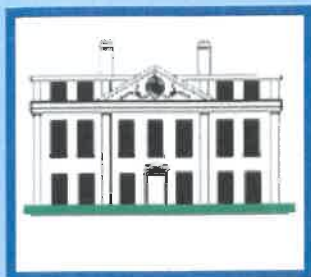
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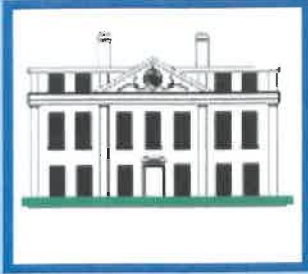
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# New Academic Year—Term Dates 2025-2026

## Autumn term

- Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October 2025
  - Half-term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025
  - Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December 2025
- Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December - Monday 5 January 2026

## Spring term

- Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026
  - Half-term holiday: Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026
  - Monday 23 February - Friday 27 March 2026
- Easter holiday: Monday 30 March - Monday 13 April 2026

## Summer term

- Tuesday 14 April - Friday 22 May 2026 (Monday 4 May is a bank holiday)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026
- Monday 1 June - Friday 17 July 2026

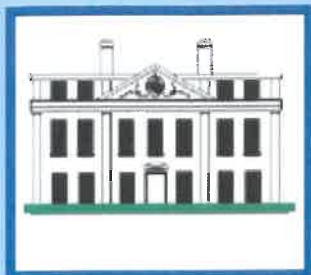
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### Save the date!

September 2025	
Monday 1st	School Closed - Inset day– Staff training
Tuesday 2nd	School Closed– Inset day - Staff training
Wednesday 3rd	School reopens for pupils
Monday 15th	Individual School Photographs
October 2025	
Thursday 23rd	Reception - Hearing and Vision Screening
Friday 24th	Last day of term
November 2025	
Monday 3rd	School Reopens
Thursday 13th	Flu Immunisations –Reception/Year 1 /Year 2

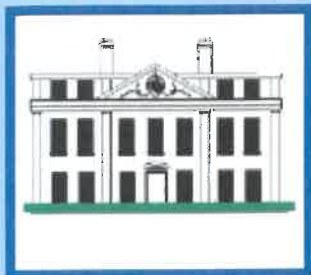
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### Attendance

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: 94%

Class with the best attendance: Fox Class

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: 448

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