



Monkton Update – 16th October 2026

TERM 1 – Week 7

Monday 19/10/2026	
Tuesday 20/10/2026	
Wednesday 21/10/2026	Flu Vaccination/Spooky Disco
Thursday 22/10/2026	Last Day of Term
Friday 23/10/2026	Staff development day, school closed to pupils

Dear Parents/Carers

How have we got to the final week of term already?!

These autumn days are certainly drawing in, with colder temperatures and darker evenings. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that **children must have their waterproofs and wellies in school every day** so they can make the most of OPAL play and enjoy all the benefits of being outdoors, whatever the weather!

Next week is a busy one, with lots to look forward to. A quick reminder that **Thursday is the last day of term for children, and school will be closed on Friday.**

Tuesday is Parents' Evening, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you into school. It will be a lovely opportunity to look through your children's books and work, celebrate their progress and achievements, and have a chat with their class teacher. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please head over to the Arbor Parent Portal and book your time slot as soon as possible.

Wednesday is also the evening of our **PTA Disco**, which promises to be lots of fun for the children while raising valuable funds for new playground equipment. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for making this happen!

And speaking of the PTA, don't forget to get a team of friends together for our **Quiz Night!** It's set to be an evening full of fun, laughter and a little brainpower, all in support of our school community. We would love to see lots of you there!

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone for our final week of term.

Warm wishes,
Head of School

Mr Marston



Reminder: Reporting Your Child's

Absence

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please remember to **telephone the school by 9.00am on each day of their absence.**

If your child is going to be absent for more than one day, please make sure you **contact us again on each subsequent day**, unless you have already agreed alternative arrangements with the school. Thank you for helping us to keep our attendance records up to date and, most importantly, to ensure we know that all of our pupils are safe and accounted for.

Attendance for Week 1 Term 7

YR R – 98.71%

YR 1 – 99.33%

YR 2 – 94.55%

YR 3 – 95.45%

YR 4 – 98.67%

YR 5 – 95%

YR 6 – 95.33%

Forest School

Forest School will on Monday from start of Term 1,

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

Just a reminder that Parent Consultations take place on Tuesday 20th October, appointments must be booked via Arbor parent portal. Booking will remain open until 7pm Monday 19th October.

Consultations begin at 1:10pm can conclude at 7:00pm – Class 1 consultations will commence at 3:30pm.

It will be a normal school day with children going home at 3:15pm.



Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion** 285 **Courage** 361 **Justice** 404



Star of the Week

YR R – Archie for fantastic fewer and more sentences in Maths
YR 1 – Leo for being so engaged in his independent learning this week.

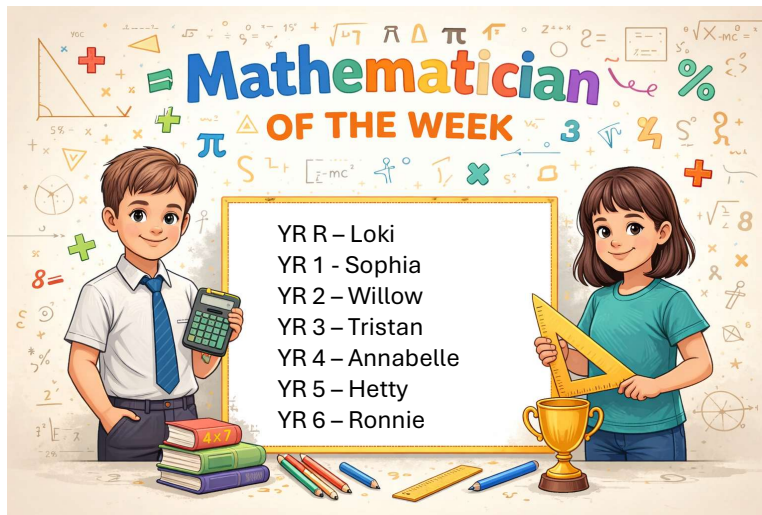
YR 2 – Evelyn for showing lovely manners and engagement in her learning

YR 3 – Aria for her kindness, positivity and manners

YR 4 – Miles for always taking on challenges positively

YR 5 – Oscar for persevering with new learning and being determined to succeed.

YR 6 – Millie for engaging with all learning with positivity and care.



Readers of the Week

YR R – Louis
YR 1 – Thea
YR 2 – Jake
YR 3 – Amelia
YR 4 – Eloise
YR 5 – Buddy
YR 6 – Maya



% of readers 5xs a week

YR R – 69%
YR 1 – %
YR 2 – %
YR 3 – 64%
YR 4 – 62%
YR 5 – 56%
YR 6 – 40%

PRIDE Sharing

Class 1- Fauna for her handwriting patterns
Class 2 – Enley for making a huge effort with his writing and handwriting this week
Class 3 – All of Class 3 for their determination when creating our canopic jars from clay
Class 4 – Millie for beautiful stained glass window design in RE.

YR R –
YR 1 – Florence, Isaac, Nelly-Mae, Laiten, Thea
YR 2 – Evelyn



Class 1 – Silver
Class 2 – Gold
Class 3 – Silver
Class 4 – Silver



Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion – Sofiia, Millie, Olivia
Courage –
Justice –

YR 2 –
YR 3 – Daniel
YR 4 – Lucas
YR 5 – William
YR 6 – Jake





Term 1

Tuesday 20th October
Wednesday 21st October
Thursday 22nd October

Parent Consultations
Flu Vaccinations/Spooky Disco
Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 2nd November
Wednesday 4th November
Thursday 12th November
Friday 13th November

Friday 11th December
Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December

1st day of Term 2
Year 3/4 British Museum
School Photos
Children in Need/PTA Parents Quiz
Night
Nativity/iRock Concert
Christingle
Monkton's got Talent/ Last Day of Term 2



As some of you may know, Mel has stepped down from her role as PTA Chair. Please join us in thanking her for her fantastic hard work and dedication over the years. We're delighted that she will continue to support the PTA as a volunteer.

We're pleased to welcome Hannah (mum to Cora in Year 4) and Charlotte (mum to Freddie in Year 3) as the new co-chairs of the PTA Taskforce, and we wish them every success in their new roles.

We have lots of exciting things planned and will be looking for volunteers throughout the year, so please get involved wherever you can.

First up is some frightful fun at the Spooky Disco next Wednesday! Be sure to grab your tickets from the Arbor School Shop by Monday!

Our amazing fundraising total last year was £3,783.19 which supported with buying the reading lodge and our goal this year is to purchase some monkey bars and an in-ground trampoline that the children have asked for.



Think
Guess
Laugh
Repeat!

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Starting at 7pm

AN ENTERTAINING NIGHT OF QUESTIONS!

BYO DRINKS & FOOD

MAX. 8 PLAYERS PER TEAM

£5 PER PLAYER

- ALL IN AID OF -
MONKTON PTA FUNDRAISING

As we raise funds towards new **monkey bars** and a **trampoline!**

Pay in cash at the office.

Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry



MOTORCYCLE



DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES



INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS



HISTORIC EQUIPMENT



REAL STORIES FROM KENT'S PAST

Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this October half term?

The museum will be open from **Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm**. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.

Bringing Our History to Life

Kent Police Museum

www.kent.police.uk/kent-museum
[Email: museum@kent.police.uk](mailto:museum@kent.police.uk)
Telephone 01795 433028

[kentpolicemuseum](https://www.facebook.com/kentpolicemuseum)
[@kpolicemuseum](https://twitter.com/kpolicemuseum)



Consultation on admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled primary, infant and junior schools in Kent for 2028

Kent County Council is consulting on its admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled primary, infant and junior schools in Kent for September 2028 entry.

Full details are available at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.

Why Kent County Council is consulting

Admission Authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements once every 7 years or where changes are proposed.

We are proposing no changes, other than to reduce the Published Admission Number for Sandwich Junior School from 60 to 45.

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation will run from Wednesday 14 October to Wednesday 25 November 2026. If you wish to comment on the proposal, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to Kent County Council's Cabinet who will decide whether to proceed with the proposal. Once determined, the final admission arrangements will be published on Kent's website at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria.



Kent Family Hub

Pyjama Story Time

Wear your PJs and join us for a relaxing and cosy story time to end the day and celebrate the National Year of Reading!

<u>Margate FH</u>	<u>Priory FH</u>
DAY: Thursday 29th October	DAY: Monday 26th October
Time: 3.30 - 4.15pm	Time: 3.30 - 4.15pm
Address: 201 High Street, Margate, CT9 1WH	Address: Cannon Road, Ramsgate, CT11 9sq
Contact Information: Margate - 03000 411666 Priory - 03000 411041	

No need to book - Drop in.

Visit your local Family Hub today
 [Kent.gov.uk/familyhub](https://kent.gov.uk/familyhub)
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Free Family Fun Day!

Broadstairs Library

Saturday 17 October, 10.30am to 12.30pm

With self-led drop-in activities available all day

10am	Learn all about the bats that live in Pierremont Park, and make your own bat friend to take home with a fun craft activity
10.30am	Join us for a special visit and Storytime from 'Queen Victoria'
11.45am	Meet young local author Sofia Haq – stories and craft
All day	Enjoy some Mindful Colouring, join our Scavenger Hunt, explore our Heritage Display and more!

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied at events by a responsible adult. Speak to a member of the library team for more details, or email broadstairslibrary@kent.gov.uk

This event is supported by Friends of Pierremont Park

kent.gov.uk/libraries

03000 41 31 31





OCTOBER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/
Visit our museum, café,
gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(incl. entrance to the
reserve)

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

**WWW.MONKTON-
RESERVE.ORG**
THANET COUNTRYSIDE
TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

BATS

The reserve's Scots pine cones have gone batty! After pollination by wind, the female flowers on a Scots pine turn green and develop into cones. Foraged from the woodland floor, we will transform these giant cones into bats with fuzzy ears and fangy smiles, ready for this season's celebrations. Find out about the Scots pine, and bats. Play the 'Bat and Moth' game.

SPOONS AND SHROOMS

Make these friendly spoon mushrooms that will cheer up any room. Last year the Kent Field Club ran a fungi survey on the reserve and found a range of fungi, including Meadow coral and the delightfully named, Mousepee pinkgill. Using a sheet to guide you, see how many species of fungi you can see.

STORY TIME

Free, drop-in, nature story time, read by a reserve volunteer.
Times and dates TBC.

WANDS, WEBS, AND WINDFALL

Forage for fallen leaves to create spider webs and magical wands. Use apples from the reserve to make colourful prints. Take on the 'Autumn Nature Challenge'. How many seasonal treasures can you spot?

OCTOBER

11AM

1PM

Tues 27th:

Bats

Shrooms

Thurs 29th:

Shrooms

Wands

Fri 30th:

Wands

Bats



Thanet Coast 2026

Join us on the beach for some natural fun



Autumn Scavenger Hunts

• Margate Main Sands

9am, Tue 27 October

• Viking Bay, Broadstairs

9am, Wed 28 October

• Ramsgate Main Sands

9am, Thur 29 October

Look for clues of life from around our seas
- and finish with a marine beach art
challenge!

Suitable for: 4-14yrs/All the family/ **Duration:** 1.5hrs
Donation: £2.50pp suggested donation.

BOOK your place at:

thanetcoast.org.uk/events

to view event details and join in.



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@thanetcoastproject

Thanet Coast Project is a 'not for profit' project
& is grateful for your donations & support.





Please see the attached information regarding a new Charity - **The Family Services Foundation (FSF)** - which supports Separated Parents in Kent and Medway.

Our vision



At The Family Services Foundation, our vision is to transform how families experience separation by ensuring they receive emotional solutions to emotional problems - not just legal ones.



Our mission



Our mission is to support families through separation by reducing parental conflict, strengthening co-parenting, and improving the mental health and wellbeing of mums, dads, children and young people. But we want to do this differently.

We believe emotional solutions to emotional problems should come first.

Family law has an important role to play when legal intervention is necessary, but should not be the default setting for every family experiencing separation.

Our ambition is to create a system in which families can access the right support at the right time - before conflict becomes entrenched, before vulnerability becomes crisis, and before the only visible route forward appears to be through the justice system.



Get in touch

You can get in contact with us in one of the following ways.

☎ 0300 102 5000

🌐 www.thefsf.org

✉ hello@thefsf.org



thefsfoundation

Registered Charity Number: 1216895



Improving outcomes for children of separated families



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Who we are



The Family Services Foundation was established in response to a growing need for early, compassionate, and practical support for families facing relationship breakdown.

Too often, parents are left to manage separation, conflict, and complex emotional pressures without the tools or guidance they need. The impact on children can be profound - affecting their wellbeing, development, and sense of security.

We were created to change that.

By bringing together professional expertise and lived experience, we provide support that is not only evidence-based, but grounded in real understanding of the challenges families face every day.

Through trauma-informed, evidence-based support, we equip parents and professionals with the tools to reduce conflict, improve mental health, and build stronger relationships.

Everything we do is grounded in one principle: putting the voices and wellbeing of children first.



Our services



One-to-One Mentoring

Mentoring is our core service typically lasting up to three months. Once a parent opens a mentoring case with us, a trained member of our Mentoring team is assigned to work with them helping them set a realistic goal, and then supporting them, step by step, to understand their options for reaching it.

We don't work in isolation, we can work alongside Social Work, Schools, Early Help, Family Hubs, other community support organisations, and even legal professionals, so that support is joined up around the family rather than sitting apart from it.

Parenting Beyond Separation Support Group Meetings

Our monthly support group meetings give parents a safe, confidential setting to talk through what's going on, hear how others are handling similar situations, and build genuine peer support alongside a dedicated Counsellor and members of our Mentoring team.

Mental Health Support

Separation and family breakdown can be one of the most stressful experiences in a parent's life. We provide mental health support through a team of counsellors, who work one-to-one with clients and also provide therapeutic support within our support group meetings.

Parenting Beyond Custody

Parenting Beyond Custody works with parents and families before, during, and after a custodial sentence to maintain relationships, strengthen parenting, and prepare for a positive return to family life and the community. A custodial sentence has a beginning and an end - but its impact on a family can last much longer.

Workshops



For Parents and Professionals

Sometimes what people need most isn't more advice - it's a clear map forward. Our workshops help parents cut through conflict and refocus on what matters most: their children. They offer practical tools, fresh perspectives, and a safe space to find new ways of working together so you can focus on your children's wellbeing.



Parenting Beyond Separation

An early-intervention workshop that helps you build the practical skills for a calmer co-parenting relationship by reducing conflict, improving communication, strengthens resilience, and helps your children feel secure and supported.

Build confidence in your new parenting journey.

Court Ready Workshop

Practical guidance on what to expect if a case reaches family court, and how ongoing conflict can affect your children if it does.

Gives you a clear understanding of family court processes and how they connect to parental conflict, so you can support families effectively.

And they give professionals the understanding and tools to support separating families well, reduce conflict on their clients' behalf, and help keep families out of court wherever possible.

If you're a parent or professional and interested in knowing more please get in touch.