

Manor Green School Newsletter

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe how fast this first term is flying by. We have been busy at school this week, our new students that joined First School in September were model students whilst they had their photographs taken for the Maidenhead Gazette. They will be published in the coming week's, so keep an eye out for them.

Our students and staff have started preparing for Christmas this week by showing their artistic talents and creating a wonderful selection of designs for their Christmas cards. It is great to see how many students took part and enjoyed this activity.



Hurley Regatta—A huge thank you! We were fortunate enough to receive a donation of £500 from Hurley Regatta, monies were raised through the regatta by hosting a fun day in back in August, from thrilling races on the river to family fun on land. We are glad the weather was kind to you on the day!

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards

Helen Hannam

Headteacher

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Exciting New Barista Training Kicks Off!



Our students are diving into the World of coffee with our new hands-on barista training done in house by myself, a fully trained barista. They have been learning to brew the perfect shot and steam the perfect milk. They have been practicing lattes, cappuccinos, hot chocolates and even pumpkin spice iced lattes!

The program is designed to give students hands-on practical experience they need to thrive in any café setting. Students are also gaining real world skills that go beyond coffee. They are able to develop their problem-solving skills, communication, and teamwork skills too.

The students have been thriving and are on their way to becoming amazing baristas! I am excited to see them grow as skilled baristas and coffee enthusiasts!

Amrita, SSA Job Coach



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

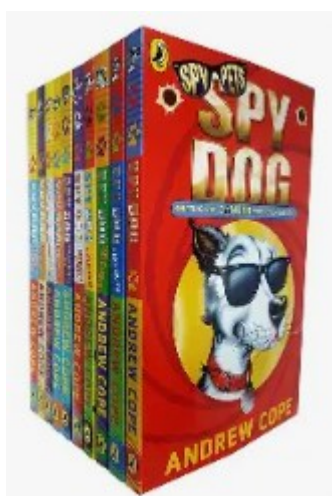
Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available




BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST
Making music for everyone

Windsor Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

WINDSOR MUSIC CENTRE
Dedworth Middle School, Smith's Lane, Windsor SL4 5PE

Tuesday 21 October
Guitar 5.30-6.00pm | 6.00-6.30pm
Thursday 13 November
Woodwind/Oboe 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm
Saturday 15 November
Drum Kit 11.00-11.30am | 11.30am-12.00pm
Brass 12.00-12.30pm | 12.30-1.00pm



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Reading Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

READING MUSIC CENTRE
100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading RG30 4EZ

Friday 17 October
Clarinet (Adults) 2.30-3.00pm | 3.00-3.30pm
Saturday 18 October
Violin 10.00-10.45am | 10.45-11.30am
Wednesday 22 October
Flute/Clarinet/Sax/Bassoon 4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm



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Reading Music Centre at River Academy HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

READING MUSIC CENTRE @ RIVER ACADEMY
7 Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ

Tuesday 4 November
Voice & Choir 4.30-5.15pm | 5.15-6.00pm
Choir Taster 6.15pm
Wednesday 12 November
Clarinet/Recorder/Guitar 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm



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COLLEGE-LINK
Excellence for All

Supporting young people with learning disabilities, through their Post-16 stage of education to achieve their full potential and prepare for work

Open Evening
Wednesday 22nd October
5.30-7pm

*Chiltern Road,
Maidenhead
SL6 1XA*

- An opportunity to find out more about the College-Link offer and support for students in Years 12+
- Presentation by staff with Q&A session
- Tour of provision

Please confirm your attendance by using this QR code:

You may also contact us at:
✉ mgslink@manorgreenschool.co.uk
☎ 07852 168072

College-Link Open Evening -
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Polite Reminders

Change in Financial Circumstances

If your financial circumstances have changed and you need support or advice, Nagina Pazir may be able to help you at nagina.pazir@manorgreenschool.co.uk or on 01628 513800 extension 2008

Contact Details

Please remember to advise the school if your contact details have changed:
office@manorgreenschool.co.uk

Parent Support Team

If you need help with Microsoft Teams or password resets, etc. please contact our ICT team on: offsite.tech@manorgreenschool.co.uk

Reporting Student Absence

In order to improve our monitoring of student absence we ask that when you are reporting your child as absent, you do so in one of the two following ways:

Email absence@manorgreenschool.co.uk

Ring the absence phone line which is 01628 513800 - Option 1.

Please ensure to report any absences before 08-30am.

Key Diary Dates

The Key Diary Dates for 2025-26 are available [Key Diary Dates 2025-26 v3.doc](#) Please note that items in red are yet to be agreed.

Term Dates

School Term dates for the next academic year can be found here. [THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD](#)

Website

Our website is updated with some changes happening in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding while it is under construction.

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Privacy Notice

The school's privacy notice is available from the [website](#)

Weekly emails

If you do not receive our weekly emails please me know:

Charlotte.deer@manorgreenschool.co.uk They are always available from the [website](#).

Parent/Carer Social Events

Autumn Celebration Stay and Play - First School Only

09.30 to 11.30. Thursday 16 October

Please notify reception upon arrival. We look forward to seeing you there.

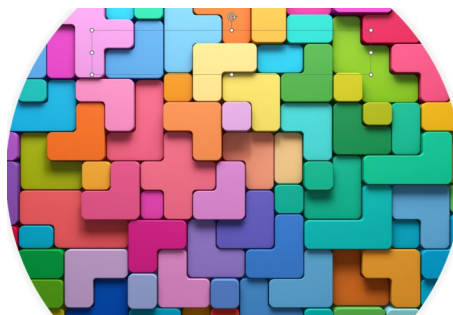
Hosted by Parenting Special Children

This neuro-affirming, strengths based, interactive workshop is designed to help parents/carers better understand the unique experiences of AuDHD (Autistic and ADHD) children and young people.

Exploring AuDHD strengths and challenges,
Practical strategies for home and school,
Reframing so called 'difficult' behaviours,
Supporting child's self-esteem and self-advocacy.

Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/audhd-workshop-berkshire-east-dec-2025/>

Our workshops and courses are available to families who reside or is registered at a GP practice in East Berkshire , Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead and Bracknell.



Hum Jolly - School Café 09.30 –11.00

Tuesday 4 November 2025
Tuesday 18 November 2025
Tuesday 2 December 2025



Coffee & Chat—School Café 09.30—11.00

Friday 14 November 2025
Friday 28 November 2025
Friday 23 January 2026

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Manor Green School Housekeeping

Morning Drop Off

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY VEHICLES BRINGING STUDENTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE BEFORE 08:50. ANY VEHICLES ARRIVING EARLY WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

08:50 to 09:00: School transport vehicles arrive on site.

09:00: Staff collect students from school transport.

09:00 to 09:10: Parents arrive on site.

09:10: Staff collect students from parents.

09:20 to 09:30: Link parents and Link school transport arrive on site

09:30: Staff collect all Link students

School staff **must** be at the front of the school at **09:00** ready to collect the students from the vehicles.

Staff will only wait at the front of the school for the delayed students until 09:20. Staff should wait in the reception area to help communication with the receptionist.

Afternoon Pick Up

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY VEHICLES COLLECTING MANOR GREEN STUDENTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE BEFORE 14:40. ANY VEHICLES ARRIVING EARLY WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

14:20 to 14:30: Link parents and Link school transport arrive on site

14:30: Link students taken to parents and transport

14:40 to 14:50: School transport vehicles arrive on site

14:50: Students on school transport taken to vehicles

14:50 to 15:00: Parents arrive on site

15:00: Students taken to parents

Staff **must** bring all students to the front of school at **14:50** for collection.

Students will be brought out to vehicles by school staff in the normal way.

Afternoon pick up: escorts should collect the students from the school staff.

First School Playground Drop Off

Parents/carers who drop off in the first school playground area, please ensure that they wait inside the vehicle for their child to be collected and to not use the playground equipment or stand outside the fire exit doors. This will ensure a safer drop off point'

Foundation Park

A polite reminder that parents should not be parking at the entrance to Foundation Park when dropping off or picking up children. This is not a drop-off pickup point for the school and we need to respect our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

Nut Aware School

Please remember that we are a nut-aware school due to the medical needs of some of our students, so please do not send your child into school with food products that contain nuts. Thank you.

Contacting Staff at Manor Green School

If you need to contact staff at school please follow school procedure by contacting the class teacher in the first instance with any concerns. This will then be passed to the relevant assistant headteacher if it cannot be resolved with the teacher.

Arbor Management Information System App

We use Arbor to communicate with parents.

Please contact Nicola Camano at data@manorgreenschool.co.uk If you are experiencing problems with logging in.

Arbor We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
2. Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are Primary Guardians of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

Statistics

Attendance (2020/2021)

80.1%	71.4%
Year	Last 6 weeks

Activities

Holly Cook, Class

WINDSOR GREAT PARK ILLUMINATED

14 November – 3 January '26

New for 2025

Low Sensory Sessions

On Tuesday 25 November enjoy Windsor Great Park Illuminated with reduced sound and lighting for a gentler experience

Follow the Light, Discover the Magic

BOOK TICKETS

[WindsorIlluminated.com](https://www.windsorilluminated.com)

Carers go free – T&Cs apply. Visit our website for full accessibility details.



[Windsor Great Park Illuminated: A Magical, Inclusive Experience](#)

This winter, Windsor Great Park Illuminated returns to light up the woodland with a brand-new trail of colour, sound and festive wonder. From **14 November 2025 to 3 January 2026**, visitors can explore a completely reimagined route featuring new installations alongside much-loved favourites like the Field of Light and the dazzling laser show.

Set within the Great Park's natural beauty, the trail invites families, friends and groups to wander through glowing canopies, twinkling reflections and enchanting woodland scenes. The event is dog-friendly too, so every member of the family can share in the fun.

New for 2025, **Low Sensory Sessions** will take place on **Tuesday 25 November**. These dedicated sessions are designed for visitors who may find the full trail overwhelming. Lighting will be softened, music reduced, and capacity limited to create more space, calm and comfort. With clear pathways and gentler visuals, it's a relaxed, accessible way for everyone to enjoy the magic.

Guests can stop to toast marshmallows, savour seasonal food, or enjoy a warm drink under the stars. Thoughtfully designed and welcoming to all, Windsor Great Park Illuminated continues to be a festive favourite where unforgettable memories are made.

Tickets are popular, so early booking is recommended at [windsorilluminated.com](https://www.windsorilluminated.com).

[NEW—PDA Demand Avoidance— one off workshop hosted bt The Autism Group](#)

[Tuesday 11 November 2025 10.00 to 12noon](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pda-demand-avoidance-tickets-1794621564409?aff=oddtcreator>

READING COLLEGE LLDD OPEN DAY

WHEN
16 OCT 2025
9:30am - 11:30am
1:30pm - 3:30pm

WHERE
Main Campus, Kings Road
Reading, RG1 4NJ

WHAT
A showcase of our SEND provision and our lifeskills and employability courses

**SCHOOLS, PARENTS,
CARERS AND
FUTURE STUDENTS
WELCOME!**

**PLEASE ASK YOUR
SCHOOL TO BOOK
YOU A PLACE**

Or email: Lauren.Davis
@activatelearning.ac.uk

SCHEDULE
Welcome to LLDD
Skills for Living (T2)
Work Preparation (T3)
Tour of the department

WHO IS THIS FOR?
Young people with
an EHCP who are
looking for a SEND
course in September 2025

Community Notices

Chobham Adventure Farm

We are overjoyed to invite your adventurous group to embark on a magical Christmas journey this festive season at Chobham Adventure Farm!

We're thrilled to invite your pupils on a truly magical Christmas adventure this festive season.

You will have the chance to say hello to REAL reindeer in the Reindeer Lodge and join in musical parodies with our joyful Jingle Jesters, Father Christmas's head warblers, who will have you singing your socks off! You will be met by Caraticus Searchwell, where he will need all the children to help get his Sorting Machine Invention working! They will then head into world of glittery snow where The Wish Wardens will need every single helper to collect all the wishes for Father Christmas, but make sure you dodge those lying snowballs, those elves can be very cheeky!

If you choose to see Father Christmas, we have a special larger room where you can visit him in groups, or if you decide not too you had better tip toe carefully past his door

All this, plus a chance to visit all the animals and let off steam in the play barn!

-  Visit the real reindeer
-  Sing along with The Jingle Jesters
-  Help Caraticus in his Sorting Office
-  Catch Wishes with the Wish Wardens
-  Meet Father Christmas if you choose to
-  Let off steam in our festive-themed soft play area
-  And enjoy a sprinkle of Christmas magic that your class will never forget!

Dates available:

- Thursday 11th December
- Friday 12th December

Prices start from £19.95 per student

Dates are filling up fast, so don't miss out on the chance to bring a little extra sparkle to this year's celebrations.

If you'd like more information or to book a visit, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Amy on 01276 919212 (or email Amy and Father

Local Offer Newsletter and roundup of October half term events

Please click on the links below for the most up to date Local Offer newsletter which includes this month information on digital apps and devices that may help those with SEND.

[Local Offer Newsletter](#)





School Term Dates—Academic Year 2025-2026—School Year 195 days

AUTUMN 2025 Term 1 (38 days)

Staff Training: Wednesday 3 September 2025

Term starts on: Thursday 4 September 2025

Term ends on: Thursday 23 October 2025

Staff Training: Friday, 24 October 2025

October Holiday: Monday 27 October to Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 (35 days)

Term starts on: Monday 3 November 2025

Term ends on: Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

SPRING 2026 Term 3 (30 days)

Staff Training: Monday 5 January 2026

Term starts on: Tuesday 6 January 2026 Term ends on: Friday 13 February 2026

February Holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term 4 (25 days) Term starts on: Monday 23 February 2026

Term ends on: Friday 27 March 2026 Spring Holiday:

Monday 30 March to Friday, 10 April 2026 (Good Friday – 3 April; Easter Monday – 6 April)

SUMMER 2026 Term 5 (29 days)

Term starts on: Monday 13 April 2026 Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026

Term ends on: Friday 22 May 2026

May Holiday: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026

Term 6 (38 days)

Staff Training : Monday 1 June 2026

Term starts on: Tuesday 2 June 2026

Staff Training: Friday 17 July 2026

Staff Training: Monday 20 July 2026

Transition period for students: Tuesday 21 July to Wednesday 22 July 2026

Term ends on: Wednesday, 22 July 2026