

Manaccan Primary School Newsletter

November 2025



Head of School: This Month at Manaccan Primary School



Welcome to this month's Book Creator newsletter!

November has been a wonderful month for building those all-important connections between home and school. We were delighted to host our first class assemblies of the year - what a joy to see our pupils sharing their learning with such confidence and pride! Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us; your presence makes these moments truly special.

We also held our autumn Parents/Carers' Evening, which provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps together. Strong partnerships between school and home are at the heart of everything we do, and your engagement plays a vital role in helping every child thrive.

As we move towards the festive season, there'll be even more opportunities for us to come together. We're looking forward to continue working with you to support our children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

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

484



ASTRON

STAR

419



ZALI

SWIM

461

Gillan Class

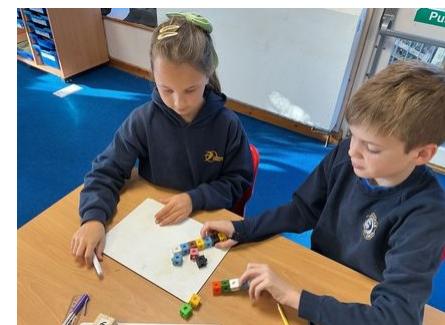
This month in Gillan Class, we have been exploring the fascinating topic of toys from the past and present in our History lessons. We enjoyed a wonderful visit to Helston Museum, where we had the opportunity to examine a variety of toys from different eras and even create our own! To share our learning, we put on a fantastic class assembly all about this theme.

In PSHE, we have been focusing on valuing differences. We discussed what makes each of us special, as well as the similarities and differences that connect us. These activities have helped us celebrate diversity and appreciate the unique qualities that make everyone important.



St Anthony Class

In St Anthony this month, we have been looking at our food and have made decisions as to whether certain food groups are healthy or not based on the amounts of nutrients found within. In History, we have started to explore the origins of the Shang Dynasty - what was this civilisation and where was it started - whilst also investigating the word 'Messiah' in RE. The children have had so much fun in PE where they have explored counter-balances and using a partner's body weight to help support their own when balancing.



Eco-Committee



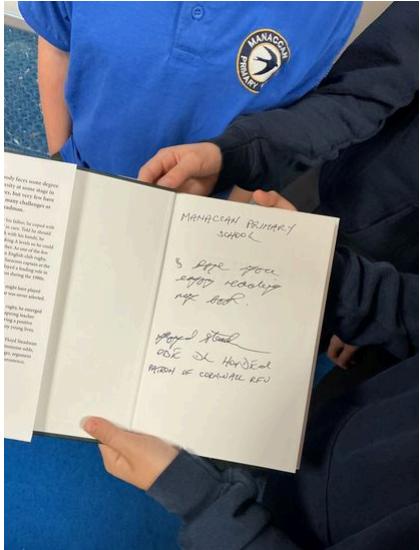
Our Eco-Committee have been busy this month! They attended an Sustainability meeting with children from 13 other schools across Cornwall this month discussing ideas for how they can be more eco aware in school - their ideas included having light monitors to ensure all lights have been switched off when not needed, bringing in paper and plastic recycling boxes into classrooms and also having a compost bin for fruit and veg which can then be made and sold to parents/carers. They also enjoyed meeting with our Trust Sustainability Lead, Mrs Bingham, when she visited Manaccan this week! We are committed to making Manaccan as sustainable as possible and playing our part in helping the environment locally and globally.

Pupil Parliament



Our School Council members had a fantastic day at County Hall in Truro this Wednesday as part of Cornish Parliament Day. They learnt more about the local council, took part in team work, voting and debating activities and enjoyed meeting other school council members from across Aspire Academy Trust!

Floyd Steadman Visit



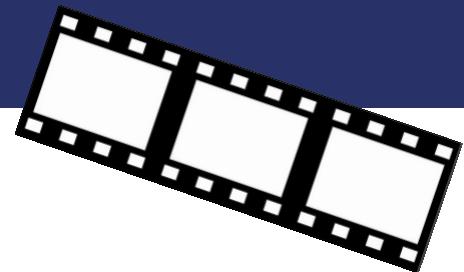
We were incredibly honoured to welcome Floyd Steadman OBE DL HonDEd, Patron of Cornwall RFU, to Manaccan this month. Floyd shared his truly inspirational story with our Year 5 and 6 children, who were completely absorbed by his talk about overcoming adversity. They asked insightful and mature questions to learn more about his childhood, rugby career and life. What an amazing experience for our children - thank you so much, Floyd, for your time, honesty and the signed copy of your book!

FIRST LEGO League



We were lucky enough to have Mr Slater from the First LEGO League join us this month for a brilliant assembly and coding workshops for St Anthony Class. We were all absolutely enthralled by a rubik's cube solving robot, archeological missions and much more! A HUGE thank you to Mr Slater for his time, and to our sponsors & our generous PTA for making it possible for us to enter a team for this year's event. We were even gifted a LEGO Education STEAM Park kit for our younger children too!

INTO FILM Festival



We had a fantastic whole school outing to The Poly in Falmouth this month as part of the INTO FILM festival, which organises free film screening for children all over the UK and supports them learning more about all things cinema, film and animation! The children loved *The Bad Guys 2* and were brilliant representatives of the school throughout - they made us incredibly proud.



Diary Dates: December 2025

2nd December: Forest School Session for Gillan Class

8th December: Whole School Panto Trip to HfC

10th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

11th December: PTA Christmas Silent Disco 3:15pm to 4:30pm

16th December: Nativity and Christmas Carol Performance, 5:30pm

17th December: Cross Country Event at Breage C of E School, 3:30pm

19th December: Last Day of Term, 1:30pm finish



PTA



MANACCAN SCHOOL
PTA
EGM

**WEDNESDAY
3RD DECEMBER
@ 7PM**
**AT PRINCE OF
WALES PUB**

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HELSTON RAILWAY

Christmas Trains

Santa Train Dates (December 2025)
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time
17:30

Ticket Prices
Adult £10
Child £11.50
Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include present from Santa!

visit www.helstonrailway.co.uk



Merry Christmas!  

December 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)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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NHS


CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception - Year 11
- MMR - Catch-up
- HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - Year 9 - Year 11

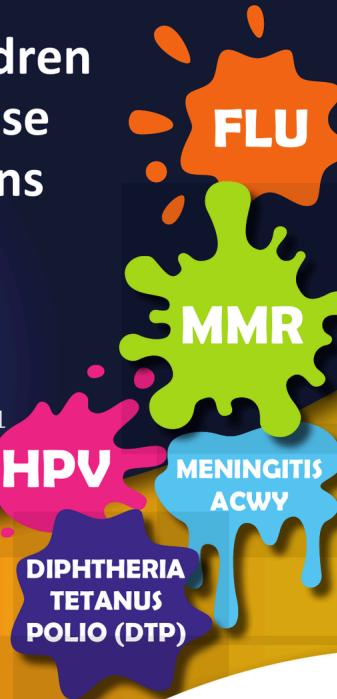
Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- Home educated children
- Anxious children
- Children who missed the session at school

Call us on **01872 221105**

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

NHS

yes until...

CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

NO

CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.



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Safe Winter Cycling

Be Bright.

Be Seen.

Be Safe.

Lights

White lights at the front of your bike and Red to the rear
This will help you see and be seen

Reflectors

Reflectors in your wheels and wearing reflective clothing
will help you be seen from the side

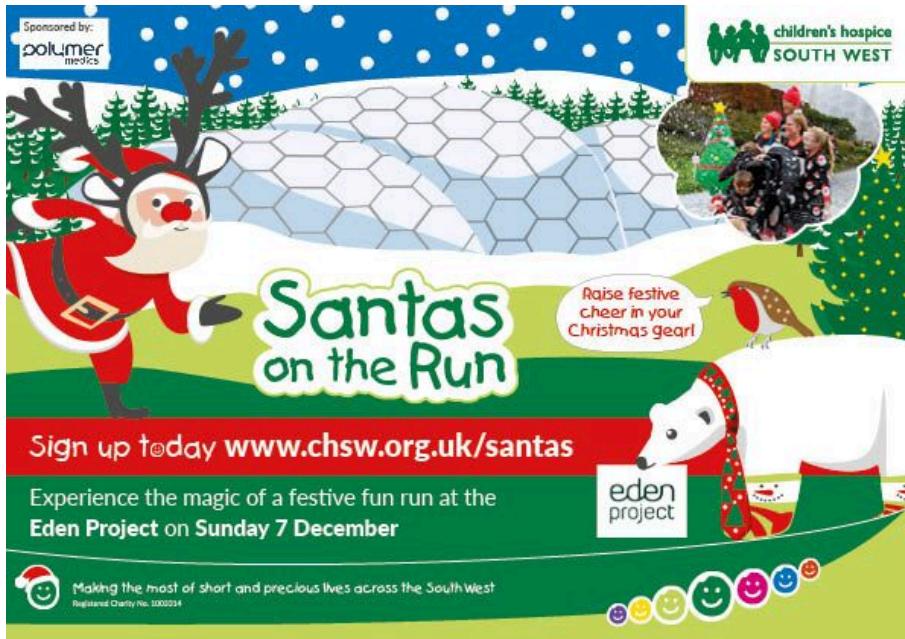
Fluorescence

Fluorescent clothing will help you
be seen in low light conditions



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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: 97.9%
ST ANTHONY: 96.14%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.98%

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

Equates to number of school days off each year

4 School days missed

6 School days missed

7 School days missed

9 School days missed

13 School days missed

20 School days missed

30 School days missed

100%

98%

97%

96%

95%

93%

90%

85%

Perfection

Impressive

Good

On Target

Slight Concern

Concerns

Very Concerned

Serious Concerns

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.

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS	
13+	16+
Facebook	Snapchat
Instagram	Twitter
TikTok	Kik
NowNow	Yubo
House Party	Monkey
	WhatsApp
	17+
	Sarahah
	YOLO
	MeetMe
	LiveMe



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](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

[Parents and carers | CEOP Education](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

E-Safety In School

Pupils of all ages are taught about how to keep themselves safe online, both in school and at home. At Manaccan 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 \(coramlife.education.org.uk\)](https://coramlife.education.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.



