



Firstly, thank you to all those parents who have sent their best wishes for my speedy recovery - it has been greatly appreciated. It has been very strange to not be physically present for the start of term; however I have managed to stay in touch with school daily, so I have a good idea of what's going on! I'm really hoping to be back in some sort of part-time capacity before Half Term.

Ann Wheeler - Headteacher


Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the year group Curriculum Meetings over the last two weeks. The teaching team were able to share expectations for the academic year, along with talking through the curriculum overviews and objectives. If you were unable to attend, then copies of the presentations were sent home - please check that you received them. Copies are also available on the website.

School Website: [Learning / Home Learning](#)

Traders and Raiders

Anglo-Saxon invasions


During the Roman era in Britain, there had been Celtic invasions from the west. The Romans had been in Britain for nearly 400 years, but they were not able to control the whole of England. In the period between Roman invasions, after the Romans left in 410 AD, the invaders came in groups and they were known as the Anglo-Saxons.



Anglo-Saxon invasions of Britain

Anglo-Saxon way of life


After the Romans, people in the south-east of England lived in small villages and towns. They were farmers and they grew crops like wheat and barley. They also raised animals like cows and sheep. They used tools made of iron and wood. They lived in small houses made of wood and mud. They were not very rich, but they were not poor either. They were a simple people, but they were very hardworking. They were also very brave and they were not afraid of war. They were a people who were used to fighting and they were not afraid to die for their land.



A Saxon church or hall

Viking invasions

The Vikings came to Britain in the late 8th century. They were from Scandinavia and they were very different from the Anglo-Saxons. They were taller and stronger and they were very brave. They were also very skilled in sailing and they had long, narrow ships. They came to Britain in large numbers and they took over many of the Anglo-Saxon lands. They were very different from the Anglo-Saxons in many ways. They were not farmers and they did not grow crops. They were warriors and they were very good at fighting. They were also very different in their religion. The Anglo-Saxons were Christians, but the Vikings were pagans. They were a very different people and they were a very different way of life.



A Viking longship

Viking way of life

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Diary Dates:

The latest 'Diary Dates' are now available. All dates are also published on the website - please see the [Calendar](#) to stay up-to-date. Alternatively, please see the [Term Dates](#) section where you can find the dates for the year plus the latest detailed/printable overview.



Contacting the School:

General Enquiries:

All general school enquiries, including any changes to pick-up arrangements, medication, school meals and questions about Scopay payments, must be made to the Admin Team:

Tel: 01784 432155

Email: info@manorcroft.surrey.sch.uk

Absence:

All absence must be reported daily:

Tel: leave a message on the absence line by 9am (01784 432155)

Email: absence@manorcroft.surrey.sch.uk

Teachers:

Each year group has a shared email account for supporting with Home Learning. If you have any queries about the tasks that have been set, or general, non-urgent questions for the teaching team, then please email the account. Please note, the accounts will only be checked once a day, during working hours.

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Mrs Donnelly & Mrs Jordan

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Mrs Cronan, Mrs Mercer & Mrs Whittingham

Miss Govey, Mrs Mehmedaj, & Mrs Woodin

Mrs Alden & Mrs Streeter

Miss Prout & Miss Redman

Harvest:

We are once again supporting Runnymede Foodbank and collecting donations that can be used to provide essential short-term emergency food to an individual or family in crisis. All donations can be brought into school by the children and then passed to their class teachers - they will then be added to the main collection point in the Hall. Our annual Harvest celebration will once again be led by Y5 children this year (Tuesday 17th October - 9am) and their parents/carers are very welcome to join us for the assembly.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables
Tinned soup
Tinned tuna
Pasta sauce
Sponge pudding
Tinned custard
Biscuits
Long life milk
Squash

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives
with a financial donation too.*

Open Mornings for September 2024:

We have 4 planned 'Open Mornings' for those families with children who will be starting school in September 2024. Please help spread the word! All spaces need to be [booked in advance](#) via the forms on the school website:

Tuesday 10th October - 9.30am

Wednesday 18th October - 9.30am

Wednesday 1st November - 9.30am

Tuesday 7th November - 9.30am

Cycle Training Team:

The cycle training team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for new Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If this is something that you may be interested in, then please follow the [link](#).

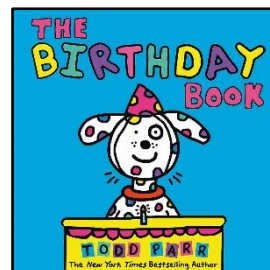
Y4 Hooke Court Residential:

The Y4 Hooke Court residential has been booked for May 2024. If you would like your child to be included in the visit then all deposit payments need to be paid by October Half Term (Thursday 19th October).

Birthday Books:

A great way of supporting the school's reading resources is buying a 'Birthday Book' when it's your child's birthday. This is a completely optional idea for parents, but is something we hope families may wish to consider supporting instead of sending sweets into school. However, please understand that there is no requirement to send anything into school when it's your child's birthday!

As a 'Birthday Book' arrives in school, it is labelled up with a special bookplate and presented back to your child in assembly. They are then able to take it back to their classroom book corner to share with their friends.



Please see [Latest News](#) on the website for full details.

Twelve15:

[Twelve15](#) are the school catering company and have been operating for over 70 years! There's lots of really useful information available on their website, such as the introduction of new staff to the team, menu and allergy information, dates for specific themed lunches, as well as a clear explanation of the universal free school meal option for all YR, Y1 and Y2 children. This is something that we strongly encourage all parents of our youngest children to take up.



Online Subscriptions:

Has your child logged onto My Maths at home yet or used Purple Mash to support their home learning? All children in Y1-Y6 have their login details to the websites that the school has licensed for this year. A parent letter was emailed out recently with details about how each site could be used to support additional learning. If you have any queries or problems accessing the sites, then please contact class teachers in the first instance. We hope that the children enjoy using the resources.

PE Kits:

By now, all PE Kits should be in school. Please see the school uniform overview for what the children need, noting that, as the weather gets colder, the children will need a tracksuit. There are two timetabled PE lessons each week plus additional outdoor activities. If children are missing part of their PE Kit then they will be unable to take part, and will therefore miss key aspects of learning. This is obviously something we absolutely wish to avoid, as PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. Daily exercise is vital for all children's wellbeing.

Attendance:

As every parent is aware, children's attendance at school is statutory and is closely tracked. The Admin and Leadership Teams monitor any patterns in absence/lateness and we will contact parents directly if we are at all concerned. Sometimes, it's necessary to send home letters, invite families in for meetings or contact the Inclusion Officer at Surrey to escalate cases further.

If you need any support with attendance, however big or small, then please let us know. Our HSLW is available two days a week and has lots of advice and strategies.

Reporting Absence:

All absence must be reported daily. If your child is unwell, then we understand that this cannot be helped; however, you must contact the Admin Team with the full details so that this can be logged and monitored:

Tel: leave a message on the absence line by 9am (01784 432155)

Email: absence@manorcroft.surrey.sch.uk

Leave of Absence:

Permission for absence during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and authorisation cannot be given retrospectively. All requests need to be submitted using the form available on the school website. Please note, family holidays are not deemed exceptional circumstances and therefore will not be authorised.

Persistent Absence:

If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, then this is considered 'persistent absenteeism'. This level of absence is incredibly serious and is the equivalent of missing half a day of school a week. You will be contacted directly and required to attend an attendance meeting in school, where an action plan for improvement will be put in place. We have a duty of care to safeguard all children and all persistent absenteeism is reported to the Inclusion Officer at Surrey.

Further Information:

For full details about attendance, exceptional leave of absence, being fined by the local authority, etc. then please see our school [Attendance Policy](#) on the website.

Please note the following from the Education Welfare Service (EWS) Enforcement Team at Surrey:

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not need to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60 per parent/carer, per child, if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer, per child, so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Lateness:

Being late to school can also have an adverse effect on children. Not only is key learning missed, but arriving after the start of the day is unsettling and can lead to anxiety.

Did you know:

Being **5 mins late** everyday = **3 school days lost**
Being **10 mins late** everyday = **6.5 school days lost**
Being **15 mins late** everyday = **10 school days lost**
Being **20 mins late** everyday = **13 school days lost**
Being **30 mins late** everyday = **19 school days lost**



Parking:

Parking around the school site is incredibly tricky. In order to help with the situation, we need all parents and carers who drive at drop-off and pick-up to support us.

Please do not:

- Drive recklessly
- Speed
- Block the roundabout near the Nursery pedestrian gate
- Park illegally, including blocking the driveways of local residents
- Park in Egham Bowls Club - this is private property and has an ANPR system in operation

Please do:

- Keep the slip road up to the main school gates completely clear at all times - it is narrow and is used as a pedestrian walkway

We have an agreement in place with Egham Orbit Sports Centre, who will allow parents to park in their car park at school drop-off and pick-up times, meaning that you can walk very quickly through to the school gates. Please can we ask that parents use this facility.

The local police and Runnymede Borough Council are aware of the parking situation and are supporting as necessary.

PTA Update:

Don't forget to buy your discounted tickets to Legoland for Friday 20th October 2023 - INSET day at school. All details and tickets are available on the PTA events website.



Coming up:

- Fireworks Night Thursday 2nd November 2023

If you're interested, there are also several ongoing ways to support the school online:

- **PTA Lottery** - weekly tickets cost £1 and one lucky person wins a cash prize each week - [Your School Lottery](#)
- **The Giving Machine** - when shopping online, if you go through the [Giving Machine](#) website first, the PTA will receive on average 3% of your total spend.
- **Easy2Name** - everything in school needs naming, and if you use this company, the PTA receive 20% from each order.

Further information can be found on the school [website](#).

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