



Monkton Update – 10th July 2026

TERM 6 – Week 6

Monday 13 th July	
Tuesday 14 th July	
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Thursday 16 th July	
Friday 17 th July	Last day of Term – Finish at 1:15pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school is unique. It's the size, the relationships, the learning, the sense of community, and the way we work together that make Monkton such a special place.

Every day, I find myself amazed by something. Whether it's a lightbulb moment in Year R, children in Class 2 confidently using complex technical vocabulary, the presentation and pride shown in Class 3, or the resilience of our Class 4 pupils as they overcome barriers, smash through obstacles, and achieve things they never thought possible, there is always something to celebrate.

Monkton is a truly special place to be, and we hope you love it as much as we do.

This week has been no exception. It has been another wonderful week, with the Year 5/6 production taking centre stage. Their performances for the school during the day and for parents, families and friends in the evening were simply superb. The jokes were delivered brilliantly, the songs were performed beautifully, and the acting brought every character to life with real personality. What a fantastic achievement by everyone involved.

A huge well done must also go to Mrs Vesty and Mrs Horton, whose dedication ensured the production was such a tremendous success. I would especially like to thank Mrs Vesty. The last few weeks have been incredibly difficult for her following the loss of her father, yet her compassion, professionalism and love for the children meant she continued to work tirelessly to support them and create a production that brought so much joy to everyone who watched it. Thank you, Mrs Vesty – we think you're amazing.

The production isn't the only performance to look forward to this week, as we also have the iRock concert later this afternoon. We are incredibly fortunate to have Tom from iRock as our band leader. The children absolutely adore him and thrive on his enthusiasm and energy. We can't wait to see another fantastic show!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Open Afternoon yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to chat with teachers and look through your children's work. We hope you enjoyed seeing all they have achieved and were as impressed as we are every day.

Just a couple of reminders before I finish. Next Friday is the last day of term, and school will finish at **1:15pm**. Our Leavers' Service will also take place next week. The whole school will attend so that everyone has the chance to say an official goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

Finally, I hope you'll all be cheering on England on Saturday night. Can they keep Haaland quiet? Fingers crossed we'll all have plenty to smile about when we return on Monday morning—even if you're not usually a football fan!

Mr Marston



Attendance for Week 1 Term 6

YR R – 90.67%

YR 1 – 94.55%

YR 2 – 95.83%

YR 3 – 96.67%

YR 4 – 96.25%

YR 5 – 90.67%

YR 6 – 96.67%



Term 6

Wednesday 15th July

Friday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers Service

Last day of Term

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Staff Development Day

First Day of Term

MONKTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOREST SCHOOL

IS MOVING TO
MONDAY
AFTERNOONS
FROM TERM 1

IF YOU ARE A PARENT AND
YOU CAN HELP OR WOULD
LIKE TO COME AND HELP...
**WE'LL ADD YOUR NAME
TO THE LIST!**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

**YOUR SUPPORT
MAKES A BIG
DIFFERENCE!**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FOREST SCHOOL!



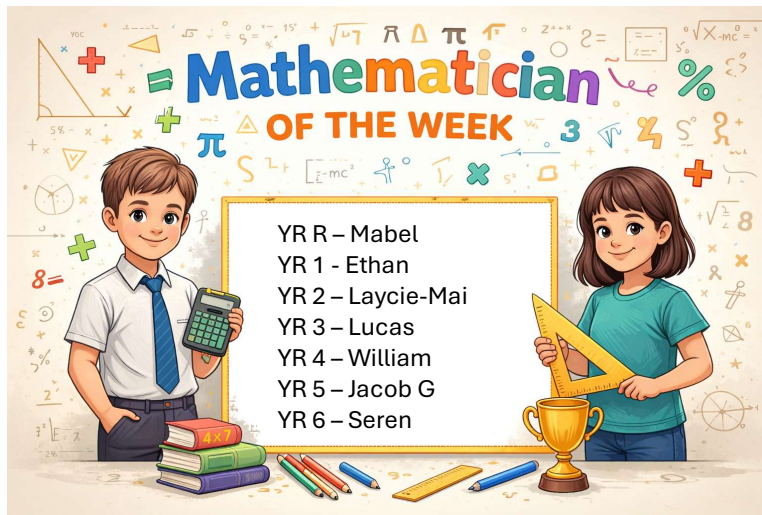
Weekly School Awards

House Points – Compassion 277 Courage 365 Justice 265



Star of the Week

YR R – Winnie for being so kind and helpful to her friends
 YR 1 – Rupert for super phonics knowledge
 YR 2 – Aria for fantastic attitude to learning
 YR 3 – Cora for her determination and independence in her learning
 YR 4 – Nathan for engaging positively with our character description write
 YR 5 – Byron for being helpful in class and for performing with enthusiasm in the play.
 YR 6 – Ava for showing huge courage in the play and with her transition to secondary school. We are so proud of you!



Readers of the Week

YR R – Florence
 YR 1 – Arlo
 YR 2 – Daniel
 YR 3 – Blake
 YR 4 – Teddy
 YR 5 – Millie
 YR 6 – Sophia L



% of readers 5xs a week

YR R – 53%
 YR 1 – 30%
 YR 2 – 30%
 YR 3 – 47%
 YR 4 – 31%
 YR 5 – 20%
 YR 6 – 27%

PRIDE Sharing

Class 1- Nelly-Mae for her wonderful animal counting to 20
 Class 2 – Miffy for fantastic ideas for her poem
 Class 3 – Marcus for supporting others in ukulele
 Class 4 – Edward for showing commitment and responsibility to his tech support role in the play. We couldn't have done it without him!

YR R – Louis, Sophia, Nelly
 YR 1 –
 YR 2 –



Class 1 – Gold
 Class 2 – Gold
 Class 3 – Gold
 Class 4 – X



Christian Ambassador Awards

Compassion –
 Courage –
 Justice –

YR 2 – Amelia
 YR 3 – Arlo
 YR 4 – Maggie
 YR 5 – Maya
 YR 6 – Poppy





MR MAC'S FAMILY SUMMER Bird Challenge!

TAKE PART OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Download the FREE app Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab and capture the song of a RARE BREED BIRD to be in with a chance to win a trip for your class to **Monkton Nature Reserve** for a 'bird themed' day!

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab

WIN A TRIP FOR YOUR CLASS TO MONKTON NATURE RESERVE FOR A 'BIRD THEMED' DAY!

RULES

- ✓ Your entry must be a local bird in the Kent area.
- ✓ You must screenshot your entry.
- ✓ All family and friends can join in for your entry!

HOW TO ENTER

SEND A SCREENSHOT to the School Office

OR

POST YOUR SCREENSHOT on Parent Link on Facebook

GET OUTSIDE • HAVE FUN • DISCOVER NATURE • MAKE MEMORIES
WE CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR YOUR BIRD SONGS!

Mr Mac's Family Summer Bird Challenge!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer holidays, we'd like to invite every family to take part in our **Family Summer Bird Challenge!**

The idea for this challenge came after being inspired by **Clarkson's Farm** and the fantastic work of conservationist **Hannah Bourne-Taylor (@hannhabirdlady)**, who has done so much to encourage people to notice and protect the birds around us. It reminded us just how much incredible wildlife we have right here on our doorstep in Kent.

Summer is the perfect opportunity to spend quality time together as a family, explore the outdoors and discover the amazing birds that live around us. Whether you're walking the dog, visiting the coast, exploring the countryside or even sitting in your own garden, you never know what you might hear!

To take part, simply download the **FREE Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab app**. Using the app, see if you can identify the song of one of Kent's rarer bird species.

So far, **the bird to beat is my own effort - a Firecrest spotted in my back garden!** Can anyone top that over the summer?

How to Enter

- Download the **Merlin Bird ID app**.
- Record and identify a rare local bird in the Kent area.
- Take a **screenshot** of your identification.
- Send it to the **School Office** or upload it via **Parent Link on Facebook**.

Remember, family members and friends are all welcome to help with your entry, making it a fantastic activity for everyone to enjoy together.

The Prize

The winning class will enjoy a fantastic **Bird-Themed Day at Monkton Nature Reserve**, where they'll discover more about local wildlife, habitats and bird conservation through exciting activities.

We'd absolutely love as many families as possible to get involved. It's not about being an expert—it's about getting outside, making memories together and appreciating the wonderful wildlife all around us.

Good luck—and happy bird spotting!

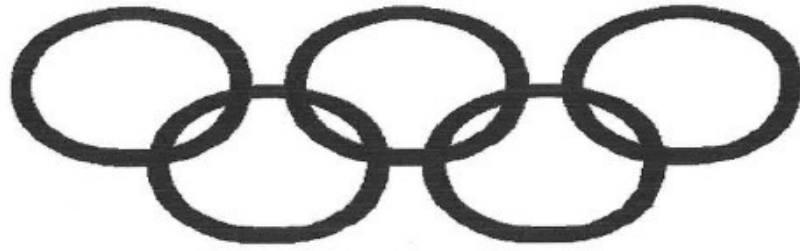
Mr McCarthy



Messy Church

Monkton Village Hall

3.15 till 4.45



The 14th of July is our last Messy Church for this academic year. It will be full of fun and celebrations Olympic style.

July is a time when we let our hair down and have a fun packed afternoon of games. An afternoon of sporting skills fun for all ages.

Plus, a celebrational tea.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Messy Eileen and Team

For further information email: eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com

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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 4LN

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST
(CHARITY NO: 1211099)

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS

Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts; beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by our Volunteers.

STORY WALK inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book; Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM: Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING: Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11.30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs		Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore
23rd:	Bugs			Pond	13th:	Pond		Garden
24th:	Bugs			Pond	14th:	Bugs		Boggarts
28th:	Pond W.C'm		Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk
31st:	Bugs			Boggarts	20th:	Walk		Pond
AUG 11AM		12PM	1PM		21st:	Bugs		Folklore
4th:	Boggarts		Story	Pond	25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden
6th:	Bugs			Walk	27th:	Bugs		Walk
7th:	Folklore			Garden	28th:	Pond		Boggarts

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- Comprehensive technical, tactical, physical training.
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TALENT PATHWAY (U10-U14)

- Structured curriculum
- Match Day awareness and tactical development.

**Mondays 5:00-6:00 pm
@ Northdown Sports
Pavilion £5 CT9 3TP**

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Kent FC are happy to share an exciting opportunity for female pupils to develop their football skills through the East Kent Football Club Girls Talent Pathway.

They offer dedicated "girls-only" training sessions designed to support players of all levels, focusing on both foundational skills and advanced tactical development. Our program includes the following features:

Foundation Phase (U8–U11): Training based on the FA 6 Core Components, covering scanning, timing, movement, positioning, deception, and techniques.

Talent Pathway (U10–U14): A structured curriculum emphasising match-day awareness and tactical development.

Comprehensive Coaching: Players receive specialised development including Individual Development Plans (IDPs), focused skill work, and tailored developmental curriculums.

Training Details: Sessions are held on Mondays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Northdown Sports Pavilion, CT9 3TP, utilising 3G facilities for winter training.

If parents have questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out via phone at 07566220987 or by email at ekfcsecretary@gmail.com.

Best regards

Dave for East Kent FC