

Manaccan Primary School Newsletter

October 2025



Head of School: This Month at Manaccan Primary School



Welcome to this month's Book Creator newsletter!

As we step into November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy and achievements across our school community throughout October. It seems that those four and a half weeks flew by. From vibrant learning opportunities, trips, PTA events, sporting achievements and Harvest celebrations, it certainly was a month of real progress, creativity and collaboration.

Our children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and resilience, and our incredible staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities that inspire and challenge. October, and indeed the first Autumn half term, culminated in a powerful staff training session focused on *Ambition* - a theme that resonates deeply with our school vision of 'Dream it, believe it, achieve it'. I was especially proud that Manaccan children were featured in our CEO's welcome speech, highlighting the ambitious work we're doing together to raise aspirations and outcomes for every child.

I hope this newsletter serves as a snapshot of all that we've experienced and achieved this month, and that you enjoy reliving some of those memories.

Best wishes,
Mrs Hancock

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!



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

281



ASTRON

STAR

260



ZALI

SWIM

291

Gillan Class



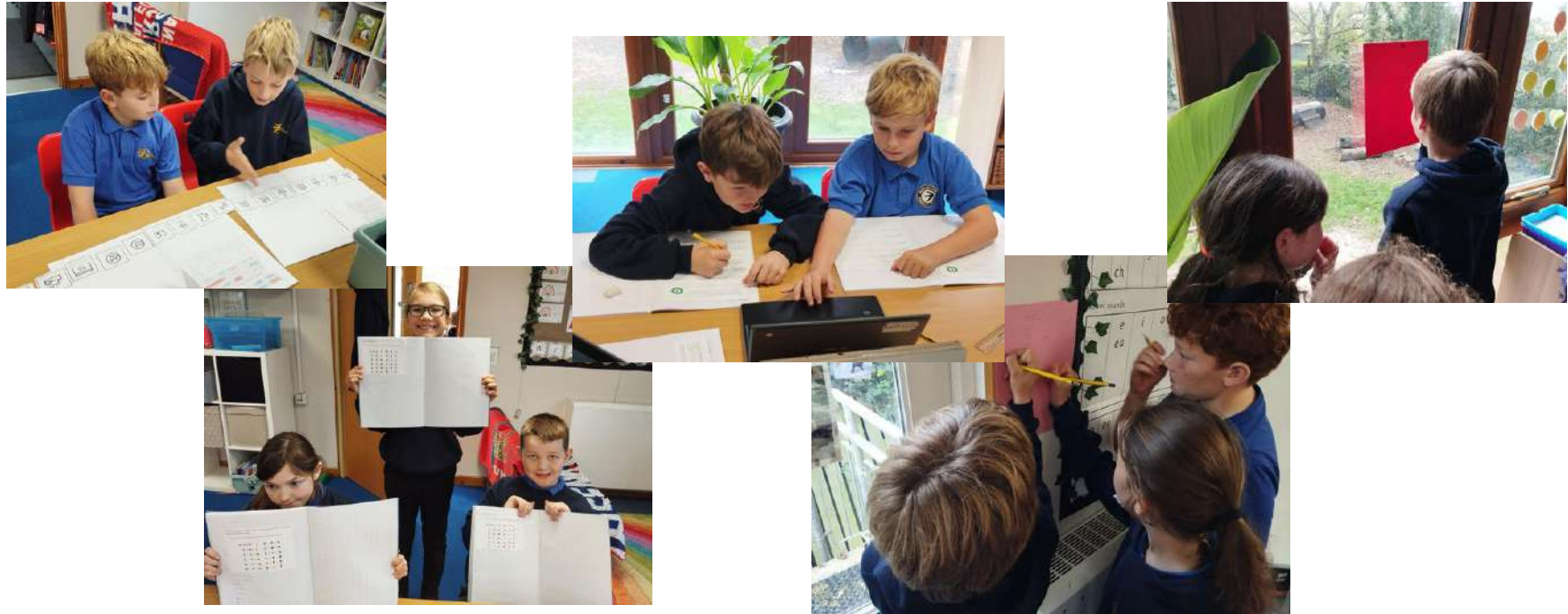
This month in Gillan Class, we have been continuing our addition & subtraction learning in Maths, as well as measuring and spotting patterns with some of our youngest children. In Science, we have been exploring the seasonal changes around us and finding out about different animals. We completed our geography topic, *What is the geography of where we live?* The children explored and created maps of our village and studied aerial views of different areas.

They then created their own aerial view maps of our classroom, developing their understanding of spatial awareness and local geography. Our EYFS children also contributed by making a large map of our community, adding key features such as the school and the church. In computing, we finished our topic *IT Around Us*, where we explored the different ways technology is used in our everyday lives and how it helps us at home, in school, and in the wider world. The children took part in role play activities using different types of technology and created colourful posters to show how we use technology at home, at school, and in the wider world.

We also enjoyed several local trips this month: we visited Helston Library for a browse and a story; Roskilly's for an autumnal walk and a tasty ice-cream; and sang some songs to the residents at Polventon House Residential Care Home!



St Anthony Class



St Anthony class have had a wonderfully productive October. In our wider curriculum, the children have used strips of paper to complete their Georgia O'Keefe inspired final pieces and in Geography we have taken time to explore the reasons why people might live in and around mountains. In Science, we have investigated road surfaces and found a material which may be beneficial in helping a car to slow down if its brakes failed. It has been wonderful seeing so many children take part in sporting activity throughout the term and [congratulations](#) to everybody who has represented the school.

Superstar Footballers!



We could not be more proud of our footballers this month. Not only did we have a team represent Manaccan at the Small Schools football tournament in Nanphysick (they'll be playing in the Centenary Shield Cup final in November) but we also had two teams take part in the Aspire 5-a-side tournament on Thursday 23rd October. Our girls team won their tournament and included the two top girl scorers in the competition. Our boys team came second overall, and included the top boy scorer in the competition!



Harvest Celebrations

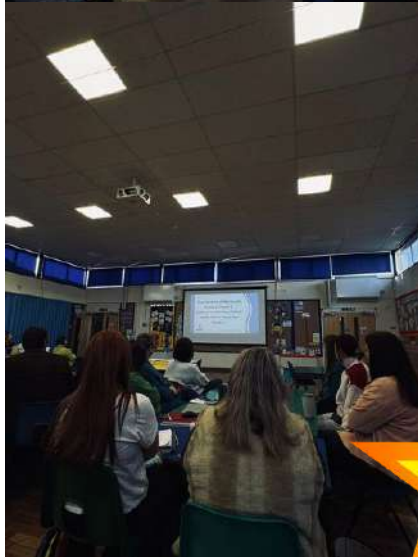
A huge thank you to all of you who were able to join us for our Harvest Celebration in the Church. The children spoke with confidence and sang beautifully!



The children shared an important message about giving and being thankful, and we're delighted to give something back to our local community through your generous donations.



Manaccan in the Spotlight!



We were incredibly proud of our children, who were featured in the CEO's welcome presentation during our Trust INSET day for all Aspire staff, from 37 different schools and across 7 venues! The children spoke beautifully about what they need from their teachers and support staff to keep them happy, healthy and safe. They did a brilliant job!



Pupil Parliament

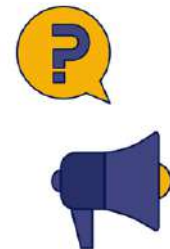
MANACCAN PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

We're delighted to get our pupil parliament up and running for this academic year. Our class representatives did a brilliant job preparing and presenting to the rest of the school and will sit on our core 'School Council'. They will be joined by a representative from our three NEW working parties: Sports Leaders, Eco-Committee and Kryw Kernewek. Take a look at our Pupil Parliament graphic on the next page for more information about each working party and their responsibilities. We've coined the term 'dream team' to align with our school strap line of 'dream it, believe it, achieve it'. We want to ensure, through our pupil leadership opportunities, that every child's voice is heard and that we can achieve our dreams! This month, our pupil parliament groups have spent time with Mr Salway, our staff representative, thinking about how the groups will work together, the charities they would like to support this year and which projects they'd like to be working on to make our school an even better place!



#dreamteam



Pupil Parliament

Sports Leaders

We're really excited to introduce Sports Leaders into our school community! Our aim is to give some of our older children the chance to take on a fun and active leadership role during break times. They'll be helping to run games, encourage others to join in, and make sure everyone feels included. It's a great way for them to build confidence, learn how to work with others, and be brilliant role models for younger pupils. We hope Sports Leaders will help make break times even more energetic, friendly, and full of smiles!



Kryw Kernewek

We're excited to launch Kryw Kernewek - a special group of pupils who will help us bring the Cornish language to life in our school. These children will support us in introducing and embedding Cornish through everyday activities, displays, and special events. Our aim is for Kryw Kernewek to inspire pride in our local heritage and help everyone feel confident using a bit of Cornish in school life.

School Council

We're looking forward to seeing our elected class reps take on their important roles as part of the school council. These pupils will represent their classmates by sharing ideas, listening to feedback, and helping make decisions that benefit the whole school. One of their key jobs will be working on fundraising projects and supporting different pupil-led working parties. Through this role, they'll learn how to communicate clearly, work as a team, and make a real difference in school life. We hope our school council will help every child feel heard and involved in shaping our school community.

Eco-Committee

We're excited to see our Eco-Committee come together to help make our school a greener, more sustainable place. This group of pupils will work on projects that support the environment—like reducing waste, saving energy, and encouraging wildlife. They'll also listen to ideas from their classmates and help turn those into action. Together, we'll be taking small steps that make a big difference!

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Diary Dates: November 2025

10th November:	Start of Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day
13th November:	At Anthony Class Assembly & Open Afternoon
13th November:	Gillan Class to visit Helston Museum
14th November:	Non-uniform/Spotty Day for Children in Need
18th November:	Cinema Screening Day
19th November:	ZooLab Animal Exhibition in School
20th November:	Gillan Class Assembly & Open Afternoon
26th and 27th November:	Parents/Carers Evening



Updates from the PTA

The PTA have recently purchased two outdoor kitchens for the school, and we are excited for the children to begin using them during their play soon.

The PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year - our online auction - will be going live on **Sunday 23rd November**. Once again, there will be a fantastic variety of items to bid on. Please let friends and family members know.

The Facebook group is called '**Manaccan School PTA Online Auction**'. It will be shared on the school page closer to the time.



PTA - Conker Championships!



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising and running this year's Conker Championship! A huge amount of time and work went into getting everything ready. What a lovely, wholesome afternoon of autumn fun and hot chocolate. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us, and of course, well done to the winners of the prestigious 'golden conkers'!



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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



ARE YOU READY?

**YOUR CHILD'S FIRST PHONE
EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

Nov 11th | 18:30 - 20:30

Bayspace St. Ives, TR26 2BH

Hands-on session helping families navigate their children getting their first phone safely and confidently.

Learn about:

- How to use parental controls on iPhone & Android
- Manage app use, screen time & privacy settings
- Understand social media risks and new AI features
- Explore alternative options
- Foster healthy digital habits and open communication

Includes a takeaway guide with top tips & safety steps.

**SIGN UP BY
CLIKCING HERE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE**



Light refreshments including coffee, tea, and biscuits will be provided.

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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. 1003314

The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus with reindeer antlers running through a snowy landscape. In the background, there's a large igloo and evergreen trees. A small circular inset shows a group of people in winter gear. A polar bear is also visible in the foreground.



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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: 98.04%

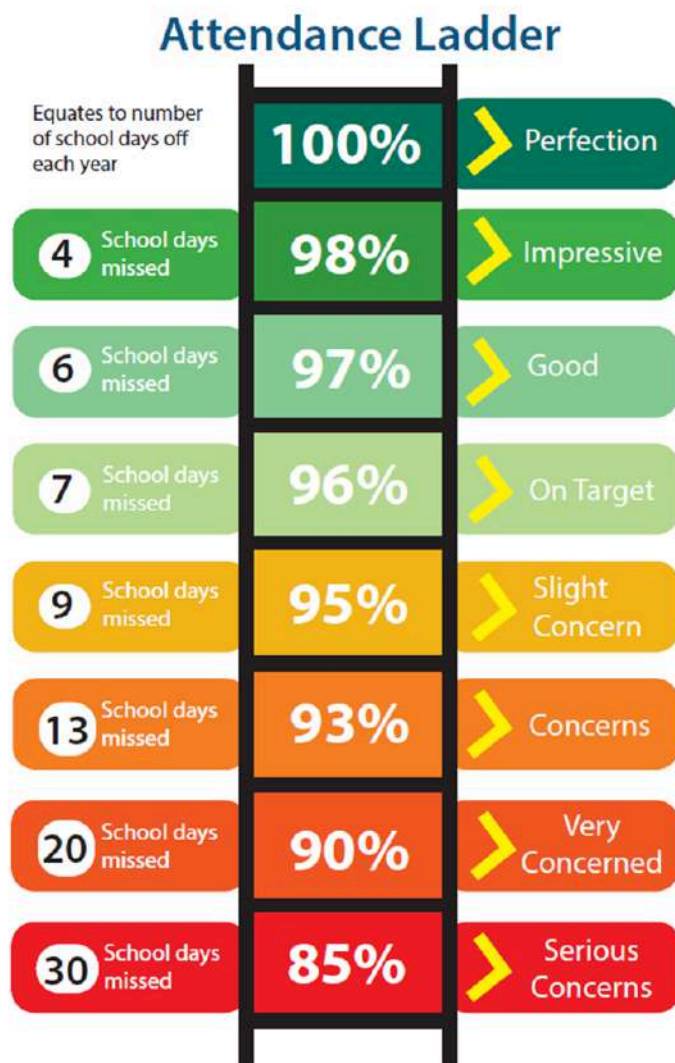
ST ANTHONY: 96.14%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.85%

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 Guidance

Here at Manaccan 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 Manaccan 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.

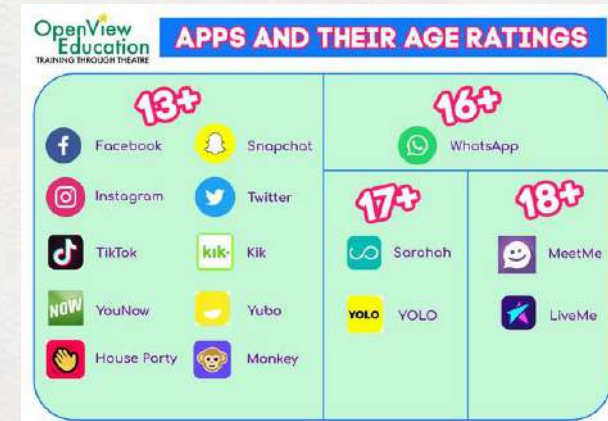


Safeguarding - E Safety

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



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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.



