



Monkton Update – 9th January 2026

TERM 3 – WEEK 1

Monday 12/01/2026	
Tuesday 13/01/2026	After school library 3:15 to 3:45
Wednesday 14/01/2026	
Thursday 15/01/2026	Special school dinner – all day breakfast
Friday 16/01/2026	Muddy Opal Stay and Play – Hot Chocolate

Absences and illnesses – Just a reminder to parents/carers. Any absences for appointments or illness should be notified to the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please ensure when making notification for illness that you tell us the nature of the illness. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Head of School Update

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. It has been wonderful to see the children return so positively, and they have settled back into school life extremely well. As always, please do speak to your child's class teacher if there is anything you feel we need to know.

There is lots to look forward to this term. **OPAL Stay and Play** will take place next **Friday 16th January from 3:00–3:30pm**. The PTA will also be there selling hot chocolate. Please note this event is weather dependent.

Our choir will be attending **Young Voices on Monday 19th January**. They have been practising hard and are very excited to sing alongside thousands of other children from across the country – it promises to be a fantastic experience.

We are delighted to have appointed **Mrs McKenna**, who will be teaching **Class 2 from Wednesday to Friday starting in Term 4**. Mrs McKenna comes highly recommended, has a wealth of experience, and has worked in Ofsted-rated Outstanding schools. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her into the Monkton family. You may see her around school this term, and she will also be dropping into Parent Consultations at certain times to get a feel for the school and the children.

Finally, we currently have a **Teaching Assistant vacancy** available. The advert can be found on Kent Teach:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=152040>

Please do share this with anyone who may be interested.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston



Forest School

Forest School will continue to run every Friday in Term 3, please see adjacent schedule.

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	09/01/2026
Class 3	Week 2	16/01/2025
Class 1&2	Week 3	23/01/2025
Class 4	Week 4	30/01/2026
Class 3	Week 5	06/02/2026
Class 1&2	Week 6	13/02/2025

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that children need to be booked onto breakfast club in advance. This ensures that we have sufficient staff and resources available each morning. You can find details of how to register and pay for your child on the school website [breakfast-club](#)



Football Fun Factory will run every Monday in Term 3 from 12th January to 9th February 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Sessions cost £5; the club is open to all year groups. Booking and payment must be made in advance via the Football Fun Factory website. Here is the link to book online [Booking link](#) .

After school library time

We will be opening the library up again in Term 3 after school on Tuesdays from 6th January. **Library will open from 3:15pm to 3:45pm.**

Please remember to return any library books to the office, or children can put them in the box at the end of the corridor outside Class 4.



Special Menu on
15th January.

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY
15TH JANUARY 2026

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Chipolata Sausage - Meat
or Veggie
Omelette
Mini Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Slice of Homemade Bread

DESSERT BREAKFAST

Chocolate & Banana Oaty
Square
or
Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit

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KINDNESS DAY

Menu
12th February 2026

Decorate Your Own Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with Various Toppings to make a happy face
Or
Veggie Sharing Dippers
With
Potato Faces
Peas & Sweetcorn

Shortbread Smiley Biscuits,
Fresh Fruit
Or Yoghurt

Also Available Jacket Potato & Filling, Salad Bar,
Homemade Bread

Be Kind & Make Everyone Smile

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Another
special
menu on
Thursday
12th
February



Term 3

Friday 16 th January	Muddy OPAL stay and play
Monday 19 th January	Young Voices Choir O2
Friday 6 th February	National Number Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th February	Winter Olympics – Last day of term

Term 4

Monday 23 rd February	First day of Term 4
2 nd March to 6 th March	Book week
Thursday 5 th March	World Book day
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief day
Thursday 2 nd April	Express yourself/this is me day & Last day of term 4

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Supporting your busy schedule with safe, engaging, and enriching care for your child after school!

Available every weekday for reception - year 6.
(Please note the following times and prices are different on Friday Film Night - see attached flyer)

Our Services :

1	Option 1: 15:15 - 18:00pm, includes a small dinner/hot snack	£15
2	Option 2: 15:15 - 16:30pm, care only	£6
3	Option 3: 16:15 - 18:00pm, includes a small dinner/ hot snack	£10
4	Option 4: 15:15 - 17:00pm, includes a small dinner/ hot snack	£10

Book now - to access the booking system
use the passcode 'Monkton'

www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book

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Khicksters will be running Arts and Crafts club on Tuesdays Crochet Club on Thursdays and Film Night and Fridays. You can book online using their website and password Monkton



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the last year'

Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Louise (parent)

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



January 2026 Messy Church

Our theme for January is 'In the beginning'

What might the world have looked like? It's also the beginning of a new year. So, what might this year look like?

Among our craft activities are, Dinosaurs and grass heads, and I'm sure the team will come up with lots more interesting ideas.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 13th Of January. In Monkton Village Hall from 3.15 until 4.45.

Messy Eileen and Team. Contact me at: eileen.brackstone@gmail.com