



## Monkton Update –20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 4

Monday 23/03/2026	Class 4 Cake Sale 12:30pm for pupils only
Tuesday 24/03/2026	
Wednesday 25/03/2026	Caterlink Easter Menu
Thursday 26/03/2026	
Friday 27/03/2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've absolutely loved this week in school—it has been full of energy, creativity, and joy.

Today's Comic Relief Day has been incredible! It was fantastic to see so many tracksuits, tutus, and wristbands, along with some brilliant costumes—Marty McFly (from my favourite film!) and Ghostbusters (another classic!) were definite highlights. Well done to everyone for the amazing effort and enthusiasm.

We are now looking forward to our upcoming Easter events, including the Bonnet Competition and our "Just Like Us" Day on the last day of term. On this day, children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, dressed to express themselves—it's always a wonderful celebration of individuality and fun.

Alongside all the excitement, there has also been some fantastic learning taking place this week. Pupils have enjoyed creative and active lessons, including DT sessions on Zoom led by The Royal Ballet and Opera Company. Across the school, we've seen great writing, beautiful artwork, and some particularly impressive spelling in Class 1.

Each week really does seem to get better and better, and it's a pleasure to see the children so engaged and thriving.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
**Mr C. Marston**  
Head of School



# Attendance Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance this week has been absolutely outstanding—well done to everyone! We even achieved 100% attendance on some days, which is incredibly impressive. Let's keep up this fantastic effort.

You may have heard about the little cuddly dog we have recently “adopted” after it lost its owner. I'm delighted to say that it has now taken on a very important role in our school as our official *Attendance Doggy*! Each week, it will be awarded to the class with the best attendance.

To make things even more exciting, we will be running a competition in school to give our new attendance doggy a name—so get your thinking caps on! We can't wait to hear all of your creative ideas.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and on time—it really does make such a difference.

Warm regards,

**Mr C.Marston**



Attendance for Week 4 Term 4

YR R – 97.14%  
YR 1 – 100%  
YR 2 – 94.62%  
YR 3 – 96.67%  
YR 4 – 99.33%  
YR 5 – 96.43%  
YR 6 – 97.33%

We had fantastic day on Thursday when we had 100% attendance.

## 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](#)



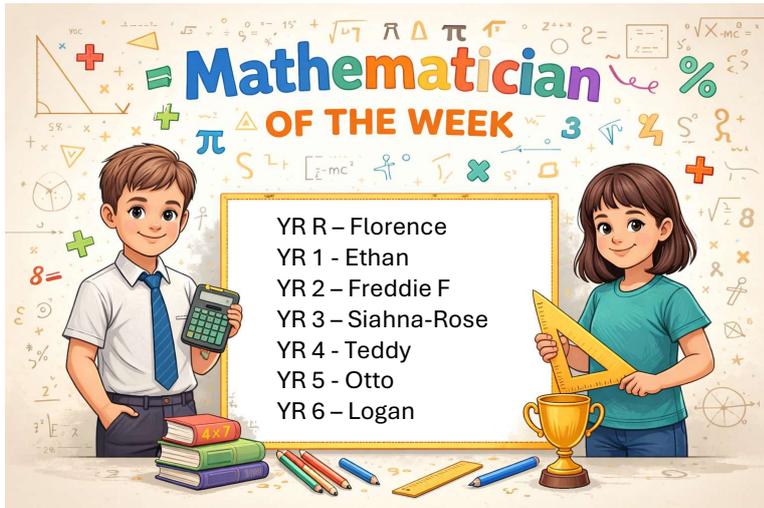
# Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion 177** **Courage 170** **Justice 189**



Star of the Week

- YR R – Freddie for beautiful artwork and fabulous sentence writing
- YR 1 – Willow for lots of contributions during carpet time
- YR 2 – Wesley for positive attitude towards his learning
- YR 3 – Eloise for brilliant perseverance in her learning
- YR 4 – Marcus for fabulous knowledge and positivity across all subjects
- YR 5 – Zilan for increased effort and good assessments
- YR 6 – Poppy for amazing resilience in learning despite her injury. Nothing can stop Poppy doing her best!



## Readers of the Week

- YR R – Bobby
- YR 1 – Etta
- YR 2 – Daniel
- YR 3 – Arlo
- YR 4 – Nathan
- YR 5 – Olivia
- YR 6 – Sophia C



## % of readers 5xs a week

- YR R – 57%
- YR 1 – 40%
- YR 2 – 53%
- YR 3 – 27%
- YR 4 – 13%
- YR 5 – 36%
- YR 6 – 40%

## PRIDE Sharing

- Class 1 – All of class 1 for their teamwork when making an Easter cross
- Class 2 – Ethan for a wonderful piece of writing using all he skills we have been working on
- Class 3 – All of class 3 for a fabulous English hoot lesson for our newspaper write
- Class 4 – Edward for using a colon to introduce a list for a survival guide.

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



- YR R – Amelia
- YR 1 – Ethan & Albert
- YR 2 – Amelia-Rose



## Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion** – Cora, Annabelle (Good Samaritan)
- Courage** – Poppy
- Justice** – Byron, Sophia L

- YR 3 – Lucas
- YR 4 – Marcus
- YR 5 – Olivia
- YR 6 – Sophia L



## 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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Class 4 Cake sale

Easter menu

Make the Classroom Disappear Workshops

Class 2 and 3

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

### Term 5

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

First day of Term/Earth Day/Recycling Week

PTA Cake Sale

YR 6 SATS week

Healthy Bodies Week

Sports Day

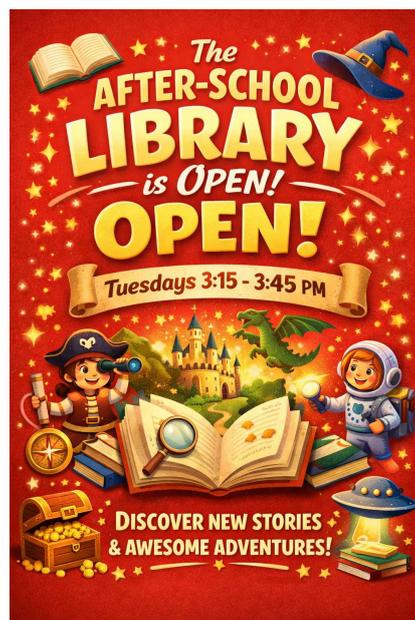
Treat Day menu

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!



Class 4 will be holding a Cake Sale on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise funds towards the end of year production. This is for pupils only. We would kindly request that children bring in some money to purchase cakes 🍰



We hope children will get creative with making their Easter Bonnets at home – they need to bring them in by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We will have an Easter Bonnet Parade on 1<sup>st</sup> April at **3pm** in the playground.

Parents are invited, lets pray it's a sunny day ☀️



Differences Not Disabilities is currently delivering SEND behaviour support training for families and schools across Kent, and they are in the final stages of national accreditation with the British Institute of Learning Disabilities under the Restraint Reduction Network Training Standards. This accreditation is the recognised nation standard for training that involves behaviour management, de escalation, and physical intervention across education, health, and social care settings.

They are running a Parent SEND Support Course on Challenging Behaviour and De escalation (course cost is £120)

The course takes place at the Marlowe Innovation Centre, Ramsgate on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 10pm to 2pm each day. The 3-day course is designed to give parents practical strategies to support children and young people who may experience distress, emotional dysregulation, or challenging behaviour. The course covers:

- Understanding the function of behaviour
- Prevention and emotional regulation strategies
- De escalation and crisis management
- Practical ways to keep everyone safe during difficult moments.

Further information and booking can be found here:

<https://store.differencesnotdisabilities.co.uk/products/ramsgate-send-support-course>

**SEND Parent Support Course  
Ramsgate**  
Practical strategies for challenging behaviour  
**The SEND Parent Support Course**

✓ Understanding behaviour	✓ De-escalation strategies	✓ Emotional regulation
✓ Evidence Based Practice	✓ Crisis management	✓ Person Centred

A practical three-day course designed to help parents and carers support children with SEND who experience distress or challenging behaviour.

**Book now.**

28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April  
[www.differencesnotdisabilities.co.uk](http://www.differencesnotdisabilities.co.uk)



## Read at 3pm – Upcoming Sessions

Following on from our successful Read at 3pm during Book Week, we sent out a poll to gather your views on whether you would like these sessions to continue.



Thank you to everyone who took time to respond. We are pleased to share that 88% of parents voted in favour of holding these sessions termly.

As a result, we will be continuing Read at 3pm for all classes on the following dates:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May
- 26<sup>th</sup> June



We look forward to welcoming you to join your children again for these special reading moments. If you have children in different classes, you are welcome to take them both to a common area to read with them – benches around the playground, library area.

East Kent FC are running open day sessions for budding football players.

**GIRLS ONLY** EAST KENT FOOTBALL CLUB

**OPEN SESSION & TRIALS** 

Thurs 7 May: Open Session  
 Thurs 14 May: Open Session  
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 Thurs 28 May (invitation only)

**@ NORTHDOWN PARK**  
 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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