



Monkton Update – 27th February 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 1

Monday 02/03/2026	
Tuesday 03/03/2026	
Wednesday 04/03/2026	
Thursday 05/03/2026	World Book Day/PTA Choc-Choc Bar
Friday 06/03/2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first week back! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with compassion, courage and justice in abundance. They have settled brilliantly and there has already been lots of fun learning taking place across the school.

This week, we are excited to launch our very first **Forest Flame Award**.



This special award will be given to children who go above and beyond during Forest School sessions, demonstrating our learning values and Christian Foundations in all that they do.

In next week's Weekly Update, you'll be given a window into our Forest School. Mrs Watson, our Forest School Lead, is keen to build a strong connection with parents so you can see exactly what the children have been enjoying in the great outdoors. If you would like to volunteer as a Forest School helper, please contact the school office — we always love welcoming parents in to support, and it's great fun too!

Next week also promises to be incredibly exciting as we celebrate **Book Week**. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and grandparents into school for our 'Read at 3' sessions on allocated class days. World Book Day will be a dress-up day, and it's also the final date to enter our Book Character Potato (Spud) Competition. To top it all off, we will be welcoming a real-life author into school to inspire the children and teach them how to become great authors themselves. I'm sure your children will be coming home each day full of excitement and eager for what the next day will bring!

Finally, an exciting addition to OPAL Play is our brand-new all-weather table tennis table. The children had their first go today and absolutely loved the ping pong!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston
Head of School



Attendance Information

Every Day Counts!

We know mornings can sometimes be busy, but being in school every day really does make a difference — not just now, but for your child’s future too.

National figures from the Department for Education show that school attendance across England is around 93%. This means children miss, on average, about 7 days a year. Around 1 in 5 pupils are classed as *persistently absent* (missing 10% or more of school), and this can have a significant impact on learning.

Even missing a small number of days adds up:

- Missing 1 day every two weeks equals nearly 4 weeks of learning lost over a year.
- Children who attend regularly are much more likely to feel confident, keep up with their learning, and build strong friendships.

Research also shows that attendance matters long-term:

- Children with strong attendance are more likely to achieve good qualifications.
- Good qualifications increase the chances of securing stable employment and higher earnings in adulthood.
- Persistent absence in school has been linked to a greater risk of difficulties later in life, including unemployment and involvement in crime.

Of course, children should stay at home if they are genuinely unwell. However, we ask families to support us in making school attendance a priority wherever possible — holidays during term time and avoidable absences can quickly add up.

Thank you for working with us to give every child the very best start. Every day really does count.

Mr C.Marston



Attendance for Week 1 Term 4

- YR R – 92.86%
- YR 1 – 96%
- YR 2 – 76.92%
- YR 3 – 88%
- YR 4 – 96%
- YR 5 – 95.71%
- YR 6 – 97.33%

Term-Time Holidays

All parents should arrange their holidays within the school holidays. Whilst the Head of School may give approval in exceptional circumstances, approval is not a matter of course. If you decide to take your child/children out of school without permission, a request for a Penalty Notice may be issued. You can find the Term-Time Absence Request form on our website [Attendance & Punctuality](#) Our Attendance Policy is available here [Policies](#)

Illness

If your child is ill, please telephone or email the school office before 9:00am each day of absence unless other arrangements have been made with the school.

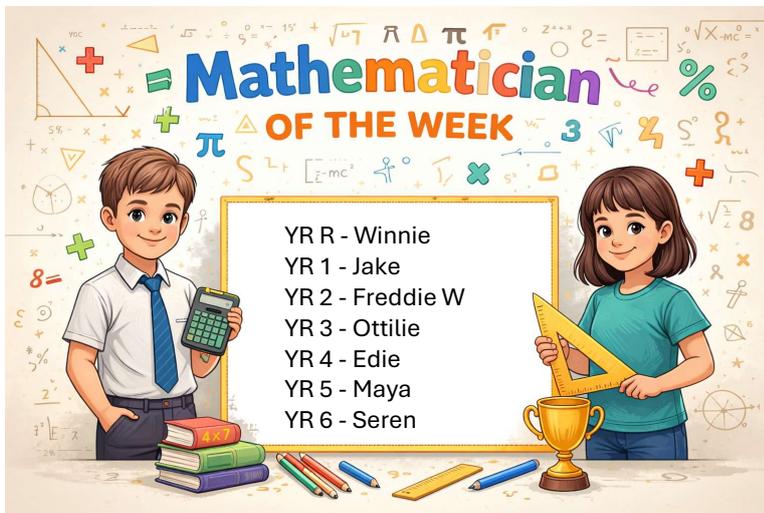


Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion 41** **Courage 23** **Justice 53**



- YR R – Leo for wonderful dinosaur creations this week
- YR 1 – Albert for making fantastic contributions to lessons
- YR 2 – Tristan for trying hard in independent activities
- YR 3 – Arlo for brilliant engagement and determination in learning
- YR 4 – Oscar for excellent reasoning in his maths work this week
- YR 5 – Byron for showing positive attitude to all lessons and showing pride in writing
- YR 6 – Ava for approaching her learning with courage and confidence



Readers of the Week

- YR R – Isaac
- YR 1 – Ethan
- YR 2 – Aria
- YR 3 – Miles
- YR 4 – Evie-Rose
- YR 5 – Edward
- YR 6 – Sophia L



% of readers 5xs a week

- YR R – 53%
- YR 1 – 27%
- YR 2 – 15%
- YR 3 – 46%
- YR 4 – 40%
- YR 5 – 43%
- YR 6 – 33%

PRIDE Sharing

- Class 1 – Leo for rainbow dinosaur drawing
- Class 2 – Reggie J - fantastic use of commas in a list
- Class 3 – Orla - ordering fractions on a number line
- Class 4 – Ronnie - 3D shape isometric drawing and net building in maths

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



- YR R – Thea, Florence
- YR 1 – Ethan
- YR 2 – Albert



Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion** -
- Courage** – Annabelle
- Justice** – Maya

- YR 3 – Arlo
- YR 4 - Hetty
- YR 5 - Olivia
- YR 6 – Jude R





The school is looking absolutely lovely at the moment. Here are just a few of the creative displays produced by our talented teachers, beautifully laden with the children's brilliant work. We are so proud of the creativity, effort, and enthusiasm shown throughout the school.





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	27/02/2026
Class 3	Week 2	06/03/2026
Class 1&2	Week 3	13/03/2026
Class 4	Week 4	20/03/2026
Class 3	Week 5	27/03/2026
Class 1&2	Week 6	02/04/2026

Term 4

2nd March to 6th March

Thursday 5th March

Wednesday 11th March to 17th March

Friday 20th March

Wednesday 25th March

Thursday 2nd April

Book week

World Book day – dress as fav character

Travelling Book Fair

Comic Relief day – 80s/90s dress up

Easter menu

Express yourself/this is me day & Last day of term 4

Term 5

Monday 20th April

Friday 1st May

Monday 11th May to 15th May

Monday 18th May to 22nd May

Monday 18th May

Friday 22nd May

First day of Term/Earth Day/Recycling Week

PTA Cake Sale

YR 6 SATS week

Healthy Bodies Week

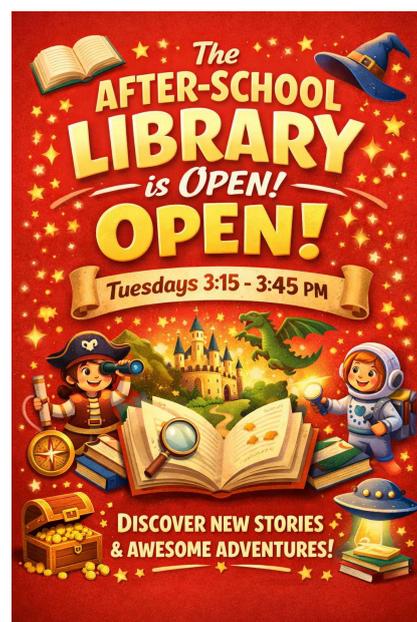
Sports Day

Last day of Term

Our after-school library is open and ready for adventure! 📖✨

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

Whether your child is diving into a magical world, solving a mystery, or discovering fascinating facts, our library is the perfect place to explore new stories and spark imagination. We'd love to see lots of keen readers popping in to borrow a book and enjoy some quiet reading time after school.





Thursday 5th March the PTA will be selling the World Book day Golden Ticket chocolate and sweet bags. Chocolate bars will be £1.50 and sweet bags £1.00. Cash is preferred but card payments are possible.

A variety of prizes available to win including a top prize of entry tickets to Revolution Skatepark.

Friday 20th March will be the Spring Disco to coincide with Comic Relief. More details to follow.



Monkton CEP School PTA Presents

Thursday 05 March 2026
3.15pm

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026
CHOC BAR SWEETIE BAG SALE

The PTA will be selling a variety of chocolate bars and sweetie bags.

Chocolate Bars £1.50
Sweetie Bags £1.00

WILL THERE BE A WINNING GOLDEN BOOKMARK INSIDE?

A variety of prizes and a top Golden Prize of tickets to Revolution Skatepark

REVOLUTION SKATEPARK & CLIMBING

MONKTON CEP CHOC BAR SWEETIE BAG SALE

The PTA are always looking for willing parents to join when they can. If you are interested in helping the PTA by volunteering some time, please email monktonpta@gmail.com or speak to a member of the PTA.

After-school clubs

This term we continue to have Football Fun Factory on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15. Details on our website here <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/parents/extra-curricular-clubs>

We are also offering a Yoga Club in Term 4 running on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15. Further details on the link above.

Khicksters Entertainment provide our general wraparound care and specialised clubs during the week. Please see their page on our website [after-school-care-club](#)



WE'RE BACK! RSPCA THANET'S

EASTER

Event!

HOP ON OVER & JOIN US ON

Friday 3rd April 2026

11am-3pm

RSPCA Isle of Thanet, Queensdown Road,
Woodchurch, CT7 0HG

Entry fee: £2 adults, £1 children. Extra fees for other activities will apply. This event is mainly cash only.

Like us on Facebook to follow this event



www.yourspacetherapies.org

Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April

Time: 9.30am - 2pm

Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

What to Expect:

- ♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- 🐾 Pony Care
- 🐾 Riding and Mounted Games
- 🌿 Connect with Arts and Nature
- 🐾 Make New Friends

Click the link to book the day of your choice:

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27th MARCH.

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.