Manor Farm Academy Newsletter

November - December 2026

Welcome Back after the half term break!

We are delighted to have had such a successful first half term and we have welcomed the pupils back to enjoy the learning and experiences which are ahead of them.

The children and staff have come back from the October break refreshed, and the new term has started in a very positive and focused way.

We look forward to the learning which will be taking place in the term ahead.

Keeping Details up to date

We kindly ask all parents and carers to help us keep our school records accurate and up to date by informing the academy promptly of any changes to your address, telephone number, email address, or emergency contact details.

Having current information is extremely important so that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency, share important school updates, and ensure that all communication reaches you without delay. Thank you for your continued support.

Important Assessment Dates

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

Y1: Phonics Screen Test: Week Beginning 4th June 2027

Y4 Times Table Check: Week Beginning 7th June 2027

Y6 SATs: Week Beginning 10th May 2027

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.

Forces Families

IBCC Family Events

Discover The Exciting Events Here At IBCC

Poppy Appeal

Items will be available to purchase in the week beginning 2nd November 2026 from outside the Year 1 / 2 classrooms daily between 8.40 - 8.50am.

Cash donations only please

MHST drop in coffee morning

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our MHST (Mental Health Support Team) Drop-In Coffee Morning on Tuesday 8th December at 9:00am.

This informal session will provide an opportunity to meet members of the MHST, find out about the support available for children and families, and ask any questions you may have in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Further information will follow closer to the event.

Donations for Wet Playtime Boxes

As we move into the wetter months, there will occasionally be times when children are unable to go outside at playtime. To help make these indoor playtimes enjoyable, we are looking for donations for our wet playtime boxes.

If you have any unwanted board games, card games, jigsaws, colouring books or other suitable activities in good condition, we would be very grateful to receive them. Please could any donations be brought to the office.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

We Are Bridge Christmas Sack Project

We are delighted to be supporting the We Are Bridge Christmas Sack Project this year, helping to bring some festive joy to children and families in our local community.

If you would like to take part, please choose a tag from the Giving Tree located in the school's main reception area and purchase the gift requested on the tag.

To ensure gifts can be distributed in time for Christmas, please return them unwrapped, with the tag securely attached, by Tuesday 1st December.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your support will help make Christmas a little more special for those who need it most and truly reflects the caring spirit of our school community.

Reading Together: What's On

Show time!

Join us at The Engine Shed to join Diary of a Wimpy Kid author (and host), Jeff Kinney, as he celebrates the release of his latest book with a knock-out, interactive stage show, set to EGGSPLODE with fun for the whole family! Find out more

https://www.waterstones.com/events/wimpy-kid-the-fight-or-flight-show-at-the-engine-shed/lincoln-high-st

This December you're invited to the very grandest of places for your Christmas celebrations — the one and only Toad Hall! The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame is brimming with laughter and excitement, live music, vibrant imagery and playful imagination, as Ratty, Mole and Badger try their very best to help the rascally Mr Toad out of all sorts of trouble… Find out more

https://lincolnartscentre.co.uk/event/the-wind-in-the-willows-2026/

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

We are excited to be taking part in Odd Socks Day, which celebrates individuality, kindness and inclusion as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The day encourages everyone to recognise and celebrate what makes us all unique.
To join in, we invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks on this day. There is no need to buy anything special – simply wear two different socks and help us spread the message that it is okay to be different and that everyone belongs. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderfully mismatched socks on display!

Children in Need

Once again, the children have decided that they would like to support Children in Need. This year, it has been decided that they will raise money for this worthy cause with a 'non-uniform day', which will take place on Friday 20th November.

As we are not able to take cash donations for charity, should you wish to make a donation to Children in Need, donations can be made here

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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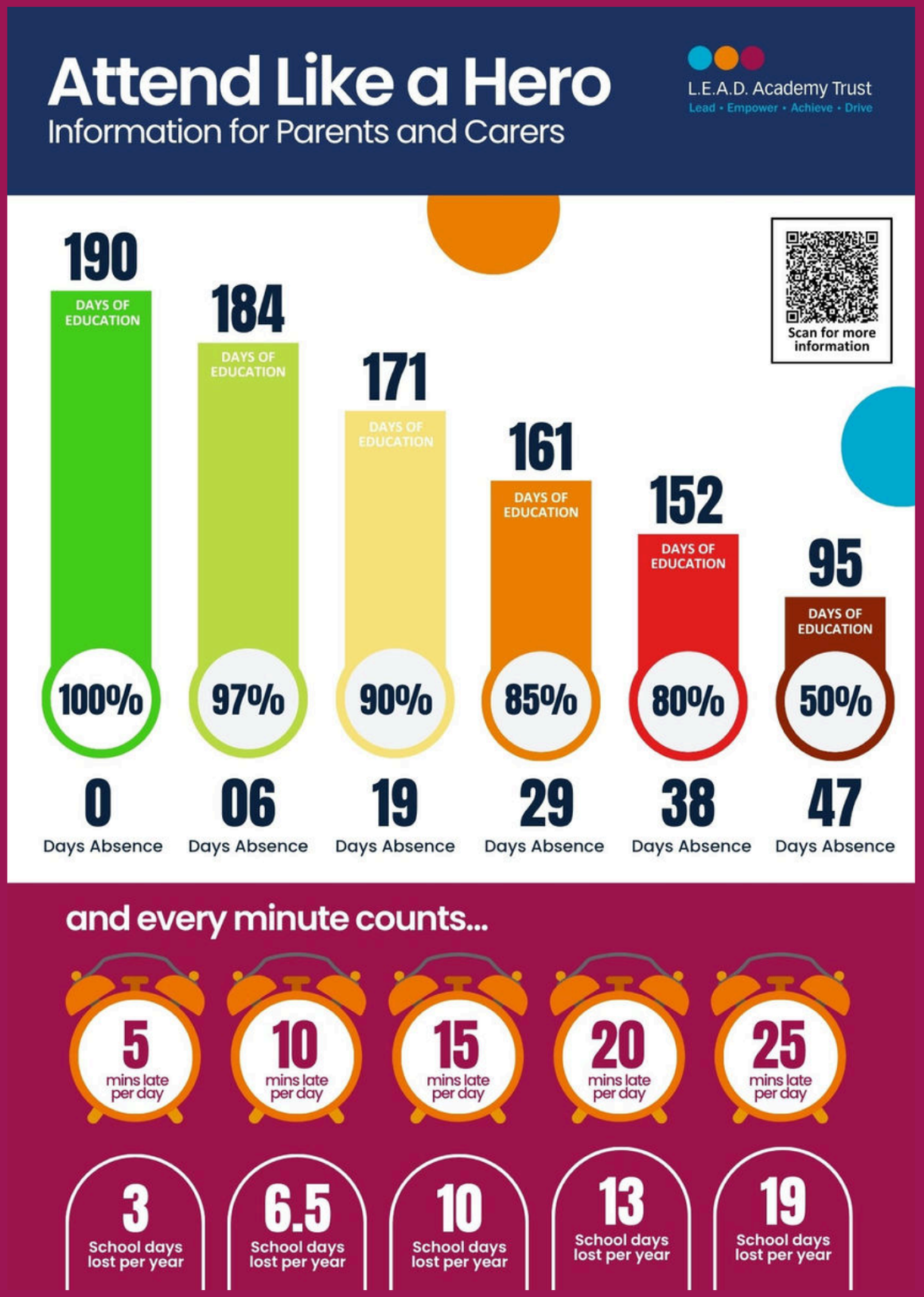


ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all of our parents who work with us to ensure that their childs attendance is the best that it can be.

We have been contacted and asked to share the following information with our parents and carers:

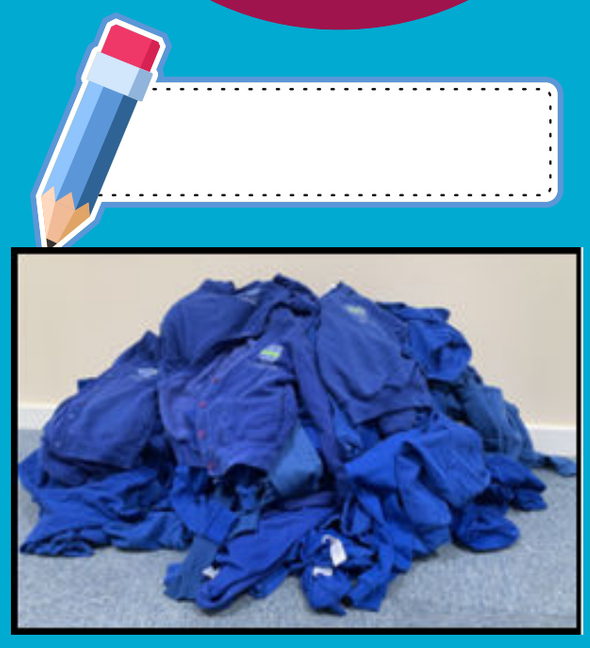
We're Rachel and Sam, two SEND parents and the founders of TedSteps—a UK-based, parent-created app designed to make everyday SEND support easier for families.

We created TedSteps from our own experience of juggling behaviours, moods, triggers, routines, appointments and school conversations, with no simple way to keep everything together.

The app gives families free access to visual routines, social stories, practical SEND resources and tools for tracking behaviour, mood, triggers and sleep. Parents can record what they're seeing over time and turn their logs into clear PDF reports, helping highlight patterns and giving them useful information to take into conversations with nursery, health visitors, GPs or other professionals.

You can also learn more at https://tedsteps.com/ or find us on social media @tedsteps.

Manor Farm Reminders



Labelling Clothing

As the weather is beginning to get a little warmer, children are understandably beginning to remove their school jumpers and cardigans during the day.

Please can we ask that you take a moment to check your child's jumper or cardigan is named. If a child's name is in their jumper, academy staff will endeavour to return it to them. If a jumper is unnamed, it is incredibly difficult to return it to its owner!

Our Lost Property Box is full to bursting with unamed items!

Please help keep our carpets clean!

Please can we remind parents and carers that children should not use the school field before school.

Due to the wet weather, the field is currently very muddy and walking across it results in mud being brought into the building. By keeping off the field, you will help us to protect our carpets and maintain a clean and safe learning environment for all children.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Coats

As the weather continues to be unpredictable and temperatures are becoming colder, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day.

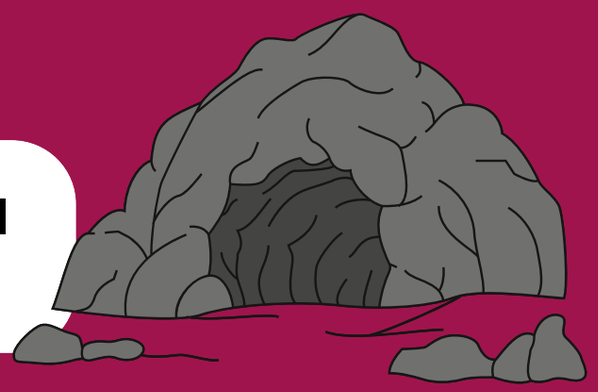
Thank you for your support in helping us ensure children are prepared for all weather conditions.

Diary Dates

NOV 2 — Term 2 Start

NOV 11 & 12 — Reception 2027 Intake Open Mornings

NOV 23 — Y4 Creswell Crags



NOV 16 — Odd Socks Day

NOV 20 — Children in Need

NOV 24 — Parents' Evening

NOV 26 — Parents' Evening

DEC 4 — Rocksteady Concert

DEC 8 — Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm

DEC 9 — Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm

DEC 10 — Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm

DEC 10 — Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 5.30pm

DEC 11 — Christmas Jumper Day

DEC 11 — Christmas Lunch

DEC 16 — Y2 to Wilder Doddington

DEC 17 — PTFA Disco 3.30-4.15 Rec & KS1

DEC 17 — PTFA Disco 4.30-5.15 KS2

DEC 18 — Term 2 Ends

JAN 5 — Term 3 Starts

Who to contact?

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact the academy on: 01522 681892 or admin@manor-farm-academy.co.uk

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