



Manadon Vale
Primary School

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Prospectus

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Welcome to Manadon Vale Primary School



Manadon Vale Primary School is a very special place, where we aim to provide a happy, caring, safe, friendly, challenging and inspirational environment. We are a large primary school with a family ethos where the children are at the heart of everything we do.

We are a community of active learners. We will be challenged and inspired on our journey to becoming responsible global citizens of the future. We take every opportunity to be the best that we can be.

Our aims are that children will become collaborative, resilient, curious, reflective and have happy and healthy bodies and minds.

We believe that every child can do amazing things and it's our job to help make this potential a reality. It is also our duty to ensure that Manadon Vale provides an outstanding education so that every child has the freedom to choose their own future. However, you are the most important person in your child's life, so it is really important that we work together to support each other in making sure your child gets the best education possible. To achieve this, teamwork, great communication and high expectations are essential.

If you are unable to find what you are looking for in this prospectus, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us or have a look at our website which can be found at: www.mvps.org.uk.



Mrs Hayley Gilbride
Headteacher

Governing Body

I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Manadon Vale Primary School on behalf of all of the Governors. Manadon Vale is a special place to learn, work and volunteer. We have children who are keen to learn, inspirational leadership, dedicated and exceptionally hard working staff as well as spacious grounds.

Our school's vision is for every child 'to be the best that they can be'. I believe that this is really important but should not be measured purely in academic terms. Our children need to be safe, resilient, valued, inspired, creative and most importantly happy.

Should you have any questions or if you would like any further information on the governance of our school, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Chair of Governors,
Tina Scott



Our School Vision and Aims

At Manadon Vale Primary School, we are a community of active learners. We will be challenged and inspired on our journey to becoming responsible global citizens of the future. We take every opportunity to be the best that we can be.

1. We are each part of a team, collaborating to achieve our best.
2. We will be resilient, learning from our mistakes and life's challenges, never giving up and seeing things through.
3. We will encourage our natural curiosity, finding out about ourselves and exploring the world around us.
4. We will understand how to keep our bodies and minds happy, healthy and safe.
5. We will each reflect on our learning and take pride in all we do.

Our School Day

7:30am	Breakfast Club starts for those children who have booked a space
8:30am	Gates on to the school playground open
8:40am	Bell goes and children enter the school for registration
8:50am	Learning Time
11:00am	Playtime
11:20am	Learning Time
12:15pm	Foundation Stage children lunch
12:30pm	Year 1 to Year 6 lunch
1:30pm	Learning Time
3:00pm	Foundation Stage finish
3:15pm	End of the School Day for Years 1-6
3:15pm	After School Club starts
6:00pm	After School Club finishes

Welcome to our Early Years Foundation Stage

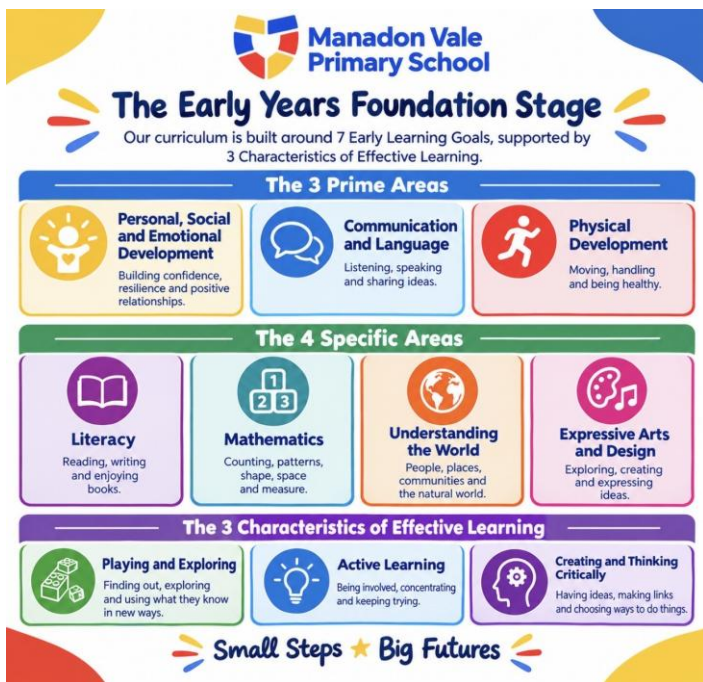
I am delighted to introduce you to our wonderful Early Years provision. At Manadon, we believe every child deserves the very best start to their learning journey. Our Early Years Foundation Stage provides a nurturing, stimulating and inclusive environment where children feel safe, valued and inspired to explore, discover and grow. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school community and making those first steps into school life truly special. Should you have any questions or if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or by email that can be found on the website.



Mrs Georgia Barber
EYFS Lead

Curriculum

We follow the EYFS Statutory framework set by the Government and we use Development Matters alongside this.



Tapestry

We use Tapestry as an online learning journal at Manadon to capture and celebrate your child's learning and development throughout their time in Foundation Stage. Staff regularly record observations, photographs and examples of your child's learning, which help us assess their progress, identify next steps and plan exciting learning opportunities tailored to their needs and interests.

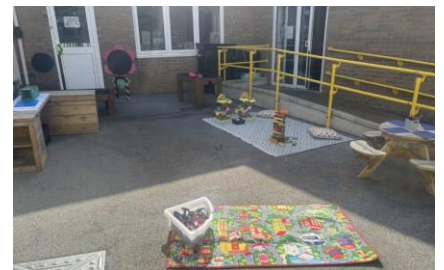


In EYFS, learning is an adventure!

Our carefully planned topics spark curiosity, encourage imagination and give children exciting opportunities to learn through play, exploration and real-life experiences.



Alongside our planned curriculum, we follow the children's interests, questions and fascinations, making sure their ideas help shape our learning too. Our children have daily opportunities to explore, discover, take risks, build confidence and learn through play in our wonderful outdoor environment.



Throughout the year, we provide memorable opportunities to bring our topics to life, including our much-loved Pirate Day and assembly, where families are invited to join us and celebrate the children's learning. Our children also have



the opportunity to visit the National Marine Aquarium during the Summer term. From special visitors and hands-on experiences to trips, celebrations and memorable activities, there is always something to inspire curiosity and make learning fun!

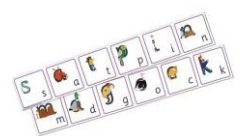
Starting School: A Smooth Start

Starting school is a big milestone for children and their families. We want every child to feel happy, safe, confident and ready to learn from the moment they join us. Our carefully planned transition programme helps children and families get to know us, build relationships and become familiar with their new environment before they start.

WHEN	YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY	WHAT TO EXPECT
JUNE	 Welcome to Manadon	Meet the EYFS team, Headteacher and SENDCo. An opportunity to find out about school life.
JUNE & JULY	 Stay and Play	Visit, explore, play and begin getting to know teachers and new friends.
SEPTEMBER	 Getting to Know You	A 1:1 family meeting helps us understand your child, their interests, routines and needs.
FIRST WEEK	 Building Up to Full-Time	A small staggered start helps children settle. Within a week, children are full-time.

Phonics and Early Reading

Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) is our chosen Phonics programme. The aim of ELS is 'getting all children to read well, quickly'. It teaches children to read by identifying the phonemes (the smallest unit of sound) and graphemes (the written version of the sound) within words and using these to read words.



ELS Essential Letters and Sounds

ELS Essential Letters and Sounds

ELS GUIDE FOR PARENTS
GRAPHEME INFORMATION SHEET | PHASE 2

Grapheme	Picture	Phoneme
S		s - snake s - snake around the snake
a		a - ant a - ant around the head, down the body

Children begin learning Phonics at the very beginning of Foundation Stage and it is explicitly taught every day during a dedicated slot on the timetable. Children are given the knowledge and the skills to then apply this independently.

Throughout the day, children will use their growing Phonics knowledge to support them in other areas of the curriculum and will have many opportunities to practise their reading.

Curriculum for Y1 - Y6

We follow the National Curriculum 2014 in all subjects in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It provides an outline of core knowledge around which teachers at Manadon Vale Primary School develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.



We set high expectations for every pupil. We aim to stretch the most able pupils by planning suitable learning challenges for them but also plan carefully for the needs of pupils who experience difficulty in learning. We use a range of assessment strategies to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of all learners and sets high expectations for every pupil.

Through our exciting, stimulating and creative curriculum we aim for every child to enjoy learning and gain knowledge, skills and attributes which will ensure they are well-prepared for secondary education and enable them to lead happy, fulfilling and successful lives in the future. We take every opportunity to enrich the curriculum with outside providers, trips and visits and enrichment opportunities.

Pastoral and Inclusion Team

At Manadon Vale we work hard to ensure that all children are include and have the support that they need. We embrace the fact that every child is different, and therefore the educational needs of each child are different. To achieve this, we use a child-centred approach and staff respond to each child as an individual. You can find out more about the Inclusion Team and how we support children with SEND by reading our SEND Information Report and Special Educational Needs policy which are both available on our website here [SEND at Manadon Vale Primary School](#).



Ruth Kimberlee
SENDCo



Sarah Howe
Pastoral Support Worker



Jo Stapleton
Family Support Advisor



Enrichment Activities

Our aim to produce children who are active participants is achieved, in part, by providing varied enrichment activities. These can take place during the lunch break or after school.

In recent years, the activities available have included netball, football, tag rugby, athletics, gymnastics, tennis, cross country, hockey, field gun, choir and orchestra. We believe that interests which are established in the earlier years assist in broadening children's experiences and horizons.



Sport and PE

The school aims to provide a wide range of sporting activities which will develop children both physically, mentally and socially. The sporting opportunities provided may be individual, small group or team. Children compete in local leagues and tournaments for football, netball, hockey, gymnastics, tag rugby and athletics. Swimming and Bikeability feature in the curriculum for all Year 5 children.



Music

Music is a big part of the curriculum at Manadon Vale. All children have weekly music lessons, but Year 3 children all learn the violin and peripatetic instrument lessons begin from Year 4 upwards. We also have a Music Club for older children which includes a choir and orchestra. Our Music Club feature in our Christmas performance, Christmas and Summer Fayres as well as other music specific events in school and across Plymouth.



Educational Visits



At Manadon Vale, each year group experiences at least one educational offsite visit per academic year. These visits are linked to the children's learning and often follow up learning is completed after the visit, once back in school.

Throughout their time at Manadon, children will take part in the '30 Ways to Connect' life experiences, some examples of these visits are trips to a museum, the aquarium, Plymouth Hoe, a beach, a journey on a boat and local community.



For certain visits, a consent form from parents is sought. However, for short visits involving no charges and within reasonable vicinity of the school this is not required.



Residentials

In recent years, the pupils in Year 4 have visited Dewerstone activity centre on the moors and Year 6 have enjoyed an activity residential at Barton Hall, in Torbay, towards the end of their time at Manadon Vale.



Other residentials include taking a small group of Y6 pupils to the Young Voices concert in Birmingham each year and taking a mixed group of our School Parliament to London to visit The Houses of Parliament.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

There is a provision for children to come in to school from 7:30am for Breakfast Club at a cost of £5.00. If a child joins from 8am, this cost reduces to £3.50. Please book and pay for sessions in advance on Arbor. This requirement is essential. For more information, please contact the School Office.

We also provide an After School Club from the end of the school day until 6pm at a cost of £9.50. To book sessions on Arbor, or for more information, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform, although not compulsory, is actively encouraged. Our children wear the uniform and this fosters an identity with and pride in the school.

For reasons of safety, the only acceptable jewellery is a watch and one plain stud earring in the lobe of each ear. Other forms of body piercing are deemed inappropriate.



Many items of the school uniform are available from Trutex Schoolwear at Sugarmill Retail Park, the Schoolwear Shop on Mayflower Street or The Uniform Company on Peverell Park Road.

School Meals

Our school meals are cooked on the premises and are provided by ABM Catering. The meals are prepared from organic, locally sourced ingredients. Access the current school meal menu via our website. The menu runs on a rolling three weekly cycle. Each day there are four options, red- unusually a meat options, green - vegetarian, blue - jacket potato and purple - pasta dish. There is also a hydration station and salad bar as well as variety of delicious second courses.



Arbor

Payment should be made through Arbor accounts. Meals presently cost £2.95 per day, per child.

Universal Free meals are provided for all children in the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2. Free school meals are also provided for the children of parents in receipt of Income Support and Child Tax Credit (with no award of Working Tax Credit) and Income Based Jobseekers Allowance. All applications need to be made through the Plymouth City Council Citizen Portal. No distinction exists in the school between children who pay and those who receive free meals.

Safeguarding

We have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in our school, therefore have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. All staff including volunteers and supply staff ensure that they are aware of our procedures.



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Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will endeavour to ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with their parents or carers first unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the child's best interests.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hayley Gilbride (Deputy Safeguarding Leads - Mrs Jo Stapleton/Mrs Anna Paige).

Behaviour

We want our school to be a safe, kind, and welcoming place where everyone feels respected. We help children build confidence, enjoy learning, and become independent. Every child has the right to learn, and no one should stop others from learning.

We support children by building strong, caring relationships and understanding their feelings and experiences. We believe all children should have the chance to do their best.

We like to recognise children that demonstrate these positive role model behaviours all day, every day. Positive behaviour within the classroom is often rewarded through House Points and stickers. As a school we award House Points, through Class Dojo, to reward any types of progress - this could include good behaviour and learning attitudes.



The school understands that behaviour is linked to feelings and experiences (trauma-informed approach). Adults build positive, caring relationships with children to help them feel safe and supported. Good behaviour is encouraged through praise and recognition, not just punishment. All adults act as role models, showing calm and respectful behaviour. Older pupils help and support younger ones, creating a strong sense of community.

The school wants children to become confident, respectful, and responsible individuals who understand how to behave well and care about others.

Health, Medication & First Aid

If a child requires prescribed medicines whilst in school, parents are asked to complete an Administration of Medicines/Treatment (Form of Consent) which is available from the school office. Prescribed medicines should be bought into school and delivered personally to the office. The medicine should be clearly labelled with the contents, owner's name and dosage.



Children will normally be seen by the school nursing team during their first year in school and parents will be informed in advance. There are regular health and hygiene learning experiences provided by schools. Parents and carers are notified regarding any medical visits by the school nurse.

We are fully compliant with Benedict's Law to ensure that children with allergies and medial conditions are safe in our school. We hold an emergency inhaler and an emergency auto-injector.



All school staff are expected to take reasonable action as responsible adults, to deal with injuries, but we also have trained first aiders.

Attendance, Absence & Medical Appointments

The Government has changed the law on holidays in term time. The law now states that leave of absence may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. You must apply for exceptional leave of absence using the forms from the school office. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time

If your child is poorly, parents must report absences to school by telephone or in person. For medical and dental appointments in school time, children must be collected by a parent or adult representative.

Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

The school has a very active and successful PTFA, which is made up of parents, teachers, friends of the school and other staff. We usually meet as an open committee approximately every half term when we plan and organise future events.



We try to arrange functions that will involve everyone including a few non-profit making events. Recent fundraising activities have included a Spring Term Disco, a Halloween Disco, Sweets & Treats Stall, Kickstart to Christmas and a very successful Summer Fayre. The team is already busy planning more events for this academic year.



Your support has helped us fund:



Thank you for helping make this possible!



In recent years, the PTFA have contributed funds towards the new computers, equipment for PE, the Foundation Stage and Music, as well as books and resources for all curriculum areas.

As you can imagine, we always need new ideas, so please come along and join us. We have found that teachers, parents and children working together in this way creates a very warm, friendly, family atmosphere within the school.

For more information, please email manadonvaleptfa@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page: Manadon Vale PTFA.