

TERM 1 - 2025 NEWSLETTER



LAWN MANOR
ACADEMY

HEAD OF SCHOOL - UPDATE

As Term 1 draws to a close, Lawn Manor Academy is proud to reflect on a purposeful and energising start to the academic year. This term, we have focused on culture by re-codifying 'The Lawn Manor Way' - our shared understanding of the values and expectations that unite staff and pupils in our commitment to excellence.

Rooted in our core principles of Responsibility, Readiness to learn, Respect, and Ambition, this initiative has helped us clearly articulate what it means to be part of our school community.

As we continue to embed The Lawn Manor Way, we are seeing a growing sense of pride, purpose, and unity among our pupils. Staff have played a vital role in modelling these values and nurturing a culture where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired to grow.

Highlights from this term include:

- A vibrant and well-attended Open Evening for Year 5 & 6
- Informative Steps to Success evenings for Years 7, 10 & 11
- Creative and engaging Year 6 ARTSMAD Days
- Our fun and memorable Year 7 Sleepover

We are proud to be part of the Ascend Learning Trust, working alongside schools that share our vision for inclusive, ambitious education. We look forward to building on this momentum in Term 2 as we continue to empower our pupils to belong, believe, and become.

Thank you for your support, and we wish you a very restful half-term break.



Sandra Muir
Executive Headteacher



Russell Langdown
Head of School

Lawn Manor Academy appoints Head Pupils to lead the school



Lawn Manor Academy has announced this academic year's Head Pupils, voted for by their fellow pupils.

Year 11 pupils Eddie and Rofiat both won the largest number of votes and have been appointed as Head Pupils, taking on the responsibility of representing their peers and acting as a vital link between pupils and school leadership.

Both pupils successfully secured the prestigious roles after a rigorous application process, which included submitting a written application, producing campaign speeches, and videos. They were ultimately elected by their fellow pupils in a school-wide vote, giving everyone a chance to participate in real-life democracy in action.

As Head Pupils, the pair will not only gain valuable leadership skills but also represent the voice of young people across the school, ensuring that every pupil feels listened to and included.

Wearing distinctive turquoise ties to identify their roles and badges depicting their roles, they will also support key events such as open evenings and tours for prospective pupils and their families, where they will share the opportunities available and how life and learning are embodied through the 'Lawn Manor Way.'

Both Rofiat and Eddie share a passion to make sure that everyone is heard and valued at the school.

Mr Langdown, Head of School, explained: "Already in just the first few weeks of the new school year, Eddie and Rofiat are both excelling in their positions as Head Pupils.

These positions are hotly contested every year, and not only do they give the candidates, whether successful or not, experience of campaigning and leadership, but they also give every member of the school, pupils and staff, an opportunity to participate in democracy in action.

"We run the whole process to closely resemble a real-life political vote, with everyone submitting their voting slip in a box in the school. This is now incredibly relevant to real life as with the election voting age now being reduced to 16, our young people already recognise the value of their vote in making choices that affect the whole nation."



At Lawn Manor Academy, we are committed to ensuring a caring and safe environment where all pupils can learn without fear of bullying.

Our approach encourages a *telling culture* - meaning any concerns regarding bullying should be reported so they can be addressed promptly

We are proud to share that Lawn Manor Academy has been recognised as a United Against Bullying Plus Silver School, following our work with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and the Education Endowment Foundation over the past 2 years.

This award reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff, pupils, and wider school community in tackling bullying and promoting wellbeing.

It is a testament to our ongoing efforts to ensure that every pupil feels safe, respected, and valued.

**Lawn Manor Academy -
Anti - Bullying Policy Summary**

United Against Bullying (UAB) Programme

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/aba-our-work/our-programmes/unity-against-bullying-uab-programme>



The Lawn Manor Academy PLEDGE

This term, as part of our pledge to our Pupils at Lawn Manor Academy, they have had the opportunity to experience our first Personal Development Day, which was held on 23rd September. At Lawn Manor, we hold 6 Personal Development days each year.

Pupils have also had the opportunity to attend a variety of clubs and interventions during ILEARN, lunchtime & after school, which are all held outside of the classroom. Our Maths club has now extended to Year 7 & Year 8. Period 6 classes have now begun, and pupils have been busily rehearsing for our annual Expressive Arts show.

So far, our biggest highlight for Year 7 as part of our Pledge is our Year 7 sleepover over which was held at school on the 10th October. Fun, excitement, & teamwork bring Year 7 together. A Year 7 pupil celebrated a birthday at the event with a birthday cake to enjoy, as well as a school disco and a cinema experience, which all took place under one roof.

As part of "The Pledge", our first themed assembly took place on 6th October, which is our annual event on the theme "Black History Month" & next term we will hold two more themed assemblies. One on Remembrance & one for Anti-bullying week.

Next term we welcome "Children in Need" where pupils will become aware of what Children in Need is and could be involved in. In term 1 of raising awareness on what MacMillian is to all Year 7 & Year 8 pupils and our staff held a coffee morning raising money for such an excellent cause.

In term 2, we look forward to our annual Literacy Festival for KS3, our first ever pantomime held at school for Yr7 & Yr8 & our careers fair for all year groups, and our Personal Development Day 2.

Personal Development days

PD day 1 - 23rd September 2025

PD day 2 - Tuesday 16th December 2025

PD day 3 - Monday 12th January 2026

PD day 4 - Friday 27th March 2026

PD day 5 - Wednesday 22nd April 2026

PD day 6 - Thursday 2nd July 2026



Personal Development Overview

Year 7 Personal Development Day

The theme 'Managing Change'.

MADE: 'Thinking big' Pupils looking at goal setting.

Bullying and Banter - A focus on understanding how to speak respectfully.

Road Safety - Sleep and Relaxation

Year 8 Personal Development Day

The theme 'Managing Change'.



Forestry - FGM (Female Gentile Mutilation)

Volunteering

Careers and Aspirations - Proud to To Be me

Year 9 Personal Development Day

The theme ' Sex Education and Consent'



Exploring Contraception - Sexual harassment -

' In Harms Way' The upfront Theatre Company performed and interactive play.

Year 10 Personal Development Day

The theme 'Rights and Responsibilities'

Finance - RPE comparing different attitudes to what make as person and analyse how attitudes affect out daily lives.

Screen Addition - The Odd One Out , a documentary on the damage of social media - Careers

Year 11 Personal Development Day

The theme 'Rights and Responsibilities

HRE Health related Exercise - RPE comparing different attitudes to what make as person and analyse how attitudes affect out daily lives.

Screen Addition - The Odd One Out , a documentary on the damage of social media - Careers

As part of our “Pledge “ at Lawn Manor Academy, we celebrate Black History Month every year at Lawn Manor. October 1st, 2025, marked the beginning of Black History Month, which is widely regarded as one of the most prominent cultural celebrations of the year. Honouring the contributions made to society by people of Black heritage and their communities.

Black History Month is a time to educate and enrich the world with the importance of Black history.

“Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better” -
Martin Luther King Jr

First brought to the UK in the 1980s, Black History Month was initially introduced to the country by a member of the Greater London Council, Akyaaba Addai Sebo. Since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated annually in the UK to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality.

This year's theme is Standing Firm in Power and Pride, "a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe."

Pupils at Lawn Manor have had the privilege of learning about Black History led by Mr Gasche (Head of Social Sciences) through a series of assemblies, video links, and ILEARN resources delivered during ILEARN.

This year, we have celebrated black history month by conducting Black History-themed assemblies and resources delivered within our ILEARN programme.



Club

Singing Club!
Wednesdays 3.30 to 4.30

Club

Quiz Night - Wednesdays in the LIBRARY 3.20 – 4.00



QUIZ NIGHT



‘Grab some team mates or go it alone
get your brains working, get into the zone!’



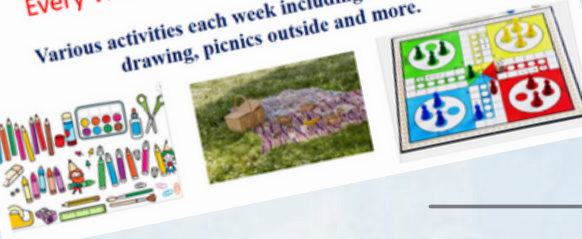
EVERY THURSDAY!

TEXTILES CLUB

JOIN US IN: 1E11
All Year groups welcome
After school! 3:20-4:20pm
Lots of materials available and a chance to experiment with textile techniques!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU 😊

YOUNG CARERS CLUB

Every Wednesday at Lunchtime in the PLC.
Various activities each week including arts and crafts, drawing, picnics outside and more.



All year groups invited Every Wednesday after school 3.20-4pm

Fun drama games, sketches and performances

Drama club

With Ms Owens

Located in 1W9 Drama Studio

Starts on 17th September 2025

Wednesdays in the LIBRARY
are normally Quiz night (3.20 – 4.00), but due to popular demand we are also playing

BINGO !

Test your Speed, Concentration and Luck!
Prizes for one line, two lines and a full house.
So...It's 'Eyes Down' in the Library.
It's great fun!
Prizes and certificates to be won by all.
Hope to see you all there.



What is STAR?

- Have you been bereaved? Lost a family member, friend or pet?
- The opportunity to meet with others with similar experiences.
- To complete activities to help us remember our lost loved ones
- To create memory boxes
- Time for sharing memories and reflecting

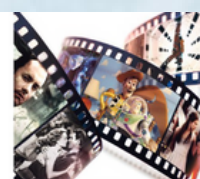
Spanish Club!

Looking for a place to practice your Spanish with other students or a teacher?
Want to learn more about Spanish culture?

Come to Ms Deaton's room- 3E5- during Thursday lunches!



Film Club- Tuesdays in the LIBRARY 3.20 - 5.00



Vote for your favourite film, grab some FREE popcorn and squash, then sit back and relax...



Christmas Card Competition

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2025



Think creatively, use whatever materials you would like but most importantly make sure your design is festive and fun!

- Our Annual Competition.
- House Points & prizes for the Top 20 pupils in each Year group!
- Overall winner to be nominated for our LMA community & the Trust Competition.
- Please hand all entries to our Art department by

Wednesday:
12th November 2025

Lawn Manor Academy teachers tackle a half-marathon



Teachers at Lawn Manor Academy have swapped their wipe board pens for running shoes, proving to pupils that resilience isn't just taught in lessons – it's lived!

Four members of staff from the school completed this year's Swindon Half Marathon, showing that with a bit of grit, goals that once felt out of reach can be conquered.

Head of School Russell Langdown was quick to praise the quartet's efforts:

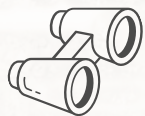
"We are incredibly proud of our staff. They are fantastic role models, showing our pupils that if you set your mind to something and put in the effort, you can achieve more than you ever thought possible."

By taking part in one of Swindon's best-loved community events, the teachers hope their pupils will see that perseverance – whether in exams, hobbies, or on the roads of their hometown – always pays off.

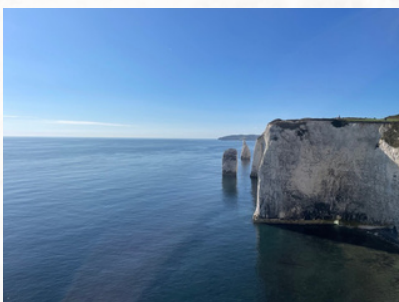


Y11 Geography fieldtrip to Swanage

On Tuesday, 30th September, 102 geography pupils ventured to Swanage and Old Harry's Rocks along the Jurassic coastline in Dorset to complete their physical geography coursework.



They measured Groynes, completed field sketches, and walked the coastal path to Old Harry's Rocks to see erosional processes in action. The weather was fantastic, so there was even time for Ice cream.





We're excited to let you know that rugby training for Year 7 pupils will commence every Tuesday after school, from 3:20 pm to 4:20 pm.

We're also pleased to announce that Year 7 girls' netball training will be running at the same time.

Rugby pupils will need their PE kit and football boots.

Netball pupils will need their PE kit and trainers.

Both sessions are completely free of charge and offer a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their skills, stay active, and enjoy being part of a team.

We encourage all interested Year 7s to come along and give it a try!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

Lawn Manor PE Dept

Extra-Curricular schedule 25-26 - SEPT- OCT

Day	Lunchtime	Member of staff	After school 3:20-4:20pm	Location	Staff member
Monday	YR 7 Basketball	MR MCDEAN	GYM - Y9, 10, 11 BOYS & GIRLS	The Clubhouse	MR STACEY
Tuesday	YR 8 Basketball	MISS LACY	Y7, Y8, Y9 NETBALL TRAINING	COURTS	MISS GREGORY/ MISS LACY
			Y7, Y8, Y9 RUGBY TRAINING	FIELD	MR WILSON/ MCDEAN
			Y9, 10 & 11 BOYS GYM	The Clubhouse	MR STACEY
Wednesday	YR 9 Basketball	MISS GREGORY	ALL YEAR'S NETBALL GAMES	COURTS	MISS LACY/ MISS GREGORY
			RUGBY GAMES	FIELD	MR MCDEAN
			Y9, 10, 11 GIRLS GYM	The Clubhouse	MR STACEY
Thursday	U16 Basketball	MR WILSON	Y10, Y11 NETBALL TRAINING	COURTS	MISS LACY
			U16s RUGBY TRAINING	FIELD	MR WILSON/ MCDEAN
			Y9, 10, 11 BOYS & GIRLS	The Clubhouse	MR STACEY
Friday			NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS		

Please note:

- All lunchtime clubs will take place in West Manor Gym
- Clubs will run from 3:20-4:20pm
- Players that regularly attend clubs will represent the school at school fixtures



LMA Gym and Fitness Club

15:20 - 16:15




Tuesdays: Year 9, 10 and 11 - Boys only
 Wednesdays: Year 9, 10 and 11 - Girls only
 Thursdays: Year 9, 10 and 11 - Boys and Girls
 Fridays: Year 10 and 11 - Boys and Girls

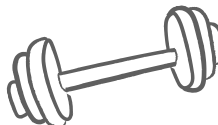
Come and use the Lawn Manor fitness centre. A safe and fully inclusive environment for all abilities. Receive free exercise advice, hints and tips in a completely non-judgemental way from an experienced Personal Trainer.

Complete beginners welcome!

Benefits of exercise for young people:

- ✓ Increase self confidence
- ✓ Increase body confidence
- ✓ Decrease stress
- ✓ Help support positive mental health
- ✓ Better sleep

SPORT





Mr Wilson from the PE Dept reports:

This week has seen a fantastic surge in pupil participation across our extra-curricular sports clubs, and Tuesday was a standout day!

An incredible 140 pupils took part in after-school activities, showing just how committed and enthusiastic our school community is when it comes to sport and fitness.

Whether it was the fast-paced action of Rugby Club, the teamwork and energy of Netball Club, or the strength and focus of the Clubhouse gym sessions, pupils turned up in brilliant numbers and gave it their all.

This level of engagement is not only impressive, it's inspiring. It shows dedication, school spirit, and a real passion for staying active and involved.

We're proud of every single pupil who took part, and we encourage everyone to keep up the momentum. Let's make every week even better!

Well done to all, and keep it up!

The PE Department

Key dates for Term 2

**Spelling Bee Ascend Learning Trust Event
Wednesday 12th November**

**Y11 Awards Evening
Thursday 27th November - 16.00**

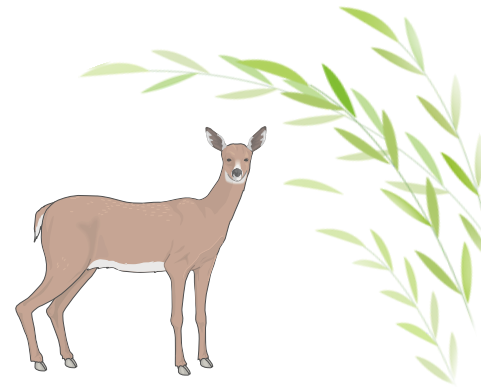
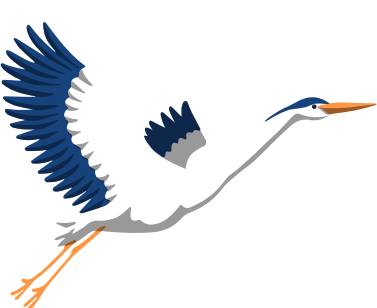
**Poetry Slam
Thursday 4th December**

**Christmas Lunch Year 7 & 8
Wednesday 10th December**

**Christmas Lunch Year 9, 10 & 11
Thursday 11th December**

**Pantomime - Aladdin - Year 7
Tuesday 16th December**

**Christmas by Candlelight Concert
Wednesday 17th December - 18.00 - 20.00**



🐾 ✨ Forest Garden Mystery:
Solved!
This weekend, our Forest Garden
had an unexpected — and rather
mystical — visitor... a rare household
black cat! ❤️

Legend has it that black cats in
Wiltshire bring good luck, especially
if they wander into your garden
uninvited. Some say they're witches'
familiar, others say they're just nosy
neighbours with style. Either way,
ours seemed very at home among
the trees and twigs! 🌳 🐈

We're not saying it's magic... but
we're not not saying it either. 😊



🦌 A Forest School First!
This week at Lawn Manor Academy,
something magical happened in our
Forest School — a muntjac deer and
a heron crossed paths! 🌿 ✨

Did you know?

- ◆ Muntjac deer are known as
"barking deer" because they make
loud alarm calls when startled.
- ◆ They're one of the smallest deer
species in the UK — about the size
of a fox!
- ◆ Muntjacs have fangs instead of
big antlers and can breed all year
round.
- ◆ Herons, on the other hand, are
expert fishers and can stand still for
ages waiting for the perfect catch.



*Nature never stops surprising us -
And our pupils got front-row seats to this
wild encounter!*





Hello. My name is Julie Conlen, and I am a Community Public Health School Nurse. I currently hold a weekly School Nurse Clinic at Lawn Manor Academy, usually on Tuesdays.

**Pupils can come and see me for support, advice, and guidance for a range of physical and emotional health issues related to:
Healthy relationships, including family and friendship worries.**

Anxiety and emotional well-being.

Anger management.

Self-harm.

Alcohol and drug use.

Sexual health.

Smoking/vaping

A healthy lifestyle includes sleep, physical activity, diet, and exercise.

Medical worries.

How to get in touch:

**Parents can refer to School Nursing by sending an email to
SwindonSchoolNurseTeam@swindon.gov.uk**

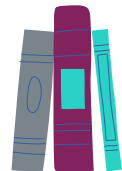
**School can refer to School Nursing by completing a Request for Service, emailed to
SwindonSchoolNurseTeam@swindon.gov.uk**

Pupils can self-refer by dropping into the clinic on a Tuesday during break or lunchtime.

The School Nurse Clinic is a private and confidential space. I will not discuss information outside of the School Nurse Clinic without the student's consent unless I am concerned about a risk of serious harm.



LIBRARY NEWS



In the month of October, in the Library, we held a mini-theme to raise awareness of

Black History Month.



HORROR



In the month of October, in the Library, the theme was 'Horror'.

Lawn Manor Library's own Zombie Hospital !!

If you love Horror, Gore, Beasts, Vampire, and Zombies, then the Lawn Manor Library was certainly the place to be!

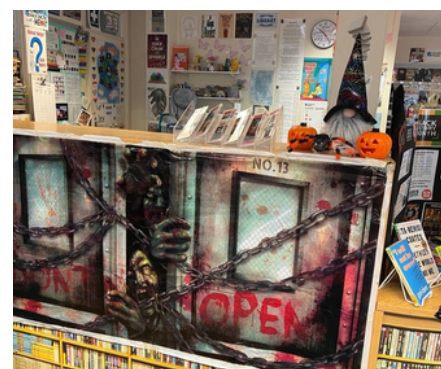
'HORROR' ... an intense feeling of fear, shock, and pure terror!

'Eerie Year 11 Heaven, 'Frightening' Film Club, 'Quivering' Quiz Night, 'Blood curdling' Bingo, 'Creepy' Chess Club, and there are lots of 'Bone Shivering' books that were loaned out!

Plus FREE bookmarks!

There are many talented Horror authors, books by Darren Shan, David Gatward, Anthony Horowitz, to name but a few.

So be afraid, be very afraid! Plus BEWARE and only enter if you DARE!!!!!!





Lawn Manor Academy pupils set their sights on the next International stage

A group of 14 pupils aged between 12 and 15 recently brought the energy and spirit of Lawn Manor Academy to life as they performed in Times Square. During their trip, they also had the opportunity to dance on a Broadway stage at the New Amsterdam Theatre, followed by a show on the same stage.

The pupils also gained invaluable creative experience during a workshop with Broadway show creators of Disney's The Lion King. They eagerly took on the challenge of learning the words and movement to the song 'He Lives in You'. They also excelled in a special dance workshop with a Taylor Swift backing dancer.

The pupils, who had all fundraised to pay for the trip, immersed themselves in New York's rich cultural and artistic landmarks, including the iconic Ellen's Stardust Diner, touring Central Park in a horse and carriage, and visiting the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, and Grand Central Station.

Teacher of Dance and Performing Arts, Miss Dixon, advised

'This trip was an unparalleled success. I am extremely proud of the pupils; they seized every opportunity, demonstrated phenomenal dedication, and truly made their mark in New York - the pupils truly became a dance family'

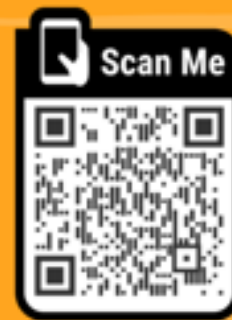
Inspired by their success in New York, Miss Dixon has set her sights on the next international competition. "This trip has ignited something special," added Miss Dixon. "Our pupils have seen what's possible when you dream big, and I truly believe they have the talent to achieve it too."

We hope to head to Disneyland Paris to compete again in 2026 and then back to America again, hopefully for the Holiday Bowl Experience in San Diego, as well as taking on more local challenges too, like performing at Alton Towers in the summer."





EASTCOTT YOUTH CLUB



Thursdays 5.30pm–7.00pm

***Eastcott Community Centre
Savernake Street, SN1 3LZ***

***Come and enjoy a
range of activities,
games, sports, arts
and crafts,
workshops, trips and
much more.***

***MOST IMPORTANTLY –
HAVE FUN.***

**FREE
ENTRY**

AGE 11-16

**If you have any questions or would like to register please contact Loreli
youthwork2@southswindon-pc.gov.uk 07706 533433**



New SEND Early Years Specialist Centre

A new Specialist Early Years Centre has opened at the Everleigh Centre site in Penhill. The dedicated team includes early years practitioners and two family support workers.

The centre provides essential support for families, with an admissions process that prioritises those in greatest need. The facility promotes an engaging, calming, and inclusive environment, featuring:

- A soft play area
- A specialised sensory room
- A main playroom with age-appropriate books and activities
- A space for parents to connect and share experiences

To learn more, visit:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/news/article/1257/council_expands_early_years_send_support_thanks_to_new_centre_in_penhill

Lawn Manor Academy SEND meetings

A termly Parent group for those who have children with diagnoses of SEND or neurodivergence (Autism/ADHD).

These meetings will potentially involve speakers and cover a variety of topics to support you and your child through their life at Lawn Manor Academy.

The meeting schedule is below – a survey will be going out to you shortly as well to get your ideas for subjects you'd like covered.

19th November 4 pm-5 pm

21st January 4 pm-5 pm

18th March 4 pm-5 pm

13th May 4 pm-5 pm

8th July 4 pm-5 pm

Please email:

ksproston@lma.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk for more details.

Down Syndrome and ADHD Awareness month

October is Down Syndrome and ADHD awareness month. To find out more please see the resources below.

Down Syndrome Resources:

- <https://downsyndromeuk.co.uk/support-us/down-syndrome-awareness-month/>
- <https://www.swindondownsgroup.org.uk/>

ADHD Resources:

- https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20226/adhd/1519/getting_help_with_adhd
- <https://adhduk.co.uk/>



For more information, please visit the Meet the SEND Service page on the Local Offer -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20190/send_local_offer

Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641
Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8am-5pm and 8am-4.30pm on Friday.

Send Provision Expansion

Swindon Borough Council has increased its support for children with SEND by establishing 20 new specialist school places at Eldene Nursery & Primary School and Robert Le Kyng Primary School for September 2025. This follows the creation of 60 places in September 2024.

Funded by a £3.4 million grant from the Department for Education, the aim is to create up to 158 additional SEND places. More places are planned this year at Mountford Manor Primary and Oaktree Nursery & Primary School.



PARENTPAY

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc>

Purchasing items is easy and a varies options are available to you, depending on how you wish to make payments. Here you will find a helpful guide on payment processes.

Parents and Carers

You can now access the following details securely through an app called Arbor: **Guardian Information, attendance, assessment, rewards, behaviour, clubs and trips.** Arbor allows us to communicate with you more efficiently and for you to see instantly how your children are getting on at Lawn Manor Academy.

Click below - ***Forgot your password***

We are inviting all parents and carers to log in using the following 2 easy steps

[Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

School Support

If you have any other queries, please contact

admin@lma.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk

The Arbor App can be downloaded from either the Play store on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones. Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of!

[How to navigate and get around Arbor – Arbor Help Centre](#)

UNIFORM DONATION

LAWN MANOR
ACADEMY

PRE - LOVED
UNIFORM

Donate and Re-cycle

WANTED

*Do you have any school
uniform which you no
longer need and could be
used by others ?*



**Items can be
purchased at
reduced costs**

**We will welcome
donations of:**

- LMA Blazers
- School Trousers
and Skirts
- LMA Ties
- LMA PE Items
- Footballs Boots
- Trainers

**These items can be donated
to the Main Reception by
Parents or by Pupils to
Student Services.**

**08.00 - 16.00
(Term time only)**

Thank You

for more information

**Email :
admin@lma.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk**

Tel : 01793 487286