



Monkton Update – 4th September 2026

TERM 1 – Week 1

Monday 07/09/2026	Forest School Years 5/6
Tuesday 08/09/2026	Meet the teacher Class 4 – 2:30pm to 3:10pm
Wednesday 09/09/2026	
Thursday 10/09/2026	Meet the teacher Class 2 – 2:30pm to 3:10pm
Friday 11/09/2026	Meet the teacher Class 3 – 2:30pm to 3:10pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year! I would also like to extend a huge welcome to all of our new parents and children who are joining the Monkton family.

I hope that everyone enjoyed a fun, safe and relaxing summer break and is ready for the exciting year ahead.

For all staff, the term began on Tuesday with our annual safeguarding training and updates. As a member of our school community, if you ever have a safeguarding concern about a child—whether you feel it is a small concern or something more significant—please do not hesitate to ask to speak to me as the school's **Designated Safeguarding Lead**. It is always better to share a concern, and these conversations will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

The term for the children began yesterday, and what a fantastic first day they had! This week is our **Learning to Learn Week**, during which the children will be using our school's learning values to achieve and succeed in a variety of fun tasks, activities and lessons.

Our learning values are:

- **Positive**
- **Resourceful**
- **Innovative**
- **Determined**
- **Engaged**

The children will be encouraged to use these values to overcome challenges, climb out of the *learning pit* and develop the confidence and resilience needed to become successful learners.

Behaviour and learning over the last couple of days have been exemplary. The children and teachers have settled quickly and are already building positive and strong relationships. I have been incredibly impressed with the start everyone has made.

100% Attendance – Ruff is Impressed!

Wednesday and Thursday also saw an incredible **100% attendance**—and Ruff, our attendance dog, is hugely impressed!

The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of each week will have Ruff as their special guest from Monday to Friday of the following week. I am sure there will be plenty of healthy competition as the children work together to ensure that their class has the best attendance possible!

Our Exciting Curriculum

By now, you will have seen our **Curriculum Newsletters**, which detail what your children will be learning each term. I am sure you will agree that the topics and units of work across each subject are captivating and designed to really hook the children into their learning.

You will also be hearing about lots of exciting **enrichment activities** throughout the year. There is so much to look forward to!

Working Together

As always, the partnership between **teachers, pupils and parents** is fundamental to every child's learning journey. Please do as much as you can at home with your children, whilst also ensuring that vital family time remains protected.

Our Home Learning Policy asks that children:



Read five times per week to an adult at home.

This could be for just five minutes each day and does not always have to involve reading a book. Developing strong reading skills is essential, as gaps in reading can quickly lead to gaps in learning across the wider curriculum.



Access Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars.

Regular practice will help to strengthen children's knowledge and confidence in number and mathematics.

We do not ask for a great deal, but we believe that this home learning, coupled with the children's relentless learning and play at school, will give them the best possible opportunity to meet their age-related expectations at the end of each year. Finally, please continue reading this newsletter for important information about **Forest School, clubs, PE days and much more**. There is certainly plenty happening!

If you are ever unsure about anything, please visit the school website or give the school office a call on **01843 821394**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am very much looking forward to another exciting and successful year at Monkton.

**Best wishes,
Mr Marston**



Meet the Teacher

2:30 - 3:10pm in the Main Hall

Dates as specified below

Class 2 - Thursday 10th September

Class 3 - Friday 11th September

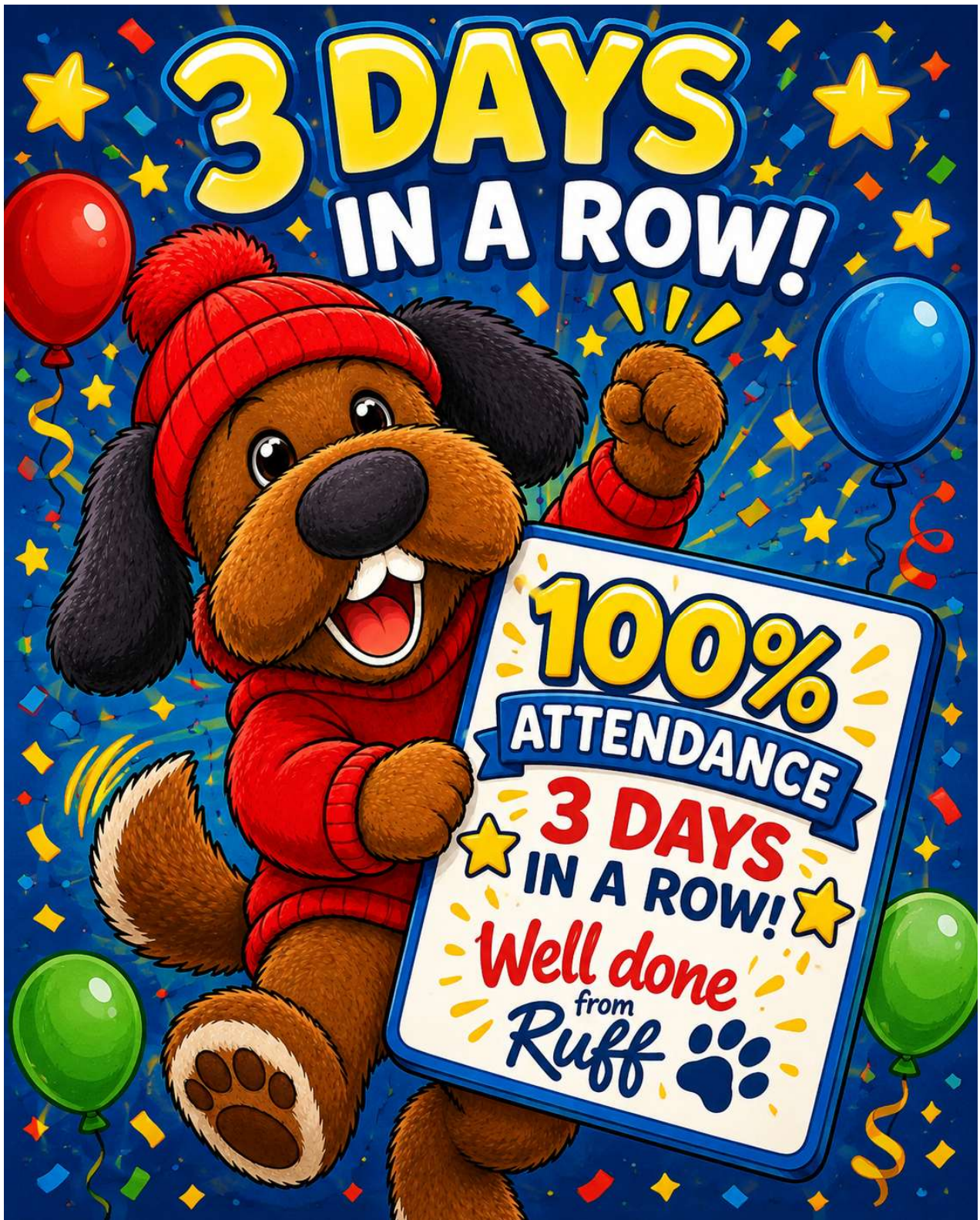
Class 4 - Tuesday 8th September

Come along to meet your child's teacher and find out lots of important information about the year ahead, including:

- The curriculum
- Expectations for the year
- Home learning
- Reading tips and advice
- Maths tips and strategies
- Upcoming trips and visits

There will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask any questions or queries you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion** **Courage** **Justice**



Star of
the
Week

YR R –

YR 1 – Isaac for fantastic ideas in class discussions

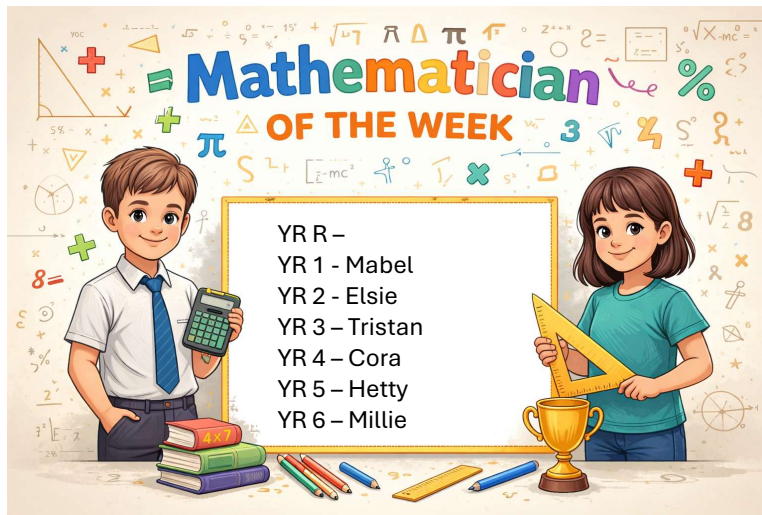
YR 2 – Willow for all her enthusiasm this week

YR 3 – Olivia for brilliant contribution in class

YR 4 – George for his enthusiasm in his learning

YR 5 – Bronti for showing fantastic engagement in all tasks

YR 6 – Edward for building a periscope successfully and independently



YR R –
YR 1 – Mabel
YR 2 – Elsie
YR 3 – Tristan
YR 4 – Cora
YR 5 – Hetty
YR 6 – Millie

Readers of the Week

YR R –

YR 1 – Freddie

YR 2 – Miffy

YR 3 – Daniel

YR 4 – Arlo

YR 5 – Nathan

YR 6 – Jacob C



% of readers 5xs a week

YR R – %

YR 1 – %

YR 2 – %

YR 3 – %

YR 4 – %

YR 5 – %

YR 6 – %

PRIDE Sharing

Class 1 –

Class 2 – Bluebell for her determination when building a paper tower

Class 3 – Ottilie and Laycie-Mai for their hieroglyphics work

Class 4 – Adaline and Bronti for their innovative covert periscope.

YR R –

YR 1 –

YR 2 –



Class 1 –

Class 2 – Silver

Class 3 – Gold

Class 4 – Gold



Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion –

Courage –

Justice –

YR 2 –

YR 3 –

YR 4 – Lucas

YR 5 – Teddy

YR 6 – Millie





Forest School

Forest School will move to Monday mornings from start of Term 1, we will update with the schedule towards the start of the new term.

Children will need appropriate clothing for Forest School, including waterproof trousers and coat. We have a limited number of waterproof trousers and coats in school but cannot guarantee they will fit your child.

Class	Week	Date
Class 4	Week 1	07/09/2026
Class 3	Week 2	14/09/2026
Class 2	Week 3	21/09/2026
Class 1	Week 4	28/09/2026
Class 4	Week 5	05/10/2026
Class 3	Week 6	12/10/2026
Class 2	Week 7	19/10/2026

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September

Monday 21st September

Friday 25th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Thursday 22nd October

1st Day of Term 1

Year 5/6 Quex Glamping

Flu Vaccinations

Mini Mudder

Year 5/6 Dover Castle War Tunnels

Read at 3

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 2nd November

Wednesday 4th November

Thursday 12th September

Friday 20th November

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

1st day of Term 2

Year 3/4 British Museum

School Photos

Children in Need

Christingle

Monkton's got Talent/ Last Day of Term 2

Pre-Loved School Uniform Available! 🗑️

As we settle into the new school term, please remember that we have a selection of high-quality, second-hand uniform items available for our families.

Sourced from kind donations, our current stock includes **pinafors, trousers, sweatshirts, and summer dresses.**

While some items are branded, please note that there is absolutely no requirement for children to wear branded uniform at Monkton; generic alternatives are always perfectly fine.

If you would like to check what sizes and items we currently have available, please email the school office at office@monkton.kent.sch.uk. Items are free to a good home, though any small, voluntary donations to the school upon collection are always greatly appreciated!

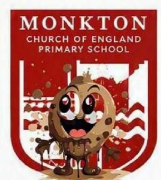
For more information regarding school uniform and our current provider – Kent Workwear please see our website page here [School Uniform](#)



Forest School will take place every Monday, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the sessions. If you are able to support, please complete the survey in the MS Form sent by Mr Marston on Wednesday.

Please also ensure that your child has **waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies in school throughout the year**. As the weather is likely to become a little wetter over the coming weeks, please make sure these items are in school by the end of next week.

Thank you for your support!



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MINI MUDDER



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

AT 3PM

DONATION OF THE FOLLOWING...

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4
TOY DINOSAURS	TOY CARS	TOY PEOPLE/ SUPERHEROES	LEGO
			

GATE WILL BE OPENED AT 3PM FOR PARENTS TO COME AND WATCH.





PLEASE BRING IN SPARE CLOTHES TO WEAR.



BRING A TOWEL FOR THE CAR JOURNEY AT THE END OF THE DAY.



GET READY TO GET MUDDY, HAVE FUN AND MAKE AMAZING MEMORIES!

LET'S GET MUDDY!



Clubs for Term 1

Football club – still run by Holly but under a new name. Details are available on the website for booking. Club will run again on Monday's starting from 7th September 3:15-4:15. Please see [Extra Curricular Clubs](#)



Young Voices Choir – led by Mrs Vesty and is available to years 4-6. Club will start on Thursday 10th September. Booking is now available on Arbor. Cost is £3.00 per child per session to be paid per term. Term 1 will be £21.00.



Khickster Entertainment also provide after-school clubs. Khicksters will be running the following clubs as well as general wraparound care.

Tuesdays - Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays - Club

Fridays - Film Night until 5:00pm

General Wraparound care will only be available Tuesdays until 6:00pm, Wednesdays until 4:30pm and Fridays until 5:00pm

For more information, please see the Wraparound Care page <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/after-school-care-club>

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, *'Be Safe with Us'*.

We know children love watching their favourite programmes and videos, so we've created something that's both fun and educational!



Our short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms.

They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. We hope you enjoy them!

You can watch the videos here: <https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus>