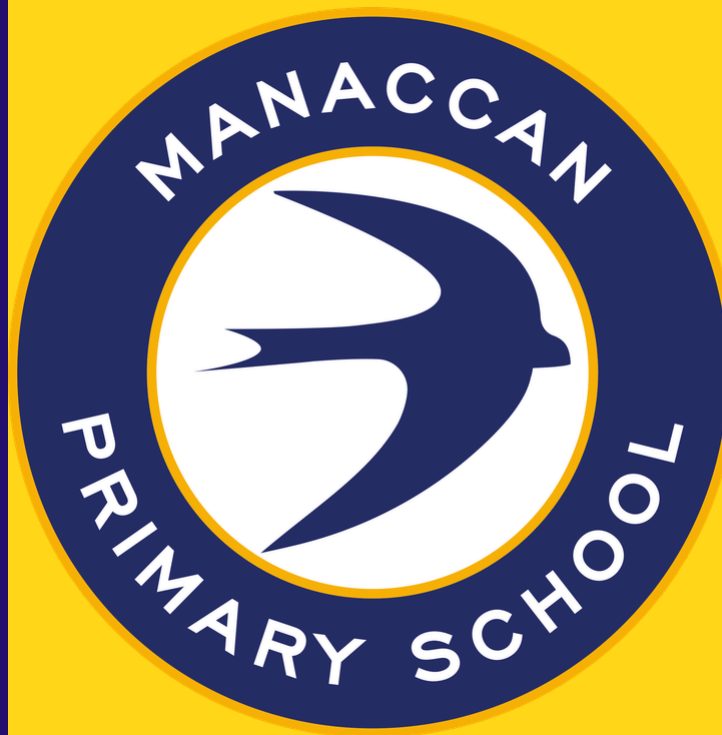




Manaccan Primary School Newsletter

September 2025



Head of School: This Month at Manaccan Primary School



Welcome to our first 'Book Creator' newsletter of the new academic year! Hopefully, you will find it full of useful information and celebrations from September.

What an amazing start to the year it has been - I feel incredibly privileged to have joined such a supportive, vibrant and thriving school community and I am excited for the year ahead.

There has been so much happening at Manaccan already this month. From our Balanceability and Bikeability sessions to Year 6 Sports Leader training, trips of the local area, school council and house captain elections, exciting pop-art projects and everything in between!

I have spoken to many of you on the school gate, or at coffee mornings, and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and families that make Manaccan what it is! In addition, I have enjoyed spending the first few weeks of term getting to know our dedicated staff team and planning our next steps as a school.

This month shows the 'green shoots' of many things to come. I have had some wonderful conversations about planned trips to enrich our curriculum, exciting events with our brilliantly supportive PTA, and arguably most importantly, thoughts and ideas from our children about how we can make Manaccan even more amazing. I can't wait to see these green shoots flourish during the weeks and months ahead.

With warm wishes,
Mrs Hancock

Sustainability & Manacchan Primary School

Sustainability is the idea of meeting the needs of the present without harming the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It's about maintaining a balance between people and the planet.

So, as part of Aspire Academy Trusts' Sustainability programme, our 2025 focus is **Energy Waste** in our schools. We are working with **Energy Sparks** which is a charity that offers a unique school-specific energy management tool and education programme.

Through awareness and education, we aim to lower our carbon footprint and reduce school energy bills. Across the trust we will set our energy reduction target to 5% for electricity and 10% for gas. And to do this we encourage the whole community, pupils, staff, site teams, caterers, cleaners, governor, parents, family and friends to get involved and become '**Agents of Change**'.

In school, we will be running in a '**Get Energised**' initiative, with our pupils taking the lead, looking at energy usage, where we can save energy and get into good energy saving habits - like turning the lights off when a room is not in use. See the poster attached.

And we don't want to stop there - here are some activities for pupils and their families to do at home. See **5 Day Energy Powerdown Challenge** and **Be an Energy Detective**. All activities completed will not only help reduce energy wastage but gain points for the school in a bid to win prizes - such as £1000! We can't wait to see what a difference we can all make 😊



Shining Stars - This Week's Certificate Winners

A huge well done to this week's certificate winners, who have shown our school values and been role-models to others! We are so proud of you!



Shining Stars

This month's 'Shining Stars' have been recognised for individual achievements, demonstrating our school values, contributing to the life of the school or for developing their learning. We are very proud of all of their achievements! #manaccanstars



House Points

All of our children belong to a school 'house': Ammos (meaning 'sand'), Astron (meaning 'star') and Zali (meaning 'swim'). Each week, the children earn house points for showing our school values, working hard and showing brilliant presentation in their learning. We now record these points digitally and share the weekly totals and overall running totals in our newsletters. The points for this term so far as it stands are below - it is all to play for!



AMMOS

SAND

62

201



ASTRON

STAR

33

164



ZALI

SWIM

58

211

Gillan Class



Gillan Class have had a fantastic start to the school year! Their geography topic, 'What is the geography of where I live?', has sparked lots of curiosity and excitement. They have enjoyed a local walk to explore their surroundings and identify both human and physical geographical features. The children loved spotting things like houses, roads, trees, and other features of the village and they have been learning to describe and sort these features in class. Gillan Class will continue this topic with our trip to the library!

In PSHE, children have been thinking about 'feelings' and how to help ourselves feel happy. The children shared thoughtful strategies they can use when feeling sad, such as talking to a friend, using calm corners, drawing their feelings or playing a game. They also showed great empathy by suggesting ways others can feel better too. It's been wonderful to see Gillan Class supporting one another and building a kind, caring classroom community.



St Anthony Class

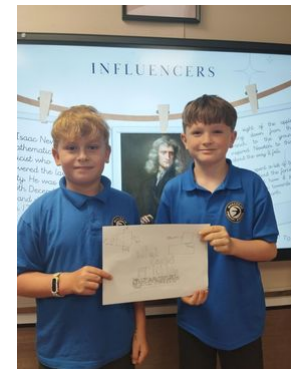
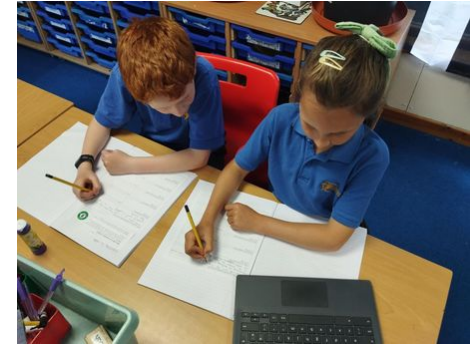


It has been an action packed first few weeks in St Anthony class. We have been revising single clause sentences in Writing, identifying subjects, verbs and leftovers within each sentence before punctuating them appropriately. In Maths, we are reaching the end of our Place Value journey. The children have been busy recognising the make up of some very large numbers whilst also comparing, ordering and rounding them successfully.

In Curriculum, St Anthony are studying Mountains in Geography. We have learned about contour lines and understand the significance of them according to how far they are apart from each other. We have really enjoyed working with magnets in Science and, only this week, we carried out an investigation to see how a magnet would react when held against different materials.

I would like to thank all colleagues, children and parents for making me feel so welcome during the first few weeks and I really look forward to seeing the children progress over the next eight or so months. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Salway



Diary Dates: 2024/25

Friday 3rd October - Gillan Class - Trip to Helston Library

Tuesday 21st October - 2:30pm - Harvest Celebration at Manaccan Church

Wednesday 22nd October - Gillan Class visit to the Residential Care Home for a sing song

Thursday 23rd October - KS2 Football Tournament (invite only)

Thursday 23rd October - Cross Country Event at Grade Ruan, 3:30pm

Friday 24th October – INSET Day

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - Half Term



PTA

We are already planning some exciting PTA events for this academic year - watch this space! Each month, we will share updates here too!

In the meantime, here's just a couple of highlights from last year - what amazing memories! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for all of their hard work supporting the school.



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As part of our Harvest assembly, we will be sharing donations with the Helston & Lizard Foodbank, helping to give directly back into our community. We would therefore be very grateful for any food donations (please see the list for urgently needed items) - they can be sent into school anytime between now and 21st October. Thank you

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED POTATOES

INSTANT MASHED POTATOES

TINNED COLD MEATS - HAM ETC

JARS OF PASTA SAUCE

TINS OF CUSTARD OR RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

SPONGE PUDDINGS

CRISPS

TOILET ROLLS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

PASTA

BAKED BEANS

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Aspire Academies

Y6 parents can now
apply for secondary
school - Sept '26!

Deadline 31st October 2025

www.aspireacademytrust.org/admissions



[Apply to start school or transfer to junior,
secondary or KS4 school in September 2026 -
Cornwall Council](#)

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● OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS ● AT CROWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DT Sports Coaching is back this October Half Term to run holiday clubs at Crowan Primary School exclusively for Year 1 – 6 students that attend any of the following Aspire Primary Schools: **Manaccan, St Keverne, Breage, Grade-Ruan, Coverack, Nansloe & Crowan School.**

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER MONDAY MADNESS

DT Sports will be running an array of alternative activities, to include:

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
JUNIOR GOLF
LASER TAG
ARCHERY & CROSSBOW
KIN BALL
NERF BATTLES
SILENT DISCO
...AND MUCH MORE!

TIMES:
9:00AM – 3:00PM

THUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER TRADITIONAL TUESDAY

DT Sports will be covering traditional games that children love, to include:

FOOTBALL
BASKETBALL
HOCKEY
CRICKET
ROUNDERS
ATHLETICS
DODGEBALL
...AND MUCH MORE!

Only
£25.00
per day!

What to bring?

Packed lunch, snacks, plenty of water & suitable clothes/a coat in case of bad weather.

Bookings can be made by either:

- Completing a Parental Consent Form (available at your School Office) and returning this to the office by Thursday 23rd October;
- online by visiting: www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs. Online bookings will close 24 hours beforehand.

DT
COACHING SERVICES

Email: clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk
Phone: 01872 360706

● OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUB ● AT ST KEVERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DT Sports Coaching is back this October Half Term to run holiday clubs at St Keverne Primary School exclusively for Year 1 – 6 students that attend any of the following Aspire Primary Schools: **Manaccan, St Keverne, Breage, Grade-Ruan, Coverack, Nansloe & Crowan School.**

Club activities your child may get the opportunity to participate in, includes:

▶ ULTIMATE FRISBEE ▶ JUNIOR GOLF
▶ SILENT DISCO ▶ LASER TAG
▶ BASKETBALL ▶ KIN BALL
▶ DODGEBALL ▶ ARCHERY & CROSSBOW
▶ NERF BATTLES ... AND MUCH MORE!

Only
£25.00
per day!

As always, every club provided by DT Sports will be led by a team of highly qualified sports coaches, with all the required and necessary DBS checks and safeguarding/first aid qualifications.

DATES:
Thursday 30th October
and
Friday 31st October

TIMES:
9:00AM – 3:00PM

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The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering FREE nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book EACH child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

We are also offering a Parentwell session at Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS

SCHEDULE 2025

Tuesday 21st Bushcraft
(Survival skills & Combat)

Wednesday 22nd - Bushcraft
(Wild cooking & foraging)

Thursday 23rd - Bushcraft
(Explorer, navigation & tracking)

Monday 27th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Tuesday 28th - Multi Sport Activity Camp,

Wednesday 29th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Thursday 30th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Friday 31st - Halloween Special Activity Camp

BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER!

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com



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Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tuesday 11th November 7 - 8:30pm

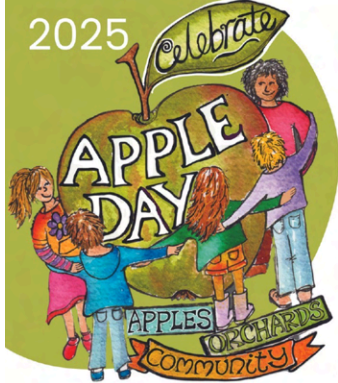
90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



2025



Join Us!
TR14 ODD

Saturday
11th October
11am until 6pm



Kehelland Trust

Refreshments & Bar

Children's Games & Activities

Live Music all day, Procession
Orchard Blessing, Ceilidh

Rural Crafts & Demonstrations

The Apple!

Exhibition, Tasting, ID, Trees, Orchard Tours
& Advice, Juice & Juice Pressing, Games,
Traditions, Crafts, Cakes, Cider & more

Please car-share if you can
or come by bus (T1 T2)...or
on your bike....or your feet!





TICKETS

It's cheaper to book in advance
Adults £5 (£6 on the day) Children
6-16 £3 (£4 on the day) Carers and
children 5 & under FREE

  www.kehellandtrust.org.uk



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children's hospice SOUTH WEST

Santas on the Run

Experience the magic of a festive fun run at the **Eden Project** on **Sunday 7 December**

Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/santas

eden project

Registered Charity No. 1003314

The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus with reindeer antlers running through a snowy landscape. A circular inset shows a group of children and adults in winter gear. A white polar bear is at the bottom right, and a robin is perched on a branch. The background includes a blue sky with white snowflakes and green hills.



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children's hospice SOUTH WEST

Santas on the Run

Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/santas

Experience the magic of a festive fun run at the **Eden Project** on **Sunday 7 December**

eden project

Making the most of short and precious lives across the South West
Registered Charity No. 1000234

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October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page

Attendance

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As of 19th August 2024, the government's new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence (including unauthorised holidays) comes into effect.

This affects when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall

There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period

A parent will no longer be able to take their child out of school for one week's holiday without a potential penalty notice being issued.

There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160, if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available. This may include prosecution for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please inform the office by 9am in the morning. Please let us know why your child is going to be absent and when you expect them to return. You may either phone the office on 01326231431 and leave a message.

Alternatively you can send an email to hello@manaccan.org

THIS MONTH'S ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

GILLAN: 100%

ST ANTHONY: 94.67%

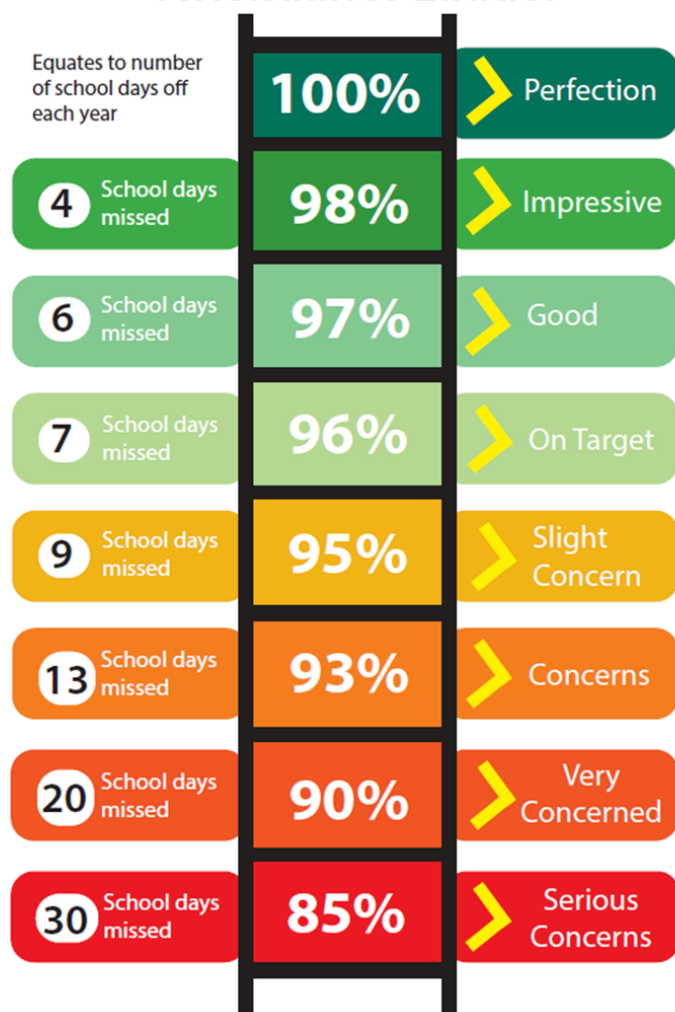
WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.51%

School Start Time

A gentle reminder that the school starts at 08.50am. The main gate opens at 08.40am each morning and is closed at 08.50am. Children who arrive after 08.50am will be marked as late, persistent lateness will be monitored.

Attendance

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Guidance

Here at Manacchan Primary School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken out of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances. However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head of School using the school's request form. Please note - at Manacchan Primary School we are not able to authorise holidays as this is not deemed to be an 'exceptional circumstance'.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the physical or mental welfare of a child or young person and you wish to speak to someone about it, you can contact the MARU (Multi-agency Referral Unit) on the following numbers:

Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm: 0300 123 1116
Evenings & weekends: 01208 251300

Police (Non-emergency): 101

Internet Safety

If you are searching for support and are worried about this being tracked by an abuser in the home, please use a **private or incognito tab** when browsing as this **will not save on your search history**.

Domestic Abuse advise - First Light: 0300 777 4777

Support in your area

You can walk into a local BOOTS pharmacy and ask for **'ANI'** (Say, "I'm asking for Annie") or ask to access their **'Safe Spaces'** where you will get support with domestic abuse. There will be a trained member of staff.

You can also download and access the Bright Sky app safely. This will give you access to a directory of support agencies and help lines.

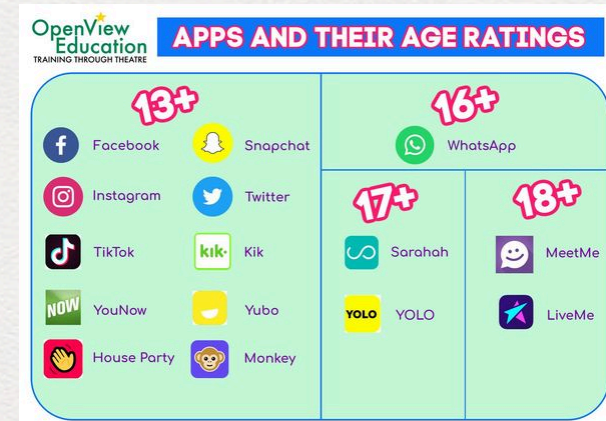


Safeguarding - E Safety Updates

Social Media Age Limits:

There has been a rise across the country in young people reporting issues surrounding the use of social media. The NSPCC website has lots of useful information around app and social media use: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Please note: the age limit for most apps in the UK is 13+. WhatsApp has a minimum age limit of 16.



E-Safety Useful Links

If you would like any support with e-safety at home, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. The links below may also be helpful:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
[Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)

E-Safety In School

Pupils of all ages are taught about how to keep themselves safe online, both in school and at home. At Manacnan Primary School we use the SCARF resource and curriculum to teach PSHE. More information about SCARF can be found here: [SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship \(coramlifeeducation.org.uk\)](https://coramlifeeducation.org.uk)



Staying in Touch



Click
banner/icons
for more
information!

Notifying change of circumstances

Please tell us of any changes to you or your child's personal details (i.e name, address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical details, email address or relationship change). Certain changes may be updated directly via the Arbor Parent Portal, however if you have any difficulty please email the school office at: hello@manaccan.org or call 01326 231431.



