



# Monkton Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

TERM 3 – WEEK 3

Monday 26/01/2026	
Tuesday 27/01/2026	After school library 3:15 to 3:45
Wednesday 28/01/2026	
Thursday 29/01/2026	
Friday 30/01/2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been!

It started with the absolute privilege of taking our wonderful school choir to the O2 Arena to sing alongside nearly 9,000 other children at **Young Voices 2026**, performing to a packed audience. What an experience! If your child loves singing, please do encourage them to join our choir next year – Young Voices is truly inspirational.

The children sang beautifully, danced with sheer joy, and quite simply had the time of their lives. These are core memories they will never forget. I'll admit that a few songs brought a tear to my eye – there's just something about a school choir that always makes me a little emotional.... sssh, don't tell anyone.

Despite it being January, with dark morning, cold playtimes and still another eleven months until Christmas, the children have been incredible this term. Engagement in lessons has been exceptionally high, and they are rising to challenges that really make their brains work. They are showing our **PRIDE values** in abundance.

I know all staff are extremely proud of how our children are growing into such powerful young people, with compassion, courage and justice at the heart of everything they stand for.

Next week brings more excitement. A group of selected Year 6 children will be visiting **Aylesham Primary School** for a Sci-Tech Day packed with hands-on learning and quizzes. I'm sure that teachers across the school have some amazing lessons planned.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

**Mr C. Marston**

Head of School



## **Balance System**

In Kent, we are using the Balanced System<sup>®</sup> to help everyone work together to support pupils' speech, language and communication. This means everyone involved in a child's life can work together in a more joined up-way with the speech and language therapy service.



### **Our Commitment – The Five Strands of the Balanced System<sup>®</sup>**

Each school has a Link Speech and Language Therapist, who works with them to review and develop their approach to supporting speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) which can include advising staff and working with individual pupils or small groups where needed.

As part of this offer, schools are able to book 'Advisory slots' with their link therapist to discuss any child or young person where they have questions or concerns relating to SLCN. This may be face to face or virtual discussion.

School gain consent from a parent or carer, who holds parental responsibility, in order to discuss a child or young person with the link therapist. A referral to the speech and language service is not required for a school to request support via any advisory slot. This means that advice and recommendations can be accessed quickly to help schools and parents/carers to put in the right support.

Please find more information about the Balanced System<sup>®</sup> here:

[The Balanced System<sup>®</sup> in Kent for Speech Language and Communication Needs \(SLCN\) – KELSI](#)

### **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](#)

### **After school library time**

**Library will open from 3:15pm to 3:45pm on Tuesdays.**

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.



Forest School

Forest School takes place every Friday, 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

### Term 3

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

National Number Day  
Safer Internet Day  
Parents Evening  
Winter Olympics – Last day of term

### Term 4

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
2<sup>nd</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

First day of Term 4  
Book week  
World Book day  
Comic Relief day  
Express yourself/this is me day & Last day of term 4

### PTA Update

The PTA are looking for Christmas Socks...if you have any outgrown Christmas socks/fluffy socks, children's or adults, in a clean condition we would be happy to have them. Donations can be dropped off in the OPAL storage box opposite school reception.



The PTA will be back fundraising from February with a variety of events through to August. A list of the key events and dates is listed below; further information will follow in due course.

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – After school film night
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Golden Ticket Chocolate Sale
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Disco in support of Comic Relief
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Cake/Baked good sale
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day refreshments and Rainbow Raffle
- Ice Cream Fridays – after May half term weather dependent through to July
- Summer Disco – Date TBC
- Summer Inflatable Party – Date TBC

If you would like to join and assist the PTA at any planned events, please email [monktonpta@gmail.com](mailto:monktonpta@gmail.com) or speak to a member of the PTA.



Special menu on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February



Khickster Entertainment

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

**Monkton Primary School**  
**Wraparound After School Care and Clubs!**  
 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	<b>Option 1:</b> 15:15 - 18:00pm, includes a small dinner/hot snack	<b>£15</b>
2	<b>Option 2:</b> 15:15 - 16:30pm, care only	<b>£6</b>
3	<b>Option 3:</b> 16:15 - 18:00pm, includes a small dinner/ hot snack	<b>£10</b>
4	<b>Option 4:</b> 15:15 - 17:00pm, includes a small dinner/ hot snack	<b>£10</b>

Book now - to access the booking system use the passcode 'Monkton'  
[www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book](http://www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book)



**RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM**

**BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM**

**LEGO RAFFLE**

Enter for a chance to win a Lego set valued at £300

**LEGO STAR WARS**

9-14

**£5pt**  
PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN STORE OR ONLINE

**RAFFLE DRAWN 22ND FEBRUARY @ 3PM**

SCAN QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL : [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK)

RAFFLE SUBJECT TO A RESERVE. IF £300 IS NOT MADE IN TICKET SALES THE RAFFLE WILL NOT BE DRAWN

**BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM**

**RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM**

DATES: 14TH TO 22ND FEBRUARY 2026 (HALF TERM)  
LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM  
TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY (3.30PM LAST ENTRY)

ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY) NO NEED TO BOOK!

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

BOOK HERE

LEGO FIGURE HUNT  
SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM, FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:  
[INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK) OR  
[WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](http://WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK) FOR MORE INFORMATION!

INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR LEGO MOC? EMAIL [INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK) FOR DETAILS

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS.

## Betteshanger Country Park

Lots of events running during the year including the Dino Hunt during Half Term. For details, please see [Betteshanger Country Park - What's on](#)  
The Kent Mining Museum is also situated at the park, free entry. Open Weds-Sun 09:30 – 16:00  
[Kent Mining Museum](#)

**DINO HUNT**

**A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE**  
**FEB HALF TERM UNTIL MARCH**

