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Headteacher Newsletter – 2026-27 – Number THREE – Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is finally feeling a bit more like autumn this week, and children are well settled into routines. At this time of year, however, we are aware that some children may be finding things more challenging than they did at the start of term, which is perfectly normal.

FOML Annual General Meeting



Thank you to those parents who attended the FOML Annual General Meeting. The following roles were agreed at the meeting:

Chair: Lucy McGibbon
Secretary: Lara Forbes
Treasurer: Prit Patel

FOML is still looking for someone to join Lucy McGibbon as Co-Chair of the PTA.

If you are interested in this role, please speak to either Lucy McGibbon (Mum in Hedgehog class – Year 1) or to me.

FOML events - upcoming events and activities:

- Next Friday 16th October - Year 2 Cake Sale in the playground after school.
- Colouring competition – pay entries at the Cake Sale next week.
- Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fair!

Dining Hall Helpers

At lunchtimes, we are delighted to have the help of our new Year 2 Helpers.

We are pleased that so many Year 2 children applied and were interviewed for these roles. Children in the dining hall help to put out glasses and cutlery, pour out water for the children in the younger years and they call the next year group in from the playground.

Helpers in the playground will take children to first aid after an accident, help collect resources, guide younger children to the toilet, etc.

There is a rota so children only do volunteering once a week and Mrs Smith (our Lead Midday Supervisor) has carefully made sure that none of our volunteers miss the clubs that they are involved in. It gives the children a great sense of responsibility.



These are some of the things children said in their interviews. (They were all appointed as Dining Hall or Playground Helpers!)



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- I love helping people
- to serve the salad
- I love giving high 5s
- I want to help the Reception children to stay calm and safe and ok in the hall.
- I like helping other people
- I want to set out the knives and forks to make the tables ready
- I might see my Reception friends
- It looks like fun
- So I can be kind and help other people
- Because I like organising things

Prospective Parent Tours

We have also asked for help from our Year 2 children and lots of them volunteered to act as Tour Guides for the Prospective Parent Tours. After a training session, they led prospective parents around the school in pairs this week. The visitors to our school were impressed with how articulate the children were. We are very proud of our Year 2 children.

Parking for drop-off and pick-up

I have been asked by parents to share this message with everyone again.

Please park considerately:

- Do not block driveways or Barrington Lodge parking spaces.
- If parking on the kerb, leave enough room for pedestrians and buggies to pass.
- Please switch off your engine rather than leaving it idling.



Please do not park on the double yellow lines at the front or back of the school. It makes it dangerous for families with children to cross the road if you park on double yellow lines.



These simple reminders help us keep our children and families safe.

Parent Voice

Thank you to the Class Reps who joined me in this meeting. It is very valuable to have the opportunity to share information about our school with parents when we have time. I also appreciate hearing your views. The minutes from the meeting will be available next week.

Among other things, I shared our 2026-27 School Development Plan, which we are sending out with this newsletter.

I also showed Class Reps where to find lots of useful information on our school website, including: [Attendance](#), [Calendar](#) and Curriculum information

On the [Curriculum Overview](#) page, parents will find detailed information in a table about every subject taught at Manby Lodge. Each subject includes a **Progression Overview**, which shows what children learn from Reception to Year 2, how their knowledge and skills build over time, how the subject is taught, the key outcomes we want pupils to achieve, and links to learning in other subjects.

I hope you can spend a little time reading the information on these pages.

The [KS1](#) and [EYFS](#) pages are also designed to be helpful for parents.



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Playground rules before and after school - Please remember the following:

- The playground is a **MOBILE FREE ZONE**.
- Children are not allowed to use the Trim Trail before and after school.



Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris

Safeguarding: This is a reminder that you can find lots of information about our Safeguarding procedures and related policies on the Safeguarding page on our school website. Please follow [this link](#).



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