



Monkton Update –6th March 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 2

Monday 09/03/2026	
Tuesday 10/03/2026	
Wednesday 11/03/2026	Travelling Book Fair until 17 th March
Thursday 12/03/2026	Big Dino Day – Reception Class
Friday 13/03/2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that we have achieved **Silver status** in our journey to become a **Gold ParentKind school**. This reflects our commitment to working closely with parents so that our school continues to grow, improve and ensure everyone feels part of the **Monkton family**. Thank you to all the parents and carers who support the school in so many ways.

This week has been full of books and reading, and I hope that love of reading has continued at home as well as in school. **Reading at home is essential**. In school we teach reading skills and comprehension, but regular reading at home is known to boost children's confidence and help them achieve greater success as they move through the key stages.

Our children have certainly shown their enthusiasm for books this week. We have seen some fantastic book characters on **Dress Up Day**, enjoyed the **PTA Wonka Bar sale**, and celebrated reading through **Reading Buddies**, where older children read to younger friends and vice versa. We have also welcomed our **Secret Readers**, and of course hosted **Read at 3**, where parents come into school to read with the children. This has been a great success and is always a highlight of the week.

It is always a pleasure to invite parents into school to work with the children and see what they have been learning. If you would like to **volunteer to come in more often**, whether to listen to readers, help children with writing, support counting activities or assist with maths, please do let me, the office, or your child's class teacher know. Your support makes a real difference.

Next week we are excited to welcome the **Travelling Book Fair** to school on **11th March**, which will provide another wonderful opportunity for children to discover new books.

There is lots more to look forward to as we move towards the **Easter holidays**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston
Head of School



Attendance Reminder

Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning and to fully benefit from their time at school. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for children to develop new skills, build confidence and make progress in their learning.

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of **taking family holidays during the school holiday periods**. As a school, we are unable to authorise any term-time absence unless it is due to illness or exceptional circumstances. Regular attendance in school is vital for children's academic progress and wellbeing.

It is also very important that we are **open and honest about the reasons for absence**. For safeguarding reasons, the school must always know where children are if they are not in school. We have a duty of care to ensure that all children in our community are safe, particularly at times when they would normally be expected to be in school learning.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure the school office is informed as soon as possible. You should phone or email before 9am each morning they are unable to attend school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child is safe, supported and able to make the most of their time in school.

Mr C.Marston



Attendance for Week 2 Term 4

YR R – 100%
YR 1 – 100%
YR 2 – 92.31%
YR 3 – 96%
YR 4 – 100%
YR 5 – 100%
YR 6 – 99.33%

Term-Time Holidays

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](#)

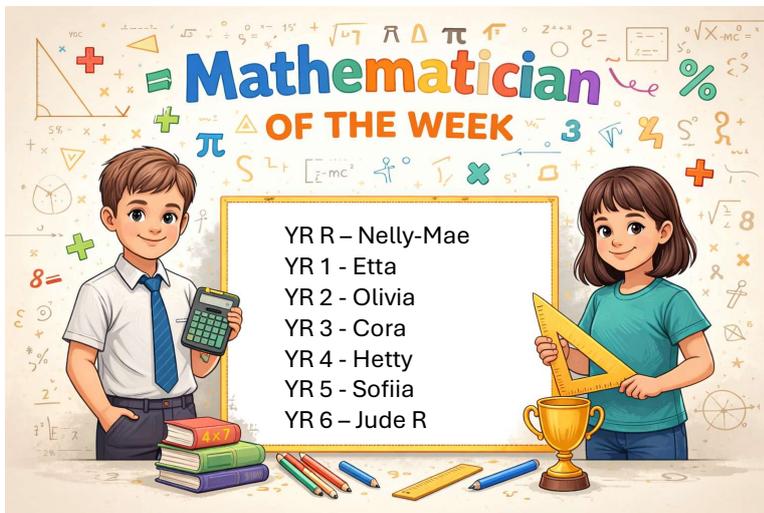


Weekly School Awards

House Points – Compassion 84 Courage 72 Justice 96



- YR R – Louis for such a fantastic improvement with his handwriting
- YR 1 – Arlo for super effort in all areas of learning
- YR 2 – Daniel for great concentration in carpet sessions
- YR 3 – Siahna for her positivity and confidence in her learning and areas of wider school life
- YR 4 – Bronti for her brilliant presentation and standard of her work
- YR 5 – Oliver for some excellent contributions to lessons and completing work to a high standard
- YR 6 – Brandon for making so much progress in SATs preparation and setting a fantastic example to others.



- YR R – Nelly-Mae
- YR 1 - Etta
- YR 2 - Olivia
- YR 3 - Cora
- YR 4 - Hetty
- YR 5 - Sofiia
- YR 6 – Jude R

Readers of the Week

- YR R – Thea
- YR 1 – Bluebell
- YR 2 – Alba
- YR 3 – Otilie
- YR 4 – Scarlett
- YR 5 – Oliver
- YR 6 – Sophia C



% of readers 5xs a week

- YR R – 60%
- YR 1 – 10%
- YR 2 – 23%
- YR 3 – 40%
- YR 4 – 27%
- YR 5 – 21%
- YR 6 – 53%

PRIDE Sharing

- Class 1 – Sophia for sentence writing
- Class 2 – Amelia-Rose for excellent use of connectives
- Class 3 – Ivy for super engagement in our English hook lesson
- Class 4 – Otto, Naida, Melodie and Poppy for leading roles in our science investigation this week

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



- YR R – Sophia
- YR 1 – Ethan
- YR 2 – Amelia



Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion –
- Courage –
- Justice –

- YR 3 – Lucas
- YR 4 – Evie-Rose
- YR 5 - Edward
- YR 6 – Sophia



Social Action Recognition

Congratulations to Seren and Melodie in Year 6 who have both been accepted into the Junior Institute for Performing Arts at Canterbury Academy



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.

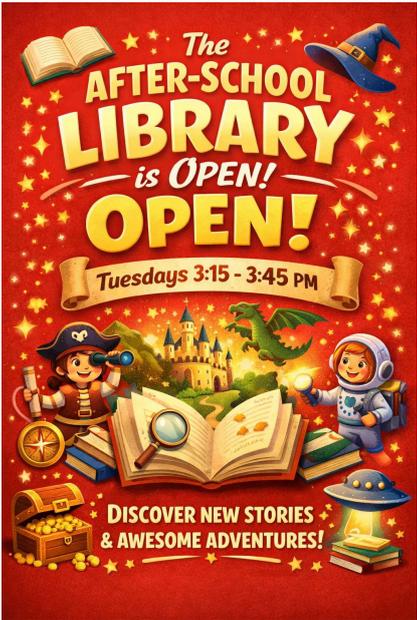
Class	Week	Date
Class 4	Week 1	27/02/2026
Class 3	Week 2	06/03/2026
Class 1&2	Week 3	13/03/2026
Class 4	Week 4	20/03/2026
Class 3	Week 5	27/03/2026
Class 1&2	Week 6	02/04/2026

Term 4	
Wednesday 11 th March to 17 th March	Travelling Book Fair
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief day – 80s/90s dress up/PTA Spring Disco
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter menu
Thursday 2 nd April	Express yourself/this is me day & Last day of term 4
Term 5	
Monday 20 th April	First day of Term/Earth Day/Recycling Week
Friday 1 st May	PTA Cake Sale
Monday 11 th May to 15 th May	YR 6 SATS week
Monday 18 th May to 22 nd May	Healthy Bodies Week
Monday 18 th May	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd May	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.





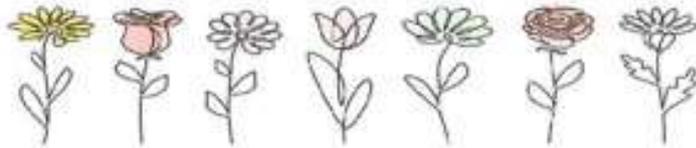
Thank you to the parents and children who made purchases at the World Book Day chocolate and sweet sale yesterday which raised £55.00. There are still a couple of prizes to be collected. If you found a winning golden ticket, your prize can be collected from the school office.

Our next event is the Spring Disco on Friday 20th March which ties in with Comic Relief Day and the schools dress theme of 80's/90's fancy dress. Ticket price is £3.50 with £1.00 from each ticket being donated to Comic Relief. The disco will take place from 3:15 to 4:45 in the school hall. Along with our normal tuck shop and goods stall, there will be a stall offering children the opportunity to purchase a temporary tattoo/festival glitter application, please advise the PTA (monktonpta@gmail.com) or the school office if you would prefer your child not to have a tattoo or glitter applied.

The PTA are always looking for willing parents to join when them. 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.

Other news

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Monkton
A special family service, with Communion, for
Mothering Sunday (Mothers' Day)
Sunday, 15 March 2026
at 9.30 am
Come and give thanks to God for your Mum
and for all 'Mums' everywhere!
(You can bring Dad too!)



Messy Church Tuesday the 10th of March

In Monkton Village Hall

3.15 till 4.45

On the 15th of March we celebrate Mothering Sunday. It's a time during Lent when we give thanks for our Mother Church. We also celebrate our own mothers. So, during our Messy Church this month we will be making some presents to give to our mothers. Lots of different crafts as well as an edible treat. Do come along and join in the fun and games.

For more information you can contact Messy Eileen at:
eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com Messy Eileen and Team

Do you need urgent dental treatment?

Extra urgent dental treatment is now available in Kent and Medway.

If you need urgent dental treatment, here's what you can do:

- Phone your regular dentist, if you have one. Some practices offer appointments at short notice.
- Contact Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT), Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm on 0300 123 4412 or email kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net
- Phone Dentaline Out of Hours on 01634 890300, Monday to Sunday from 6pm to 10:55pm and Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from 8:30am to 1:25pm.

Examples of urgent dental conditions

- Severe pain – pain that is not manageable with over-the-counter pain relivers and is interfering with daily activities or sleep
- Infections – swelling, redness or pus in the mouth, especially if spreading or accompanied by fever.
- Trauma – knocked our teeth, fractured teeth or injuries to the mouth and jaw.
- Bleeding – uncontrolled bleeding from the mouth
- Other – abscesses, pericoronitis (inflammation around wisdom teeth) and severe ulcerations or lesions.

For a list of dentists offering urgent appointments near you, visit [KM health and care website](#)