



Monkton Update –27th March 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 5

Monday 30/03/2026	
Tuesday 31/03/2026	
Wednesday 01/04/2026	Easter Bonnet competition
Thursday 02/04/2026	Express yourself/Last Day of Term
Friday 03/04/2026	Good Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, congratulations to Melodie and Edie for competing so brilliantly in the EKC Talent Show at Sheppey Secondary. A special well done to Melodie, who won the competition! We are very proud of both of you, and we hope others feel inspired by your success.

During my walkarounds this week, I have seen some superb teaching and learning across the school. Class 4's writing has been sensational—they have been creating survival guides based on their class book. Class 3 have produced some amazing artwork, printing ammonites, while I was blown away by the wonderful Pudding Lane houses in Class 2 as they learn all about the Great Fire of London. Class 1 have continued to impress me with their reading and maths skills, as well as the wonderful sense of curiosity they show in absolutely everything—especially during their springtime walk!

Can you believe there is only one week to go until the end of Term 4? There is still so much to do in this final week.

A few reminders:

- The **Easter Bonnet Competition** deadline is Wednesday, with a parade at the end of the day at **3:00pm**, which parents are welcome to watch.
- We also have our **Dress to Express Day** on the last day of term.

Next term, we will be focusing on children becoming increasingly **resourceful** and **determined**—two of our learning values. One small target we would like to encourage outside the classroom is for children to walk confidently into school carrying their own bags and bottles—saving parents' arms in the process!

Mrs Vesty is now a qualified **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and has been added to our safeguarding team. Well done, Mrs Vesty.

That's enough from me for now. Enjoy the update and have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston
Head of School



Attendance Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance again has been fantastic—thank you to everyone for your continued support. We are seeing lots of real *'pull into school'*, whether that be through our ambitious and inspirational curriculum, child leadership responsibilities, creative workshops and trips, or other enrichment opportunities such as iRock and our gardening club. Well done to everyone for making school such an exciting place to be.

One important point to raise, however. We are finding it concerning that some children who have been reported absent due to illness are returning to school and telling staff that they have actually been on a day out or a mini-holiday. Please ensure honesty and transparency when reporting your child's absence. Accurate information helps us safeguard children effectively and ensures we meet our attendance responsibilities.

Warm regards,

Mr C.Marston

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance for Week 5 Term 4

YR R – 96.4%
YR 1 – 96%
YR 2 – 97.69%
YR 3 – 98.67%
YR 4 – 95.33%
YR 5 – 97.14%
YR 6 – 96.67%

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](#)

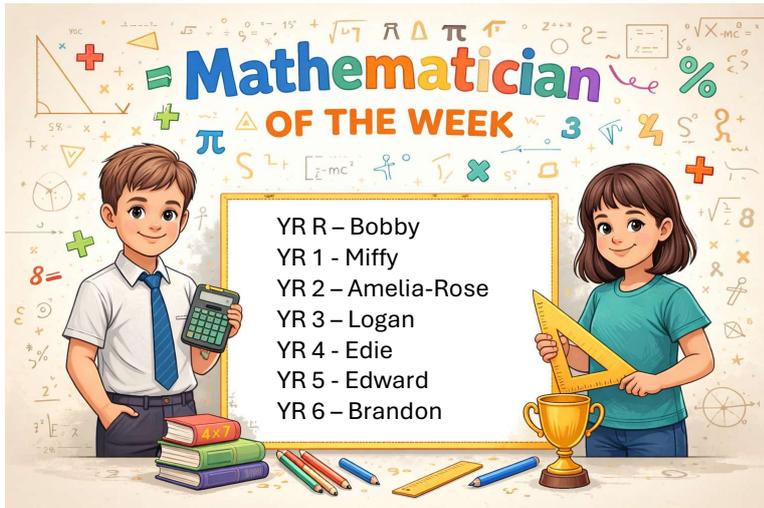


Weekly School Awards

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



YR R – Mabel for challenging herself in her writing and beautiful Cave Baby artwork
 YR 1 – Enley for trying hard with his writing
 YR 2 – Alba for showing fantastic skills working in a team when building a Great Fire of London house.
 YR 3 – Miles for excellent topic knowledge
 YR 4 – Buddy for always shining with our PRIDE values
 YR 5 – Mays for a sunny and positive approach to all tasks
 YR 6 – Sophia C for great writing; art work and for being an excellent role model to others.



YR R – Bobby
 YR 1 - Miffy
 YR 2 – Amelia-Rose
 YR 3 – Logan
 YR 4 - Edie
 YR 5 - Edward
 YR 6 – Brandon

Readers of the Week

YR R – Winnie
 YR 1 – Albert
 YR 2 – Wesley
 YR 3 – Remi
 YR 4 – Adaline
 YR 5 – Jacob C
 YR 6 – Naida



% of readers 5xs a week
 YR R – 58%
 YR 1 – 50%
 YR 2 – 46%
 YR 3 – 40%
 YR 4 – 13%
 YR 5 – 37%
 YR 6 – 40%

PRIDE Sharing

Class 1- Amelia for beautiful Cave Baby drawing and smashing sentence
 Class 2 – Ollie for a fantastic Great Fire of London house
 Class 3 – Orla and Cora for brilliant teamwork when making a tsunami poster
 Class 4 – Sophia C for some beautiful mixed media collage work

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



YR R – Thea
 YR 1 – Albert
 YR 2 –



Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion –
Courage –
Justice – Cora

Staff Awards
Compassion – Mrs Vesty

YR 2 – Amelia-Rose
 YR 3 – Lucas
 YR 4 – Marcus
 YR 5 - Maya
 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

Wednesday 1st April

Make the Classroom Disappear Workshops
Class 2 and 3

Thursday 2nd April

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

Term 5

Monday 20th April

First day of Term/Earth Day/Recycling Week

Friday 1st May

PTA Cake Sale

Monday 11th May to 15th May

YR 6 SATS week

Monday 18th May to 22nd May

Healthy Bodies Week

Monday 18th May

Sports Day

Thursday 21st May

Treat Day menu

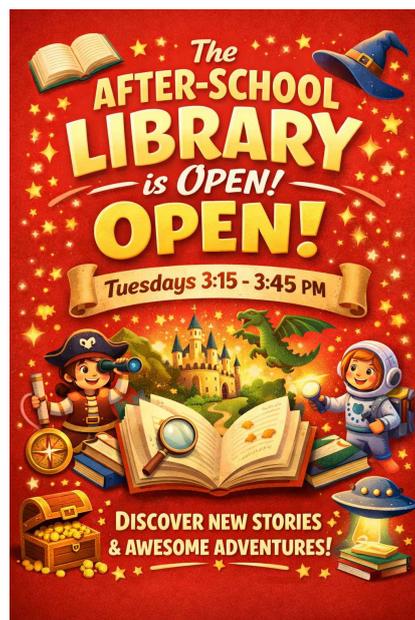
Friday 22nd May

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.





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!



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:

- 8th May
- 26th 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 such as benches around the playground or the library area.



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

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

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



Easter events at
Monkton Nature
Reserve

EASTER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



HOW TO BOOK

www.monkton-reserve.org/events/

Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:

education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD

Members: £3

Non-Members: £5

(Incl. entrance to the reserve)

Wild Classroom

Members: £9.00

Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE

Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

BUTTERFLY KITES (AND FLUTTERING SIGHTS) Colour in a butterfly template, copying spring butterflies (or design your own). Add a stick and string. Try running with your kite to make it fly. Which butterflies can be seen in April? Spot them on the reserve.

BOTANY BUTTON BOOKS Mini, flower-filled, button books to make and keep. Fun filled notebooks for secrets and treasures. Spring flower hunt.

FALLING BLOSSOM Make a pretty, pale pink blossom, garland using egg box flowers. Hunt for blossom around the reserve.

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. It's time to search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified.

NESTING BALLS FOR BIRDS Give the birds a helping hand this spring with these garden nesting balls. Use twigs (or chicken wire) shaped into a ball or cone, and fill them with nest friendly materials for birds.

PARSLEY AND POTS Plant parsley in an ice-cream cone, ready to plant on outside. Make a hanging, beaded plant pot using egg box cones. Fill it with tiny plants grown on the reserve.

STORY ZONE IN THE DOME (FREE): Drop into the Dome on Tuesday afternoons during the Easter break, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sink into comfy cushions and soft rugs. Three short children's stories will be read by our volunteers at 2.30pm, 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Get stuck into our children's books in the Dome. No need to book, but please be prompt for the timed story telling. In support of *The National Year of Reading 2026*.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty, fire-fuelled lunch; a spring vegetable risotto, cooked together, outdoors.

	11.00AM	11.30AM	1.00PM	2.30PM
7th	Parsley & Pots		Botany Books	Story Zone
9th	Kites	Wild C'room	Nesting Balls	
10th	Falling Blossom		Big Bug Hunt	
14th	Botany Books		Parsley & Pots	Story Zone
16th	Nesting Balls		Falling Blossom	
17th	Big Bug Hunt		Kites	

EAST KENT FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED

26/27 SEASON

EAST KENT FC

GIRLS IN CURRENT YEAR 6 & 7

TO JOIN OUR TEAM

TO REGISTER INTEREST CONTACT:

DAVE MARLOW

07566 22 09 87

(CALL • TEXT • WHATSAPP)

EMAIL: EKFCSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

East Kent FC are also looking for girls across all ages from YR 3 – YR 10 for existing and new teams.

They are holding open trial sessions on Thursday 7th May, Thursday 14th May and Thursday 21st May at Northdown Park.

For more information or to register interest please contact Dave Marlow on the number shown on the flyer.