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Headteacher Newsletter – 2025-26 – Number TWENTY-ONE – Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. We greatly value the strong partnerships we have with our parents and carers, and we are proud of everything the children have achieved this year.

All of our pupils have made us incredibly proud, and we look forward to seeing our Year R and Year 1 children move confidently into their new year groups. We also wish our Year 2 leavers every success as they make the exciting transition to their Year 3 classes in new schools.

I would also like to share some important news regarding our Governing Body.

Dr Helen Russell – Chair of Governors

Helen will be stepping down from her role as Chair of Governors at the end of the Summer Term and will also be leaving the Governing Body.

Helen has been an outstanding Chair to work alongside. Since becoming Chair in 2022, she has led the Governing Body with dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children. She has been incredibly supportive of the school while also providing the challenge and scrutiny that are essential to effective governance.

Before taking on the role of Chair, Helen served as Chair of the Resources Committee, having joined Manby Lodge as a Parent Governor in Autumn 2018. This means she has completed two full terms as a Governor, giving eight years of voluntary service to our school community.

I have greatly valued Helen's calm, rational, and thoughtful approach, and I will certainly miss working with her. I know that my fellow Governors feel the same.

Governors are volunteers who give generously of their time and expertise. They often work behind the scenes, but their contribution is invaluable, and they play a vital role in the success of our school. I am delighted that our recent Ofsted inspection recognised the strength of governance, alongside leadership, at Manby Lodge.

At our most recent Full Governing Body meeting, Mark Hamilton, currently Vice-Chair of Governors, was appointed as the new Chair of Governors from September 2026. Mark joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor when his youngest daughter was in Year 1.

Nick Mehta, also a Parent Governor, will succeed Mark as Vice-Chair from September. We look forward to sharing more information about both Mark and Nick with you in the Autumn Term.



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Please join me in thanking Helen for the outstanding contribution she has made to Manby Lodge over the last eight years. We are extremely grateful for her dedication, commitment, and service to our school community, and we wish her every success for the future.

Key Dates

Please remember that we will finish school early next week on Wednesday 22nd July, with staggered finish times for Year 2 classes. Information has previously been sent.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September are INSET Days so we look forward to seeing Year 1 and Year 2 children for their first day back at school on Thursday 3rd September.

Terms dates for the whole year are available here: [Surrey Term Dates](#)

With best wishes for a happy and restful summer,

Miriam Morris

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