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### Headteacher Newsletter – 2025 – 2026 - Number EIGHT – FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas shows as much as I have. I've been really impressed by how well children in all year groups have learnt lines and sang and danced their way through their performances. Rock Steady concerts have also been notable this term.



#### History - Writing Competition

This Autumn our History Lead, Mrs Stanford, introduced a 'diary writing competition'. There were three winners and there were also runners up, so nine children in total were celebrated in assembly and won prizes.

#### Runners Up:

Huxley, Mariam (Tigers)

Nuha, Zachary (Leopards)

Rae, Ryan (Lions)

#### Winners:

Elwood (Leopard)

Sophia L (Tiger)

Sienna (Lion)

Children really enjoyed writing a diary entry from the perspective of a passenger starting their voyage on the Titanic. We have posted the children's writing onto our website. To see the diary entries from the winners, click on [this link](#).

#### IMPORTANT – Attendance

After Christmas we will be sending out Amber and Red letters where attendance for children is less than 95 and 90%. This is because we have a duty to highlight to parents where attendance is lower than expected.

We do understand that children may have a valid reason for their absence, but we do not have the resources to write to parents individually.



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

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## Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join Wraparound Rainbows to work afterschool. Please see details about this vacancy by clicking on this link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wrap-around-care-assistant-afterschool-club-1514683>

# A very big Thank You

## FOML Christmas Fair

It was great to see so many parents, children and alumni children at the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

I'd like to extend a **HUGE thank you** to all the parents who helped, and in particular: Lucy McGibbon, Lara Forbes, Prit Patel, Jacqui Brand and those parents who gave up the whole afternoon to help.



I am so pleased to share that the money raised at the Fair is around £5000, which I think you'll agree is an **amazing** amount of money. We will share the final figure after Christmas.

## Here is a message from Lucy McGibbon, FOML Chair:

*The Christmas Fair this year was a great success thanks to all of the parents, children and families that came.*

*Special thanks to Amy Bishop for the Incredible balloon displays and Loui Lawson for the wonderful live music.*

*And to those who gave up their time to help set up and pack down.*

*Seeing the children's happy faces and so much Christmas spirit was a joy to behold.*

*FOML will be putting the funds raised towards games/equipment for lunchtime play which we will be ordering in time for January. Other money raised will also go towards our bigger goal of installing air conditioning in the school hall, and revamping the Year R outside area.*

*Lots more events are planned for next year and we hope you will join us in helping to support our wonderful school.*

## IMPORTANT – School Admissions

Please follow this link to make an application for younger siblings to join Manby Lodge in **Reception from September 2026**: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant> **Remember the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday. I hope you have the chance to fill the two weeks with whatever will make you happiest!

We look forward to your child's return to school in January 2026.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris



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