



Monkton Update – 22nd October 2026

TERM 1 – Week 8

Monday 02/11/2026	1 st day of term
Tuesday 03/11/2026	
Wednesday 04/11/2026	Class 3 Trip – British Museum
Thursday 05/11/2026	
Friday 06/11/2026	

Dear Parents/Carers

Head of School's End-of-Term Update

What a long term it has been! The nights have quickly drawn in, but what a fantastic eight weeks we have had, full of achievements, creativity, fun and enjoyment.

In just eight weeks, we have enjoyed glamping at Quex, Creepy Crawley workshops, the Bravo Horse Show, and visits from some of our everyday heroes, including paramedics, firefighters and members of the clergy. These are just a few of the many wonderful experiences that have enriched our learning this term.

All our children should be incredibly proud of themselves. Behaviour has been positive, reflecting our Christian Foundations of **Compassion, Courage and Justice**, the high expectations set by our teachers, and the creative, engaging learning that inspires our children to live out our **PRIDE values**. Of course, the support and encouragement of our parents play a huge part in this success, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued partnership.

Our Reading Target for Next Term

As we look ahead to next term, I would like us to focus on one important target: **making reading an integral part of both family and school life.**

Please encourage your children to read as often as possible, whether that is sharing a bedtime story, enjoying a favourite book together or finding time to read independently. Just as importantly, ask questions about what they have read to help develop their understanding. We want our children not only to become fluent, confident readers but also to understand, interpret and enjoy the texts they encounter.

In Week 1, Mrs Guilder, our Reading Leader, will lead a staff meeting dedicated entirely to improving reading across the school. We are committed to developing our provision and ensuring every child has the opportunity to flourish.

Let's make a commitment together to put reading high on our agenda. We know that reading opens doors, sparks imagination and supports learning across every subject. By working together, we can help our children develop a lifelong love of books and reading.

Celebrating Our Achievements

Term 1 has also brought some fantastic recognition for our school community!

We are delighted to have received **Platinum recognition for our OPAL Play**, placing us among the leading schools for play in the world. This award is richly deserved and reflects the tremendous effort of our children, parents, teaching assistants and teachers in creating such enriching, exciting opportunities at break and lunchtime. Our playground is a place where children can explore, create, collaborate and, most importantly, have fun!



We also received the **Gold ParentKind Award**, which celebrates the strength of the partnership between school and families. This is an award for our parents as much as it is for the school, recognising the teamwork, collaboration and shared commitment that make Monkton such a special place to learn and grow.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to both achievements. Your time, enthusiasm and support are genuinely appreciated, and these awards are a wonderful reflection of what we can accomplish together.

There is more to come, too! We are working towards an **Eco-Green Platinum Award**, and I am sure you will hear much more about this exciting initiative in the coming weeks.

Looking Ahead to Next Term

Next term is already shaping up to be a cracker! We are looking forward to Class 3's trip to the British Museum, alongside plenty of other exciting learning opportunities, activities and events.

We are also looking forward to some fun fundraising initiatives with our newly restructured PTA. We are excited about the opportunities this will bring and the ways in which our school community can continue to come together.

Finally, thank you once again to our wonderful staff, children and families for making this such a successful and enjoyable term. Monkton is a special community, and it is a privilege to see our children growing in confidence, developing their talents and making so many happy memories.

We wish you all a **lovely, restful and safe half term**. Enjoy spending time together, keep reading, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic term!

Mr C Marston
Head of School

Attendance for Week 1 Term 6

YR R – 84.68%
YR 1 - 95%
YR 2 – 100%
YR 3 – 96.59%
YR 4 – 98.33%
YR 5 – 90.63%
YR 6 – 89.17%

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.

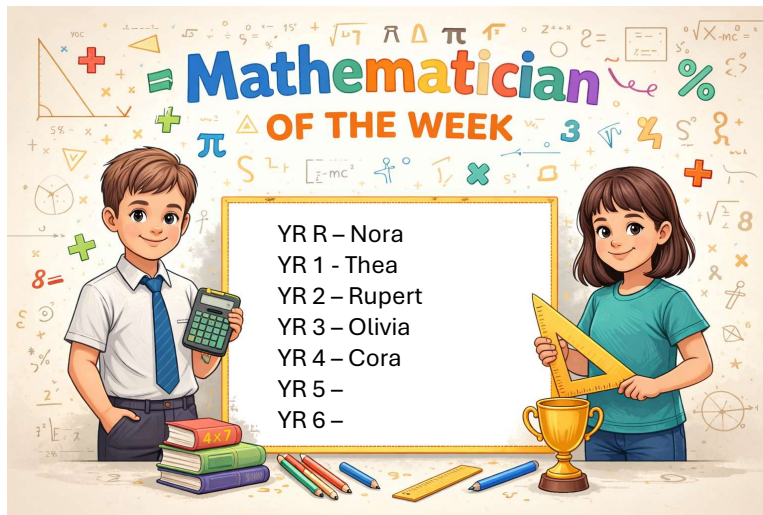


Weekly School Awards

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



YR R – Charlotte for outstanding efforts in her phonics
 YR 1 – Chester for showing beautiful manners and showing his best
 YR 2 – Enley for showing kindness to others
 YR 3 – Freddie W for fantastic reading
 YR 4 – Orla for her engagement in lessons
 YR 5 –
 YR 6 –



YR R – Nora
 YR 1 – Thea
 YR 2 – Rupert
 YR 3 – Olivia
 YR 4 – Cora
 YR 5 –
 YR 6 –

Readers of the Week

YR R – Fauna
 YR 1 – Amelia
 YR 2 – Miffy
 YR 3 – Daniel
 YR 4 – Blake
 YR 5 –
 YR 6 –



% of readers 5xs a week

YR R – 50%
 YR 1 – %
 YR 2 – %
 YR 3 – 45%
 YR 4 – 33%
 YR 5 – %
 YR 6 – %

PRIDE Sharing

Class 1-
 Class 2 – The whole of Class 2 for their incredible Leaf Thief creations
 Class 3 – Blake for his progress in handwriting
 Class 4

YR R –
 YR 1 –
 YR 2 –



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



Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion –
Courage –
Justice –

YR 2 –
 YR 3 –
 YR 4 –
 YR 5 –
 YR 6 –





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 1	Week 1	02/11/2026
Class 4	Week 2	09/11/2026
Class 3	Week 3	16/11/2026
Class 2	Week 4	23/11/2026
Class 1	Week 5	30/11/2026
Class 4	Week 6	07/12/2026
Class 3	Week 7	14/12/2026

Term 2

Monday 2nd November
Wednesday 4th November
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 19th November
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December
Tuesday 15th December
Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December

1st day of Term 2
Year 3/4 British Museum
School Photos
SEN parents coffee afternoon 2:30pm
Children in Need
Nativity/iRock Concert
Monkton's Got Talent
Christingle
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 4th January
Friday 15th January
Friday 29th January
Tuesday 2nd February
Friday 12th February

1st day of Term 3
OPAL Stay and Play
Read at 3pm
Young Voices at the O2
Last Day of Term 3

Breakfast club will be available on Arbor from Monday 26th October for booking for Term 2.

Term 2 Clubs

Football club will start again on Monday 2nd November, details for booking can be found on our website [Here](#)

Young Voices choir will continue for those that have already signed up, Term 2 is available on Arbor for payment if you have not already done this. Young Voices takes place on 2nd February 2027 at the O2.

Khicksters will continue to provide general wraparound care on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Details can be found on our website [After-school Care club](#)

School Lunches

For anyone who has school lunch, there is a new menu in place from the start of term 2. Details can be found on our website [Lunch page](#)



SEN Parent Coffee Afternoon

Connect ♥ Learn ♥ Support



We warmly invite all our SEN parents and carers to our first SEN Parent Coffee Session.



Thursday 19th November



2.30pm

All welcome!

At this session we will have

Paul Fisker

Speech and Language Therapist

doing a bit of a workshop on

Cued Articulation

A way to support phonics and early speech production.



Clearer sounds = Brighter futures



Come along, enjoy a cuppa,
meet other parents and gain
some helpful information and strategies.

**We look forward
to seeing you!**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA at Thursday's Spooky Halloween Disco. With 75 tickets sold, we're delighted to share that the event raised £337, a fantastic start to this year's fundraising and a brilliant way to kick off our PTA calendar.

Special appreciation goes to the teachers who stayed behind to help (and showcase some impressive dance moves), as well as our dedicated PTA parents : Cathy, Calli, Mel, Danni, Charlotte and Hannah, who set up, supported throughout, and transformed the hall back in time for breakfast club.

Alongside Charlotte and Hannah stepping into their new roles as Co-Chairs, we are also pleased to share two further additions to our PTA team:

Nakita Rossouw (Reception) will be supporting with promotions and advertising.

Danni Hollett (Year 4) will be supporting with stock management.

For anyone who would like to support the PTA or find out more about what we do, our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 2nd November at 2:30pm in the school hall. There's absolutely no commitment required, just come along, have a chat, and see if you'd like to be part of our growing PTA family.

Our next fundraising event is Quiz Night on Friday 13th November at 7pm. Tickets are £5 per person and can be purchased from the ladies in the school office.

Wishing all our families a lovely, restful half term. Enjoy the break, recharge, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next event!



THE MARGATE CAVES HALLOWEEN HALF TERM BASH

OPEN 24 OCT - 1 NOV 10-5

GHST TRAIL IN THE CAVES
Included with admission

MESSY MONDAY BATTY CRAFTS
Mon 26 October, 11-4
£2 per child

FRIGHTFULLY FUN FACE PAINTING
Sat 31 October, 2-4
£5 per child

1 Northdown Road, Margate CT9 1FG margatecaves.co.uk
Margate Caves is a registered charity - every visit helps preserve the Caves

THE MARGATE CAVES

MODELFEST

AT THE MUSEUM 10am - 4pm

24TH OCT - 25TH OCT 2026

Planes, Trains & Automobiles
A series of model displays including:

WARHAMMER
40,000

BOLT ACTION

SCALEXTRIC

& much more!

Usual Museum entrance prices apply, see webpage for more information

@RAF Manston History Museum
If you have any questions, please contact us at info@rafmanston.co.uk

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