



Monkton Update –2nd April 2026

TERM 4 – WEEK 6

Monday 20/04/2026	1 st DAY of Term
Tuesday 21/04/2026	
Wednesday 22/04/2026	
Thursday 23/04/2026	
Friday 24/04/2026	

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weeks like the one we have just had serve as a wonderful reminder of why I chose a career in education. The awe and wonder on children's faces throughout the week has been truly special to witness.

From Rev Jef's Easter Service, to the excitement of the Great Fire of London workshop—complete with setting fire to Pudding Lane—and the Roman Empire workshop, where children dressed up and created their own shields, the learning experiences have been rich, immersive and full of joy. Our OPAL Play sessions have seen children loving life outdoors on the field, playing and learning at the same time. It has also been lovely to see teaching and office staff working incredibly hard while sharing plenty of laughter with each other and with the children. Seeing children dancing during collective worship, taking part in our Easter Bonnet Parade with Mr Oliver high-fiving children along the way and children 'dressed to express' today, has made this a truly memorable and joyful week.

This week also marked an important milestone for our school, as we officially joined The EKC Trust. We are delighted to be part of a wider team who share the same strong values about education that we do. We firmly believe that education should be inclusive, fun and challenging, and we are excited about the opportunities this partnership will bring.

We also have some very exciting news to share. Thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of the PTA, we will be having a Reading Lodge built in our playground over the Easter break. Mrs Gilder, our Reading Lead, will be kitting it out to create a warm, inviting space where children can relax and enjoy reading. A huge thank you to Mel and the PTA for all their hard work in making this happen—this will be a wonderful addition to our school. Below is a similar style to what we are having - it's very exciting!



Finally, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful and safe Easter break. Enjoy spending time together, hunting for eggs, eating chocolate, and making happy memories in whatever way you choose.

Stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming you back for Term 5.

Warm regards,
Mr C. Marston
Head of School



Attendance Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, wow, wow — well done everyone!

I am absolutely delighted to share that our overall attendance this term is **96.32%**, which is **above the national average**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our pupils, families, and staff to making everyday count.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our strong attendance this term. Your efforts truly make a difference to learning, progress, and success across the school.

Remember: every day in school is a chance to learn something new, build confidence, and achieve your very best. Every lesson counts, everyday matters, and together we can achieve even more.

Let's keep up the great work, aim even higher next term, and continue to make attendance a top priority across our school community!

Warm regards,

Mr C.Marston



Attendance for Term 4

YR R – 97.41%
YR 1 – 98.28%
YR 2 – 90.72%
YR 3 – 96.21%
YR 4 – 97.82%
YR 5 – 97.29%
YR 6 – 96.55%
Overall 96.32%

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](#)

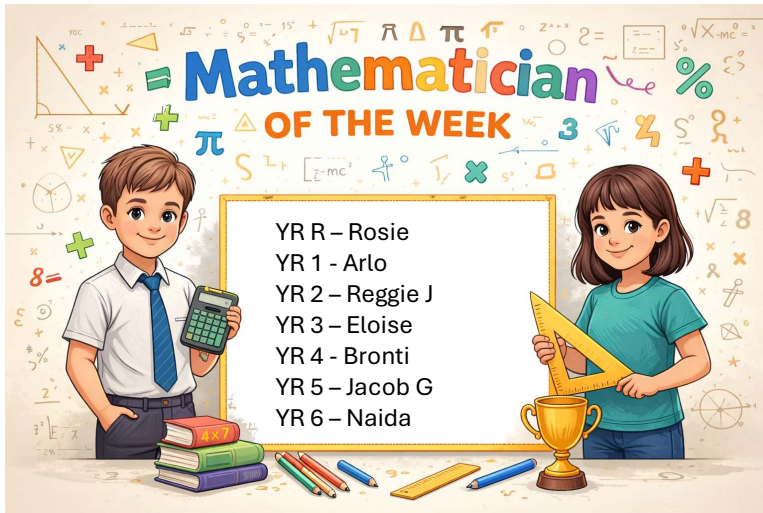


Weekly School Awards

House Points – **Compassion** 227 **Courage** 309 **Justice** 294



- YR R – Nelly-Mae for smashing all her tasks this week with a big smile on her face
- YR 1 – Miffy for fantastic determination in her phonics
- YR 2 – Reggie K for great engagement during our Great Fire of London workshop
- YR 3 – George for his determination in his reading
- YR 4 – Isla for excellent engagement in class
- YR 5 – Ronnie for independent learning and pushing himself with writing
- YR 6 – Sophia L for fantastic explanation of mammal life cycles in science.



- YR R – Rosie
- YR 1 – Arlo
- YR 2 – Reggie J
- YR 3 – Eloise
- YR 4 – Bronti
- YR 5 – Jacob G
- YR 6 – Naida

Readers of the Week

- YR R – Amelia
- YR 1 – Rupert
- YR 2 – Amelia-Rose
- YR 3 – Blake
- YR 4 – Teddy
- YR 5 – Zilan
- YR 6 – Jude A



% of readers 5xs a week

- YR R – 50%
- YR 1 – 40%
- YR 2 – 15%
- YR 3 – 43%
- YR 4 – 18%
- YR 5 – 50%
- YR 6 – 47%

PRIDE Sharing

- Class 1- Leo for his stegosaurus drawing and knowledge
- Class 2 – All of Class 2 for fantastic engagement in our Great Fire of London workshop and sensible behaviour when burning down our houses
- Class 3 – All of Class 3 for brilliant engagement and knowledge at our Easter Workshop
- Class 4 – Sophia L and Seren's life cycle diagrams

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



- YR R – Thea, Amelia, Sophia
- YR 1 – Albert, Ethan, Freddie F
- YR 2 –



Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion** – Isabelle
- Courage** – Jude RD, Maggie
- Justice** – Zilan

- YR 2 – Amelia-Rose
- YR 3 – Lucas
- YR 4 – Buddy
- YR 5 – Zilan
- YR 6 – Poppy





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	24/04/2026
Class 3	Week 2	01/05/2026
Class 1&2	Week 3	08/05/2026
Class 4	Week 4	15/05/2026
Class 3	Week 5	22/05/2026

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

Term 6

Monday 1st June

Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June

Monday 22nd June

Friday 26th June

Thursday 9th July

First day of Term 6

YR 6 Hindleap Residential trip

World Music Day

YR 5 Camp out

Year 6 production

Breakfast Club for Term 5 will be available for sign up from 6th April 2026.

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.





Term 5 clubs



Football Fun Factory will run each Monday from 20th April to 18th May – no club 4th May Bank Holiday. To book please use this link <https://booking.thefootballfactory.co.uk/event/4785>



As well as General Wraparound Care Khicksters will be running the following clubs in Term 5

- Tuesdays – Arts and Crafts
- Wednesdays – Home Learning
- Thursdays – Sports Club
- Fridays – Film Night.

For more information see the page on our website [here](#)

Happy Kids Yoga Club

During Term 5 and 6 Happy Kids Yoga Club will continue running, as Term 5 is quite short Keely will offer 10 sessions across Terms 5 and 6 at a total price of £50.

The proposed dates are

27/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 18/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 08/06/2026, 15/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 13/07/2026.

Please note no sessions on 4th May and 25th May due to Bank Holiday and Half Term. For any new pupils joining the Yoga club there is an offer of first session as one-off trial with subsequent sessions available only as block bookings.

We will send out more details at the beginning of next term.



PTA News

On behalf of the PTA thank you to the children, parents and staff for supporting us with our events this term the World Book Day chocolate sale and Spring disco raised an amazing £437 for the school.

The Spring disco was a huge fun with DJ Marston playing tunes from the 80's and 90's although I think the teachers enjoyed it as much as the children. From the attendance fee £68 was raised and donated to comic relief.

Over the past 2 years the PTA has raised a significant amount of money and Mr Marston will be sharing some wonderful news of what this money will be providing for the school and children.

After the loss of the bell tent last Autumn through wind damage, the PTA are pleased to say we have been able to purchase a replacement bell tent which will pop up on the field once the good weather is firmly here.

Next term Events

April - Whole School Tea Towel

Friday 01 May - Baked good sale

Monday 18 May - Sports Day Refreshments and Rainbow Raffle

To ensure all parents get an opportunity to watch their children participate in sports day we kindly ask for 6 volunteers to cover 20 minutes each during sports day to look after the refreshment stall. If you can help, please email monktonpta@gmail.com.

A lot goes into the organisation, promotion, purchasing of items and the running of PTA events from a small team of parents, we are actively looking for more support so if you can spare some time to help provide fun sociable events for our children and raise vital funds for the school, please do get in touch to find out more.

Wising you all a wonderful Easter



April's Messy Church is on Tuesday the 14th.

In Monkton Village Hall

From 3.15 till 4.45

Our theme for April is 'An Easter people.' Lots of lovely crafts including stone painting, Easter eggs, stained glass window, as well as something delicious to eat.

We also have a guest artist who is going to help you make a personal notebook.

Look forward to seeing you there. Messy Eileen and Team

Contact Eileen at; eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com



Ursuline College Holiday Activities over the Easter Break – see details below.

1. Easter HAF Programme (Multi-Activity)

A diverse camp featuring climbing, trampolining, archery, dance, and arts & crafts.

Dates: Monday 13th - Thursday 16th April

Time: 10:00 AM - 14:00 PM

Ages: 6-13 years

Cost: FREE for FSM-eligible students (includes a nutritious daily meal).

2. FOOTBALL IQ - SKILLZONE & Training Camps (Football & Performance)

For students looking to sharpen their sports skills, we are running specialized sessions:

SKILLZONE: Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April (£20 per day)

Training Camp: Thursday 9th April (£11 per day)

Time: 09:00 AM - 15:00 PM

Ages: U7 - U12

Information for Parents

Location: Ursuline College, Canterbury Rd, Westgate, Kent CT8 8LX

Booking (HAF): Via the **E-Voucher app** (select "Inclusive Sport Westgate Camp").

Booking (Sports Camps): Via our website at sportsiq.uk.

Contact: For any questions, please email info@inclusivesport.net.