



Manorcroft Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

Spring Term 2026, Week 7

Community Grants - Heads up! The school is currently in both the Tesco and Waitrose community grant schemes! If you're shopping in either of the stores locally in Egham, please vote for us! We're hoping to be awarded grants to support with the ongoing development of the outside spaces.



Y4 Refurbishment - Over February Half Term we had both our Y4 classrooms completely refurbished. We now have a bright, welcoming learning environment for the children. We will continue with the repainting of our other classrooms across the school each holiday.

Cricket Coaching - Once again we have been fortunate enough to secure 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching from Surrey CC for our Y4, Y5 & Y6 children. This is a great opportunity for the children to be able to receive sports coaching at the highest level. We really hope the children enjoy the sessions.

World Book Day - Next Thursday (5th March) is World Book Day. We have lots of different activities planned, including two author visit across the week. A reminder that children are welcome to come to school on the Thursday dressed as their favourite book character.

Parents Evening - A reminder that Parents Evening is Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 11th March, 3.30-6.30pm. Please make sure that you have signed up for an appointment.



Golden Wellies Award - Well done to Mia in Y6 for a great week outside at lunchtime. Joining in with all the activities and being really helpful every day.

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Celebrating Wonderful Women
with Manorcroft PTA's Mother's Day Shopping Room
Friday 6th March

SHOPPING VOUCHERS £3 EACH*

PRE-PAID VOUCHERS ONLY CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

*LIMITED TO 4 PER CHILD

NEVIN WELLS

Coming Up Next Week

- Monday: Cricket Coaching - Y4, Y5 & Y6
KS2 Author Visit
Y4 Bikeability Group 1
- Tuesday: Y4 Bikeability Group 2
PTA Meeting, 6.30pm
- Weds: Y4 Bikeability Group 3
Y4 Swimming
Parents Evening, 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Thursday: World Book Day - Costumes
YR/KS1 Author Visit
Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics
- Friday: PTA Mother's Day Shopping Room
Y5/Y6 Netball Festival
Y2 Exeter Class Assembly, 2.45pm

Instagram - Follow the school on Instagram - @manorcroftprimary

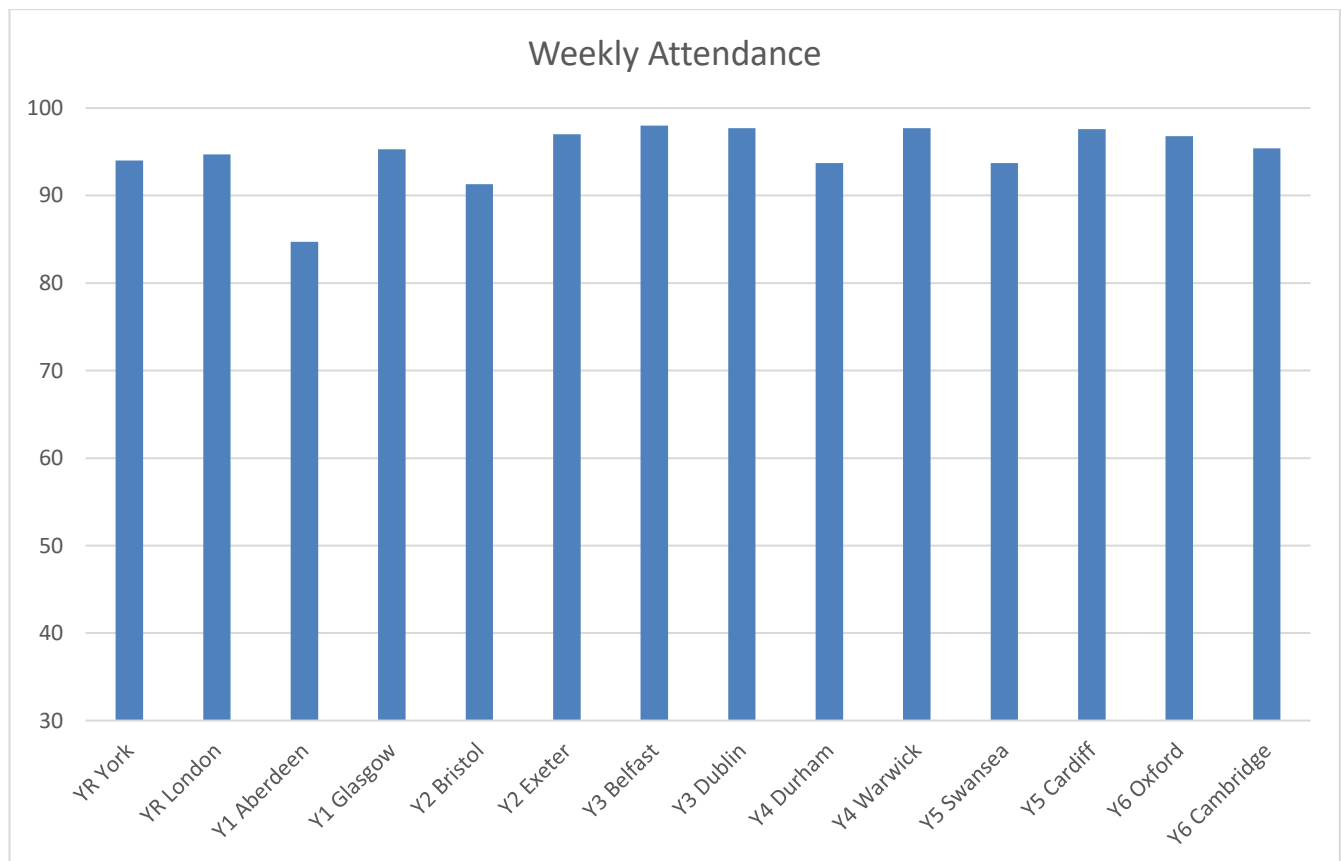


Celebration Assembly

YR London	Oscar	YR York	Liam
	Bonnie-May		Akil
Y1 Aberdeen	Nithil	Y1 Glasgow	Jolene
	Elsie		Alexander
Y2 Bristol	Noah	Y2 Exeter	Reggie
	Dima		Amelia
Y3 Belfast	Grace	Y3 Dublin	Eduardo
	Avraj		Sophie
Y4 Durham	Filip	Y4 Warwick	Maha
	Rosie		Jesse
Y5 Cardiff	Kiah	Y5 Swansea	Owen
	Astrid		Isabelle
Y6 Oxford	Sofia	Y6 Cambridge	Eleen
	Freddie		Brooke

Attendance Award

The Attendance Cup this week goes to: **Y3 Belfast** with **98%**



February Mathemagicians

Across the school we have looking out for our 'Mathemagicians' - these are the children who have been our Maths superstars this month! Their work is currently on display in the main corridor.

Congratulations to the following children:

YR London	Yuvansh	YR York	Harmony-Violet
Y1 Aberdeen	Oliver	Y1 Glasgow	Insiyah
Y2 Bristol	Auraleya	Y2 Exeter	Samuel
Y3 Belfast	Taim	Y3 Dublin	Ava
Y4 Durham	Ava	Y4 Warwick	Hesta
Y5 Cardiff	Adda	Y5 Swansea	Amrit
Y6 Oxford	Seren	Y6 Cambridge	Mason



OPAL Update

We started our OPAL journey last February and what a difference a year makes! Thanks to generous donations from parents, teachers and the wider community, as well as financial support from the PTA and the school budget, we have managed to make some significant changes.

At the end of last academic year, we shared some of the things that children now have access to at lunchtime play. We introduced drawing and colouring, small construction such as Lego and sticklebricks, dressing up, dinosaurs, dolls, action figures and cars. Children now receive the weekly 'Golden Wellies' award for various things linked with the OPAL values such as creativity, resilience, team work, tidying up, etc. We have continued to update and add to the play offer our children receive. Here are some of the latest improvements.

The school grounds are slowly being transformed. The PTA supported us financially to create a gravel area which is used for many things - acting, dancing, dressing up, dinosaurs, cars, etc.



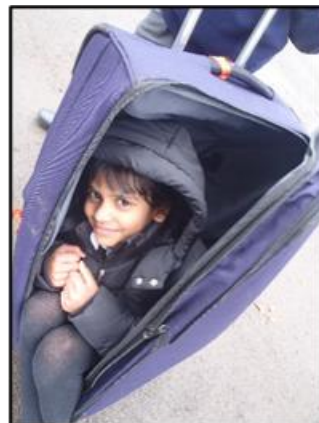
Mr Mitchell created an amazing mud kitchen for us. We are now trialling a new location on the field. We held a competition called 'The Great Mud Kitchen bake off' and had many amazing entries!



We have expanded our selection of large loose parts. The children have access to wooden planks, bale arm crates, road barriers, blue barrels, tarps, etc. They really enjoy creating den and obstacle courses.




Each day, there are a number of Play Rangers who help with setting up, tidying up, taking photographs of play, organising activities, etc. They wear a yellow tabard at lunchtime and have been extremely helpful. They particularly love taking photographs of play in action. Here are a few:



In order to make changes and communicate effectively with all pupils, we hold OPAL assemblies every fortnight. These follow the CINI format:

- **Celebrate:** celebrating the children, their play and the play team through photographs and videos
- **Inform:** highlighting new play opportunities eg. a new area being open
- **Negotiate:** how to manage play eg. risky play or managing situations
- **Innovate:** thinking about what we could do next

It is very important for us to teach the children how to manage risk effectively. Here is an example of a risk-benefit assessment created with the children for using road barriers:

Benefits:	Risks:	Keeping Myself Safe:
<p>Creativity Larger dens Co-operation Negotiation Communication</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road barriers are heavy - you may hurt yourself when carrying them. • The bottom parts of the road barrier can come off - this may land on feet or hands. • They may fall over onto people. • You may get your hand or leg stuck in the gaps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry a barrier with 2 or more people. • Hold on to the ends and look where you are going when carrying the road barriers. • Look out for the bottom parts when carrying. • Do not build above head height. • Don't poke your arms or legs through the gaps.

The weather in the UK has been exceptionally wet this winter. Prior to OPAL, the field would have been closed and the children would have had lots of wet play days. We now go outside in most weathers and children are able to play in puddles and on the field, as long as they put on a pair of wellingtons. Thank you for sending your child in with a coat each and every day, and ensuring that they have wellies in school.

