



Monkton Update –13th March 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 3

Monday 16/03/2026	
Tuesday 17/03/2026	Last day of Travelling Book Fair
Wednesday 18/03/2026	
Thursday 19/03/2026	
Friday 20/03/2026	Comic Relief Day/ PTA Spring Disco

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fabulous week of learning has taken place across the school. It has been wonderful to see so many hands-on and creative tasks alongside the children's writing and maths.

Dino Day looked superb and the children created some fantastic dinosaurs—some certainly scarier than others! Miss Allen's tortoise was the star of the day and received many gentle strokes from the children. I think he may have been a little 'shell'-shocked by all the attention.

When I popped into Class 2, the children were busy creating a Lego version of Pudding Lane as part of their learning about the Great Fire of London. Class 3 are really throwing themselves into their topic on Mary Anning and already have some wonderful writing carefully planned and ready for their first drafts. Meanwhile, Class 4 looked completely engrossed while designing and building pneumatic cranes.

Our Christian Ambassadors also took part in a Collective Worship this week, acting out a story from the Bible. They did brilliantly and clearly enjoyed the responsibility.

Soon we will be sharing some exciting news about the PTA and what their fundraising will mean for our school. It's very exciting—but I'm going to leave this on a cliffhanger until the next update!

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston
Head of School

Gentle Reminder to Parents

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please park sensibly and considerately during drop-off and pick-up times to help keep everyone safe.

We have also received a few reports of young children being left alone in cars during drop-off. For safety reasons, please do **not leave children unattended in vehicles**, even for a short time, as this can pose a risk to the child.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep the school community safe.

Mr C Marston
Head of School



Attendance Reminder

Attendance has been fantastic over the past couple of weeks, and it has been wonderful to see so many children in school each day, ready to learn. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

We now want to keep this positive momentum going. Regular attendance is very important, as children on our school register need to be in school as much as possible to get the most from their learning and continue making good progress.

Your support in ensuring your child attends school every day, unless they are unwell, makes a real difference. Thank you for working with us to support your child's education.

Mr C.Marston



Attendance for Week 3 Term 4

YR R – 100%
YR 1 – 100%
YR 2 – 90.77%
YR 3 – 98.67%
YR 4 – 99.33%
YR 5 – 96.43%
YR 6 – 92%

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](#)

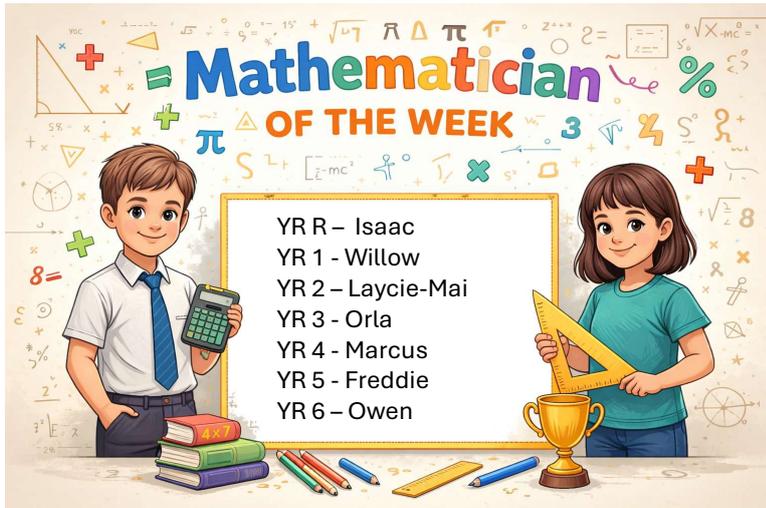


Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion 116** **Courage 109** **Justice 130**



- YR R – Thea for throwing herself straight in with all our activities and producing some wonderful work
- YR 1 – Jake for trying very hard with his handwriting and using clear finger spaces
- YR 2 – Amelia for a wonderful recount with exciting language!
- YR 3 – Cora for brilliant determination in her maths
- YR 4 – Maggie for fabulous contributions to our lessons
- YR 5 – Jake for working so hard to achieve his learning goals
- YR 6 – Naida for amazing work in PE, DT and everything!



- YR R – Isaac
- YR 1 - Willow
- YR 2 – Laycie-Mai
- YR 3 - Orla
- YR 4 - Marcus
- YR 5 - Freddie
- YR 6 – Owen

Readers of the Week

- YR R – Louis
- YR 1 – Miffy
- YR 2 – Olivia
- YR 3 – George
- YR 4 – Isla
- YR 5 – Isabelle
- YR 6 – Seren



% of readers 5xs a week

- YR R – 66%
- YR 1 – 40%
- YR 2 – 38%
- YR 3 – 31%
- YR 4 – 25%
- YR 5 – 29%
- YR 6 – 47%

PRIDE Sharing

- Class 1 – Leo and Rosie for their dinosaur skeletons
- Class 2 – Aria for trying hard to include lots of fantastic vocabulary in her recount writing
- Class 3 – Teddy for his group work skills when creating obstacle courses in PE
- Class 4 – Sophia C and Naida – DT fantastic pneumatic crane

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



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



Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion -**
- Courage –**
- Justice –**

- YR 3 – Lucas
- YR 4 – Bronti
- YR 5 - Maya
- YR 6 – Naida



Social Action Recognition



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 11th March to 17th March
Friday 20th March

Travelling Book Fair
Comic Relief day – 80s/90s dress up/PTA
Spring Disco

Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 2nd April

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

Term 5

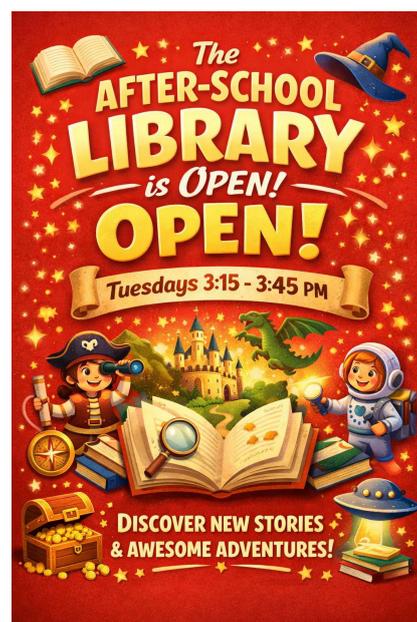
Monday 20th April
Friday 1st May
Monday 11th May to 15th May
Monday 18th May to 22nd May
Monday 18th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May

First day of Term/Earth Day/Recycling Week
PTA Cake Sale
YR 6 SATS week
Healthy Bodies Week
Sports Day
Treat Day menu
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.





FOREST SCHOOL

HELPERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for adults to volunteer and help support our children at Forest School!



SPEAK TO THE OFFICE
IF YOU CAN HELP

Thank you!

Forest School takes place each Friday 1pm to 2:30pm, if you can spare an afternoon to help, we would be very grateful. The children will love having parents involved.

You will need a pair of wellies or sturdy shoes and comfortable/waterproof clothing.

Bring a cup and we will make you a drink!



Tickets
available
on Arbor
now.



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. Tickets are available on the Arbor App and sign up will close on 18th March at 6pm.

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 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.

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!)