



MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL

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Headteacher Newsletter – 2025-26 – Number SEVEN – Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that like me you find it hard to believe it's nearly Christmas! For those of you whose first child in Reception, I am also sure that you are wowed by the progress your child has made. We see children in the Year R classes develop their communication skills, and gain in confidence and resilience to cope in our large Reception year group, as well as getting to grips with school routines and expectations. The children are a third of their way through their first school year.

We're really looking forward to each year groups' performance over the next two weeks, as well as the pantomimes for all year groups, Rocksteady concerts, Christmas parties and Christmas lunch.



Year 2 Sports competition

Well done to Tiger Class for achieving third place (out of seven schools) in the sports competition at Cleves this afternoon!

Lions and Leopards will be going to competitions later in the year as part of their transition programme.

FOML Christmas Fair – Saturday 13th December 3 – 6pm



Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Fair you brought to school today!

We're all really looking forward to seeing everyone **on Saturday 13th December – 3 – 6pm!**

Don't forget that everyone who comes will help to support our school, and ideally enjoy a great day too.

Volunteers Needed

We still need **additional volunteers** for the FOML Christmas Fair.

If you are not already volunteering on a stall but can spare some time on the day, Lucy McGibbon (PTA Chair) would be very grateful. She still needs **2–3 more adults**.

Please speak directly to Lucy if you can help on 07766 122 365



Parent Survey

I am very pleased to be able to share the results of the Parent Survey Autumn 2025. These are available on our school website if you follow [this link](#) on the [Parent Voice page](#).

It's very important for us to have feedback from parents and carers because it helps us to improve our school.



Pop-Up Uniform Shop

Thank you so much to the teams of volunteer parents who have worked renovate the container at the back of the playground. It will be used as a 'Pop up Second-hand uniform shop'.

We're really proud that we will be able to help parents to access our very good quality second hand uniform, make financial savings for all and while taking care of our planet!

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Our Pop-Up Uniform shop will be opening after Christmas – watch this space!

Parking for drop-off and pick-up

Please remember that the car park next to the Cricket Green is a public car park, not owned by the school. We are also fortunate that there are spaces in the residential streets around our school.

Please demonstrate considerate parking when using the Cricket Green Car Park, or neighbouring streets.

- Don't block drives or park in the Barrington Lodge Parking spaces.
- Park so that there is room for someone to walk past your car with a buggy, if you are mounting the curb.
- Be thoughtful about where you park. The double yellow lines are there for a reason. Don't park on the double yellow lines or the zig zags.
- Please also remember to turn off your engine so that your car is not idling to reduce pollution.



These reminders are to help to keep all our Manby Lodge children, and their families, SAFE!

Spurgeons Family Centre

Please see two flyers from Spurgeons Family Centre:

1. **Growing babies - A session for expectant parents run by Elmbridge Family Centre and Elmbridge health visiting Team.**

It takes place every Monday from 9.30 – 11. Am at Molesey Family Centre High Street, West Molesey (next to Chandlers Field school) KT8 2LX.

These sessions are open to anyone who is expecting a baby in Elmbridge. We offer free friendly advice and support on a wide range of topics, and level 2 sign posting/referrals.

2. **Also offering a FREE support and advice service for parents with children 0-18 years old (25 SEND) living in Elmbridge.**

These sessions take place across the week and can be face to face or online.

Parents can receive free support for: SEND, Parenting advice, challenging behaviour, Nursery/school applications, FEET, Financial assistance, Budgeting, Grant support, Foodbank vouchers, Domestic Abuse and much more.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about any child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the DSLs as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris



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