Monkton Update – 6th November 2026

TERM 2 – Week 1

Monday 09/11/2026	
Tuesday 10/11/2026	
Wednesday 11/11/2026	
Thursday 12/11/2026	School photographs
Friday 13/11/2026	

Dear Parents/Carers

I said to the staff today that this school is special, but this week has felt different – this week has felt **extra special!**

Being a small school, I have the opportunity to wander into each classroom and engage with the children and their learning as much as possible, almost daily. This week, I have witnessed sheer joy on the children's faces as they learn. I have always said that *happy comes first, and then the learning will follow* – and when children are happy, they will flourish. This week has only strengthened that belief.

I had the pleasure of visiting The British Museum with Class 3 and seeing just how engrossed and captivated the children were by Ancient Egypt. I was also invited into Class 4 to be interviewed as part of their newspaper article about The Blitz. What great fun that was, and we certainly had a few laughs along the way!

During my daily walkarounds, I have enjoyed listening to our Year 1 and Year 2 children singing their songs about the continents and showing off their fantastic handwriting skills. Class 1 are always busy too, whether they are reading, learning their letter sounds or practising their numbers. It really is a joy to see so much enthusiasm for learning across the school.

We also welcomed three trustees from EKC yesterday, who commented on the warmth of our school from the moment they stepped through the door. I am so pleased they felt what we all feel every day. I hope you get that same feeling whenever you come through our doors!

A few important reminders for next week:
Thursday – School Photograph Day: All children should come to school wearing their full school uniform. If your child's class has PE that day, please remember to bring their PE kit so they can get changed in school.
Friday – Children in Need: It's Children in Need Day, and children are invited to come to school dressed as 'wacky' as they like!

Finally, the weather is certainly turning colder and wetter, so please, please, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, wellies and waterproof clothing. It may also be wise to pop a spare pair of socks in their bag, just in case!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. And thank you as always, for being part of our very special school community.



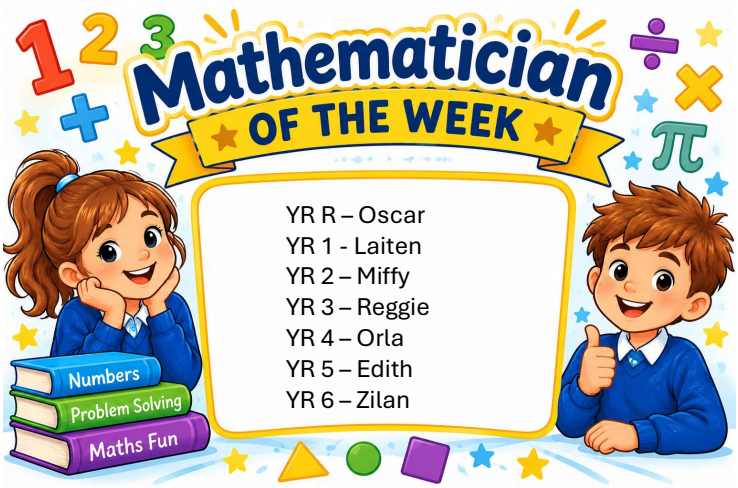
Mr C Marston
Head of School

Weekly School Awards

House Points – Compassion 49 Courage 65 Justice 61

Star of the Week

YR R – Asher for great listening this week and becoming a wonderful 'Owl Baby' during our literacy lesson
YR 1 – Amelia for showing determination in all her learning.
YR 2 – Evelyn for her fantastic progress in writing and her handwriting.
YR 3 – Freddie F for his positivity in reading
YR 4 – George for his development and determination in writing.
YR 5 – Evie-Rose for incredible fractions knowledge and for working so hard.
YR 6 – Freddie for a week of improved focus and commitment to learning.



YR R – Oscar
YR 1 - Laiten
YR 2 – Miffy
YR 3 – Reggie
YR 4 – Orla
YR 5 – Edith
YR 6 – Zilan

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



YR 1 – Chester, Thea, Nelly-Mae, Florence
YR 2 – Evelyn

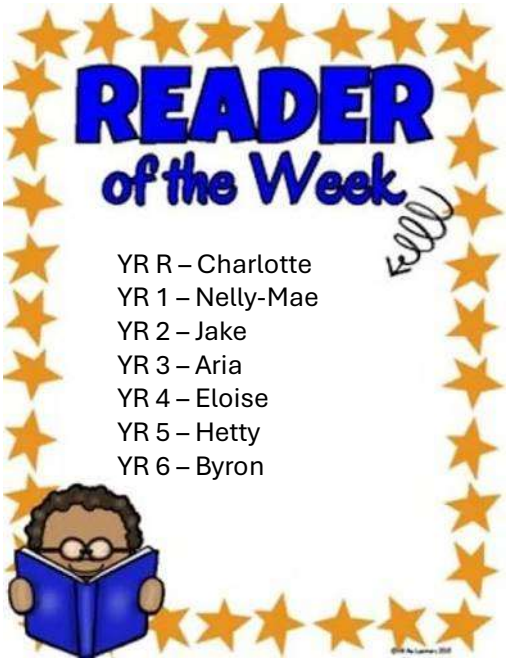


YR 3 – Amelia
YR 4 – Arlo
YR 5 – William
YR 6 – Jake



PRIDE Sharing

Class 1- Dorothy for her fabulous house and garden out of 2D shapes
Class 2 – Ethan, Florence and Leo for their creative map of the world
Class 3 – Arlo and Blake for curiosity in RE
Class 4 – March and Hetty for some great 3D designs in Computing



YR R – Charlotte
YR 1 – Nelly-Mae
YR 2 – Jake
YR 3 – Aria
YR 4 – Eloise
YR 5 – Hetty
YR 6 – Byron

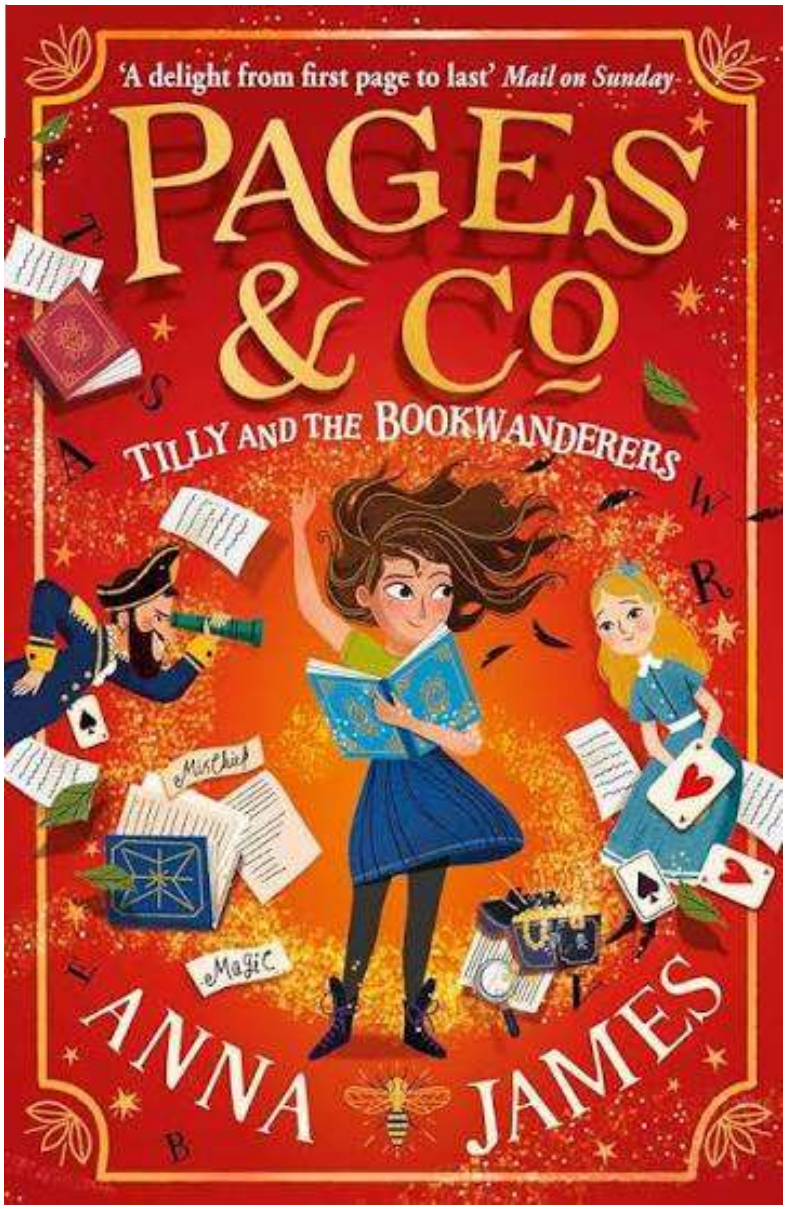
Social Action Recognition (Courageous Advocacy outside of school)

School Football Team
Annabelle – fundraising – sleeping in a box

Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion – Maggie, Evie-Rose, Isla

Recommended Reading



Each week we will look to provide a book recommendation either from a pupil or a teacher.

This week Mrs Vesty has a book recommendation and it suitable for Years 3 to 6.

Why am I recommending this book? It encourages a love of reading, sparks imagination, builds vocabulary and is available in a Dyslexia friendly format.

What is the book about? Tilly lives above her grandparents' bookshop and discovers she can magically wander in and out of different stories.

Why might families enjoy reading this book together? There are lots of references to classic stories and books and there is a nice blend of action and adventure.

My favourite thing about this book: I like the fantasy and mystery elements of this magical book.

Teacher Rating ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Attendance for Week 1 Term 2

YR R –94.84%
YR 1 – 99.33%
YR 2 – 95.45%
YR 3 – 93.64%
YR 4 – 92%
YR 5 – 91.25%
YR 6 – 90%

Forest School

Forest School takes place on Monday afternoon.
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	
Thursday 12th November	School Photos
Thursday 19th November	SEN parents coffee afternoon 2:30pm
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Friday 11th December	Nativity/iRock Concert
Tuesday 15th December	Monkton's Got Talent
Thursday 17th December	Christingle
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3	
Monday 4th January	1st day of Term 3
Friday 15th January	OPAL Play and Stay
Friday 29th January	Read at 3pm
Tuesday 2nd February	Young Voices choir at the O2
Friday 12th February	Last Day of Term 3

Monkton PTA News

Unfortunately, due to the lack of interest, we have made the decision to cancel the Quiz Night.

We appreciate the support shown by those who expressed an interest in attending. Whilst this event will not be going ahead, we will look at organising something similar in the spring and hope to see more families join us then.
Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the PTA. We look forward to sharing details of future events soon.

Monkton PTA



Messy Church 10th of November in Monkton Village Hall 3.15 till 4.45

Our theme for November is 'Who is Jesus'?

A big question, we will have 7 bases at which to explore this using lots of different art media.

For more information contact

Messy Eileen on:

eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com



No booking, no forms and nothing to pay. Just show the ticket at the turnstile and come on in! Ramsgate FC are having a fantastic season and would love to see more local children and families enjoying the football at Southwood.

Thanet Community Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
155214	**First Aid for Babies** Newlands Family Hub	17/11/26	17/11/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
155213	**First Aid for Babies** Margate Family Hub	24/11/26	24/11/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
155216	**Story and Craft** Northdown Rd Family Hub	03/12/26	03/12/26	Thursday	09:30	11:00
156419	**Christmas Crafts** Ramsgate Library	12/12/26	12/12/26	Saturday	10:00	12:00
156414	**Christmas Crafts** Margate Library	14/12/26	14/12/26	Monday	15:30	17:30
155949	**Christmas Crafts** Northdown Rd Family Hub	16/12/26	16/12/26	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
156204	**Christmas Crafts** Priory Family Hub	18/12/26	18/12/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
156465	**Family First Aid** Priory Family Hub	12/01/27	12/01/27	Tuesday	09:30	11:30

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November Online Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
155893	**Supporting your Child with Language (ESOL)**	03/11/26	24/11/26	Tuesday	10:30	12:30
155898	**Understanding your Teenager**	09/11/26	30/11/26	Monday	19:00	21:00
155896	**Family First Aid**	11/11/26	11/11/26	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
155897	**Strategies to Support your Child with English (7-11 years) - Webinar**	20/11/26	20/11/26	Friday	11:00	12:00
155905	**Fathers Matter**	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
155894	**Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child**	25/11/26	25/11/26	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
155900	**Self-Harm Awareness Webinar**	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00
155903	**Strategies to Support your Autistic Child Webinar**	26/11/26	26/11/26	Thursday	19:00	20:00

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