



January/February 2025

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term and the New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful and healthy year for 2025. As we enter the new year, we look forward to the many challenges and learning opportunities this year has in store for your child. We look forward to watching them as they further develop.

STAFFING

We are delighted to officially welcome Ms Kearl who will be the Year 2 teacher this year. Later in the term, we will be welcoming Mrs Stewart-Turner to the midday team and Mrs Ward to our Teaching Assistant team.

Mrs Boast will also be starting her maternity leave on Monday 20th January and Miss Camp will be covering in Reception Monday-Wednesday in her absence.

END OF LAST TERM

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas productions that took place at the end of last term. We were incredibly proud of how well the children did and the fantastic performances that they produced. We would also like to thank you for your generosity in raising money for “Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance ” at the end of the performances.

Altogether, we raised an incredible **£276.65!** We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of the pupils and staff. We would also like to thank you for supporting the ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ and your donations made to Save the Children.

RECEPTION 2025 INTAKE

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025 for entry to Reception in September 2025. Please make sure all applications are in by this date. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- 6th Start of Term 3
- 8th Year 5 WW2 Experience Day

FEBRUARY

- WB 3rd Children’s Mental Health Week
- 3rd Y5/6 theatre visit to RP
- 5th Year 5 visit to Pizza Express
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 13th Year 6 Hinduism Experience Day
- 14th End of Term 3 (3.30pm finish)
- 24th Start of Term 4

MARCH

- 3rd Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (3.40pm)
- 6th World Book Day
- 24th Year 1 Trip to Church
- 25th Parents Evening
- 27th Parents Evening

APRIL

- 2nd-3rd Year 2 Residential to Rand Farm
- 4th End of Term 4 (2pm finish)
- 22nd Start of Term 5
- 23rd Year 5 Swimming begins

SPARE SOCKS AND TIGHTS

We currently have no spare socks and tights in school. Should anyone have any of these at home that have now been outgrown, we would gratefully receive any donations.

Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Please could we ask that the parents of children who attend The Village Kids Club after school make Kids Club aware should their child be booked on to an after school club.

Thank you.



COMMUNICATION

Please can we remind all parents to use our office email in order to contact anyone in the academy. This is support the needs of all of our staff but also to ensure that your email is acted on as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank you to all of our parents who consistently already do this– it is very much appreciated.

As a reminder, this is admin@manor-farm-academy.co.uk

ASSESSMENTS

Please find the dates for Year 1, 4 and 6 national assessments below.

It is vital with regards to school data and your child's own personal records that your child is present within these weeks. We very much welcome your support with this.

Y1: Phonics Screen Test: **WB 9th June 2025**

Y2 SATs: (These are optional for schools, but as an academy we will be carrying these out) **WB 19th May 2025**

Y4 Times Table Check: **WB 9th June 2025**

Y6 SATs: **WB 12th May**

WORLD BOOK DAY

We would like to inform you of the forthcoming World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We would love it if all of the children and staff could come to school on this day, dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. The children will all be involved in a range of activities inspired by children's books. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful outfits relating to the books which our pupils have read. Please **do not feel that outfits have to be purchased**– it is always wonderful to see the range of creative homemade costumes too!

PE

Please can we remind you that we ask that PE kits come in to school every Monday and remain in school for the week. The children will then bring these home each Friday.