

## Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

December 2025

### Head Teacher's Message

With the autumn term 2025 coming to a close it's nice to reflect and remember everything that's happened and how amazing the families and staff at Manor Field Infant and Nursery school are, for all the help and support our children receive.

Christmas always starts earlier in an Infant and Nursery school, often straight after the October half term, with the selection of a nativity show and the learning of songs and lines. This then moves to rehearsals, props and costumes, dress rehearsals and then the performances. All the performances have been amazing, and I hope you have enjoyed watching your child and their class deliver such great performances. Mrs Turk and I have enjoyed watching them all.

The Ladybird Nursery has put on another spectacular Christmas family event for our Nursery children, this time turning the school hall into 'The Polar Express'. I hope this was as magical for you all as it looked.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication making Christmas so special for our children and families.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I will see you back in the new year—2026 !

Mrs Haines



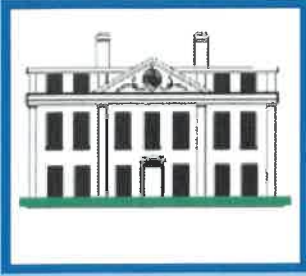
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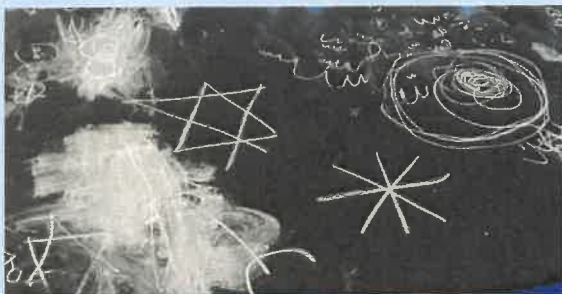
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### Ladybird Nursery

In Ladybirds Nursery I know we are in festive mode, with the amount of glitter filling up our classroom! We have been learning about the characters and the story of the Nativity. In maths we have continued to extend AB colour patterns, practising with cubes, counting bears and stickers. We have decorated our class Christmas tree, and the children have produced their own wonderful art!

We are also very proud of all the children at our Christmas Café this week, they were amazing and all sang beautifully! Well done Ladybirds class. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who attended, and enjoyed participating in our Polar Express adventure.

A focus in our class has been our class advent calendar, where we have continued to reflect on the importance of kindness and how the act of 'giving' can be shown in different ways.



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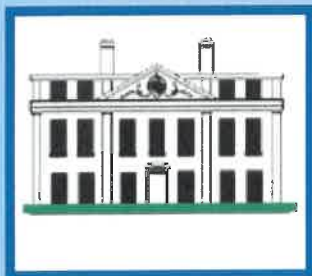
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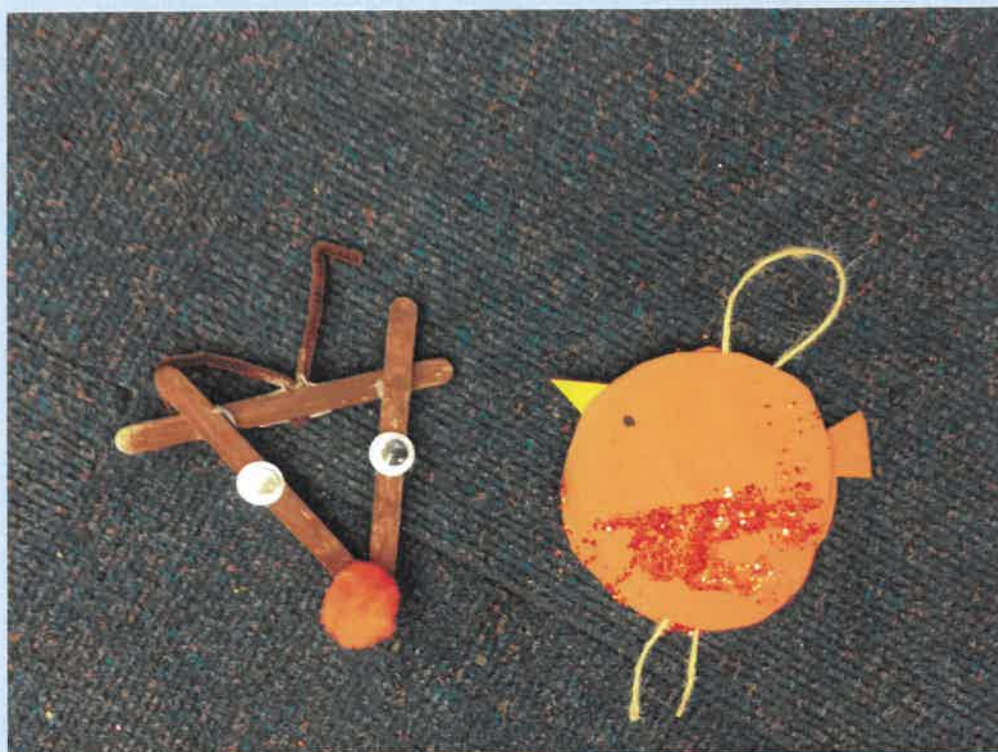
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### Squirrel Class

Squirrel Class started the half term learning about special events such as Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We talked about how these events are marked and how Diwali is celebrated across the world.

We then moved on to our Autumn term core story, 'A star in a jar'. This led us to do lots of exciting writing. We were so impressed with how enthusiastically the children wrote.

The last few weeks have been extra busy with our Christmas performance rehearsals and performances. We have been so pleased with the maturity that the class have shown when learning the songs and stage directions. Well done, everyone !



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### Fox and Badger Class

KS1

What a wonderful half term we have had in KS1! The children have worked so hard and made so much progress, we have been so proud of them and their work.

In Year One the core story has been Rapunzel, by Bethan Woollvin. You can listen to the story here: [Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin](#)

We have had such fun writing books about our own characters getting trapped in a tower and also writing instructions about how to trap a witch. Please do ask if you'd like to come in and read your child's work.

In Year Two we have been reading Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. You can hear the author read the story here: [Jeanne Willis reads The Bog Baby](#)

The children have written wonderful stories based on this and also written instructions on how to create a habitat for their own magical creature.

We have learnt all about our wonderful world in geography, including naming the seven continents and the five oceans. You can learn a song about the continents here: [Seven Continents Song](#)

And of course, this also meant that we got ourselves ready for Christmas. We have done some Christmas baking. We have made Christmas crafts and decorations. And last but not least we practised and performed our wonderful musical nativity play "Bundle of Joy." It was lovely to see the children shine in the performances. We have had so many nice comments about how well the children performed and how wonderful the singing was. Well done to all of KS1, and many thanks to you for providing the fabulous costumes for the children to wear. And of course, many thanks to Miss Howell and Miss Johnston for their hard work putting the performance together. You can listen to one of the songs here: [We Are Very Important Kings from A Bundle of Joy with Vocals](#)

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, and we will see you all in 2026.

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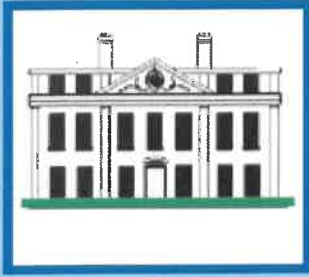
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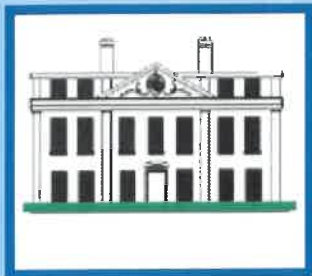
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### From the PTA chairperson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've really enjoyed being Chair of Manor Field Infant PTA for the past few years, and it's been a really rewarding experience. I've loved organising fun experiences for the children whilst raising funds that make a real difference. Thanks to your support, we've been able to fund extra treats and resources such as the coaches for school trips, the sheep and her lambs that visited last year. This term we also arranged for a theatre company to come into school to perform the pantomime of Cinderella.

My twins are in year two now and are the last of my children at Manor Field, so it is nearly time to hand over the reins of the PTA to someone new. As we move into 2026, we're looking for new members to take on the roles of Chair and Treasurer. These roles are not hugely time-intensive and can be managed around work and family life. A lot of the planning for the remainder of the school year has been done and anyone stepping into either role will have lots of support in doing so.

Without a chair there will not be a PTA which would be a real shame for the whole school community.

We have a lovely group of parents within the PTA and are always looking to welcome more. PTA members can be any caregivers (including grandparents), and we genuinely would love to hear from anyone who can help out.

There are all sorts of ways to help:

- Physical: supervising discos, helping at a pop-up café, setting up for events.
- Behind the scenes: collecting disco slips, helping with raffle tickets, or sharing ideas for new events.

You don't need lots of time or experience, just a little enthusiasm! Whether you can lend a hand at an event, or support from home, we'd love to have you involved.

If you're interested in taking on the Chair or Treasurer position or just curious about how you can help, please get in touch via [manorfieldinfantpta@outlook.com](mailto:manorfieldinfantpta@outlook.com) or come and find me on the year two playground.

Thank you for considering joining us and helping to keep the Manor Field PTA going for the benefit of all our children.

Warm regards and Happy Christmas

Verity PTA Chair

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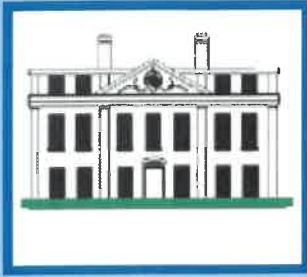
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### From the Kitchen



The hall has been decorated beautifully for the month of December.

Sue and Holly have provided the children with some amazing Christmas themed desserts and a wonderful Christmas lunch.

Thank you Sue and Holly !



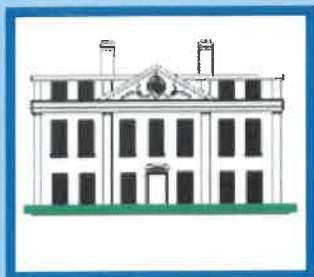
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### Save the date!

January 2026	
Tuesday 6th	School re-opens
February 2026	
Friday 13th	Last day of term
Monday 16th– Friday 20th	Half Term
Monday 23rd	School reopens
March 2026	
Thursday 5th	World Book Day - More details to follow
Tuesday 10th	Parents Evening
Thursday 12th	Parents Evening
Friday 27th	Last day of term

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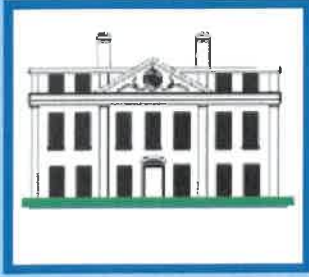
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### Attendance Information

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 95%

Minutes lost this half term due to lateness: 836

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