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Headteacher Newsletter – 2025 – 2026 - Number THREE – FRIDAY 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher for a Day

Mr Grenville-Walker, and Mr Gibson were a great help to me today as 'Headteacher for the day'! The first job they did was to join us in the PTA meeting and help to thank the outgoing Chair, Jacqui Brand for all her hard work over the years.

More photos will be available on the school website on our [Gallery page](#).



FOML Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It was an excellent turnout for the FOML AGM this morning and we were pleased to see so many parents in attendance. The Minutes from the meeting will be available from FOML shortly.

We are excited to announce that we have a new Chair of the FOML who will work alongside Lara and Prit.



We welcome a new Chair – Lucy McGibbon (Mum to Xander in Duckling Class)

Continuing as:

Secretary - Lara Forbes (Mum to Max in Squirrel Class)

Treasurer - Prit Patel (Dad to Noah in Leopard Class)

Please join me in thanking Jacqui Brand, previous Chair, to FOML and our school over the last three years. She has worked so hard!

Jacqui will oversee second hand uniform this year.

Remember, you are all part of FOML. Do you know how much money has been raised by FOML over the last couple of years? And are you aware that all the money raised goes into making Manby Lodge better – for your children.

The projects we will be working on this year are:

- Finishing the renovations to the Shipping Container which will become our 'Second Hand Uniform Pop Up Shop'
- Renovating and revamping the Year R outside area
- Installing Air Conditioning in the Hall

If you were unable to attend the PTA AGM this morning, but you would like to be involved, please reach out to the FOML – Lucy McGibbon, Jacqui Brand, Lara Forbes or Prit Patel.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026



We were also pleased with how many parents attended the Reading & Writing Workshops. The slides have been sent out to all parents, so if you weren't able to attend you may find them useful to read. The Phonics Workshop will be rescheduled, and you will receive information about a new date soon

As Half Term approaches **please make sure that you have booked onto an appointment (in person) for the Parent Teacher Consultations.**

Message from Miss Thompson, Computing Lead – Online Safety – PARENT SURVEY

As technology continues to evolve and integrate into many aspects of our lives, it's become increasingly important to do more to ensure the safety and well-being of our children, especially in the digital realm. At Manby Lodge, we take online safety very seriously and are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students both in the classroom and online.

Please complete this parent survey. Click [on this link](#) to access the survey.

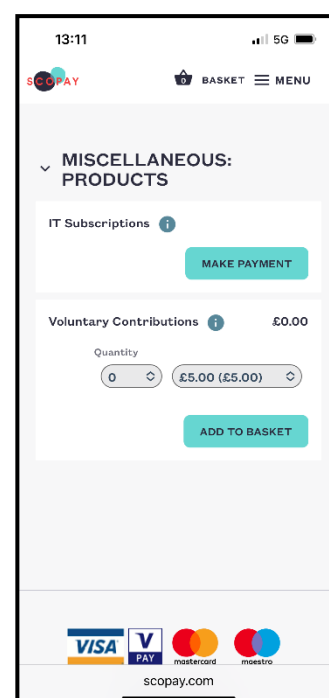
Scopay payments – IT subscriptions and Voluntary Contributions to school

We ask for a **payment of £30 for each child per year** which goes towards subscriptions for platforms such as Tapestry, ELS (Phonics), Numbots, Purple Mash and Twinkl. All these platforms provide staff with a wealth of resources to support children's learning.

This is paid through the SCOPAY system under Miscellaneous Products and can be paid by credit or debit card. If you don't have access to your child's Scopay account yet or have any questions about making payment, please contact the school on secretary@manby-lodge.surrey.sch.uk

We have also updated the SCOPAY system so that if you want to make a voluntary contribution to school you can do so through this medium. This is in direct response to parents' requests that we make these features available on SCOPAY. You can donate in increments of £5.

You are also able to make donations to school to the FOML Bank account, and I must remind you that for donations made to FOML, rather than to school, mean that FOML can claim 'Gift Aid' – therefore increasing the amount of money donated. (Every penny counts!)



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Some parents may wonder why Cleves can have an 'Add Gift Aid' box on Scopay – this is because as an Academy, Cleves have 'Charity Status'. As a Maintained school, Manby Lodge does not have this status.

Parent Voice

We look forward to the first **Parent Voice Meeting** this year, **next Friday 10th October from 1.45pm**. It gives us the chance to explain reasons behind decisions about things we do in school. It also gives parents the opportunity to ask us questions about systems and procedures. Your Class Reps will ask if you have any questions, but remember, questions should not be about individual children. Class Reps will feedback to you from the meeting.



Polite Reminders

School Uniform

- Please make sure that children are wearing simple studs only if they have pierced ears.
- Hair that is longer than shoulders should also be tied up fully. We ask this as it helps to reduce the spread of nits if one child gets nits! It is also safer considering how active children are.

Parking

- The Car Park next to the Cricket Ground is a public Car Park, and not solely for the use of our parents. Barrington Lodge is a residential street, and parents should never park in the residents private car parking spaces, nor should they block driveways when parking.
- Try to be mindful of other people, particularly pedestrians on the footpath when you park your car on the pavement outside of school. If someone with a buggy can't get through the space between a parked car and the fence, then they are put in danger if they must walk with their children in the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Míriam Morris