



Monkton Update – 8th May 2026

TERM 5 – WEEK 4

Monday 11th	Y6 SATS
Tuesday 12th	Y6 SATS
Wednesday 13th	Y6 SATS
Thursday 14th	Y6 SATS, Y6 Hindleap meeting 5pm
Friday 15th	

Newsletter Update from the Head of School – Mr Marston

Firstly, a very happy 100th birthday to one of the greatest teachers of them all, Sir David Attenborough. I wonder how many times his programmes and books have been used in schools to teach our children — and ourselves — about the importance of our planet and how much we should all be doing to protect it.

I know that Sir David Attenborough is one of the reasons why there are now Eco-Squads in schools all over the country, turning off lights, closing doors, encouraging recycling and picking up litter. On that note, well done to Mrs Bax and her Eco-Squad for collecting so many bottle lids for such a great cause!

Staffing Update

Mrs Ramsden will be retiring at the end of this year. We wish her the very best as she has been a wonderful servant to both Monkton and Minster. It is now time for Mrs Ramsden to take care of herself, chase new dreams and goals, and enjoy some very well-deserved lie-ins!

Mrs McKenna will also be leaving us at the end of the year. Although Mrs McKenna has only been with us a short while, she has been a wonderful teacher for Class 2 and we have really enjoyed having her as part of the team.

As a result of Mrs Ramsden and Mrs McKenna leaving, we are delighted to welcome a new teacher, Mrs Miles, who will be joining us from September 2026. Mrs Miles brings with her a wealth of experience, along with the drive and energy to create fun and exciting lessons for the children.

In more short-term news, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they embark on their SATs assessments next week. I am sure they will do both themselves and the school proud, as they have worked incredibly hard this year and throughout their time with us.

Monday 18th is also Sports Day. A letter was sent out last week with all the information you need. Please do come along and support the children if you can!

All the best,
Mr Marston



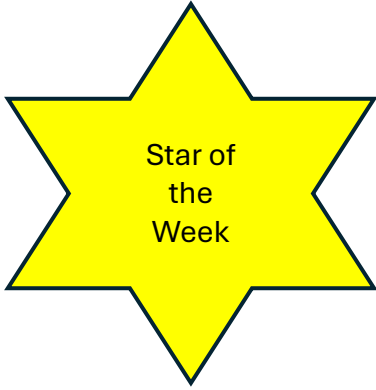
Attendance this week

YR R – 93%
YR 1 – 91%
YR 2 – 92%
YR 3 – 97%
YR 4 – 97%
YR 5 – 100%
YR 6 – 98%

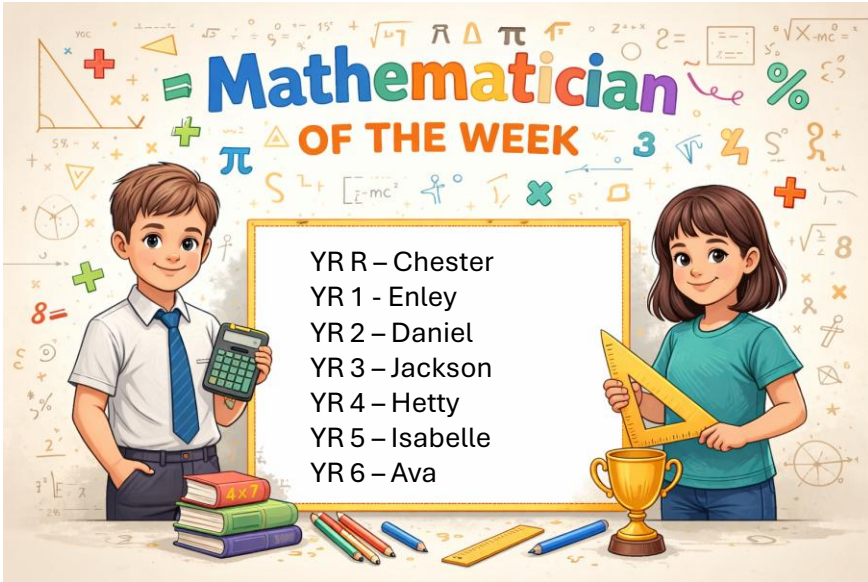


Weekly School Awards

House Points – Compassion 398 Courage 410 Justice 298



- Year R- Amelia
- Year 1- Ethan for superb effort in his learning across all subjects
- Year 2 – Oli for showing courage in his learning
- Year 3 – Remi for his positive attitude to learning
- Year 4 – William for settling into Class 3 fantastically!
- Year 5 – Millie for a positive first week at Monkton, it's like you've always been with us!
- Year 6 – Brandon for always working hard and learning with a smile. in lessons



- YR R – Chester
- YR 1 - Enley
- YR 2 – Daniel
- YR 3 – Jackson
- YR 4 – Hetty
- YR 5 – Isabelle
- YR 6 – Ava

Readers of the Week

- YR R – Amelia
- YR 1 – Enley
- YR 2 – Tristan
- YR 3 – Cora
- YR 4 – Marcus
- YR 5 – Freddie
- YR 6 – Owen



- % of readers 5xs a week
- YR R – 53%
- YR 1 –
- YR 2 –
- YR 3 – 40%
- YR 4 – 50%
- YR 5 – 27%
- YR 6 – 20%

PRIDE Sharing (Positive, Resourceful, Innovative, Determined, Engaged)

- Class 1 - Sophia for wonderful writing about her promise
- Class 2- Olivia for showing perseverance and greater confidence in her maths work on fractions
- Class 3- Teddy for a brilliant science experiment plan
- Class 4 – Charlie for brilliant factfiles comparing biomes

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



- YR R – Nelly-Mae
- YR 1 – Ethan
- YR 2 – Daniel



Christian Ambassador Awards

- Compassion** –
- Courage** – Sophia (YR), Elsie (Y2), William (Y3)
- Justice** – Rosie (YR)

- YR 2 – Aria
- YR 3 – Arlo
- YR 4 – Teddy
- YR 5 - Olivia
- YR 6 – William



PTA NEWS

TOGETHER WE SUPPORT. TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.

From our wonderful PTA events and community fundraising efforts to exciting new projects like *The Reading Lodge* — with more details coming soon about its grand opening — our PTA continues to make a real difference to the lives of our children. These vital funds help us enrich the curriculum, create inspiring learning spaces, and provide opportunities that benefit thousands of pupils across the school. I would like to thank Mel for the incredible job she does as Chair of the PTA, but we now need more parents to get involved and help continue this fantastic work. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, joining the PTA is a rewarding way to make a meaningful contribution to our school community — and it's great fun too! If you would like to help make a difference, please do get in touch and join us.

MONKTON CEP SCHOOL PTA

RAINBOW RAFFLE



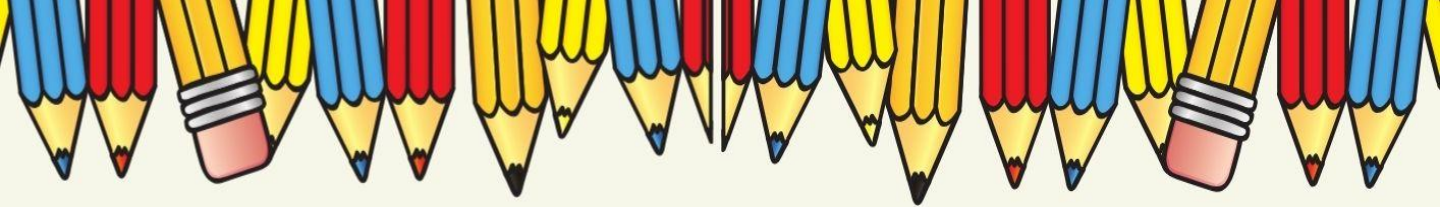
We would like to hold a rainbow raffle on Monday 18 May to coincide with Sports Day where you can win 1 of 7 rainbow colour hampers filled with goodies.

To do this we require your support and kindly ask for an item to be donated according to your child's year group colour below.

A box will be outside each classroom door on **Wednesday 13 May** for you to drop off your donations.

Donated items can vary from washing up liquid, bath bubbles, biscuits to wine and everything in between!





MONKTON CEP SCHOOL PTA

MONKTON SCHOOL TEA TOWEL

Featuring your child / childrens self portrait

**WHITE COTTON
TEA TOWEL**

£6.00 EACH

They are only available to buy on a pre-order basis, we have a minimum order number of tea towels we must achieve. You can order and pre-pay for your tea towel/s via Arbor shop. Purchasing closes at 8pm on Monday 11th May



Image for illustrative purposes only

- Made from Cotton
- White tea towel with red design
- Machine Washable @ 30degrees





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

Friday 8th May

Monday 11th May to 15th May

Monday 18th May to 22nd May

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Tuesday 19th May to Friday 22nd May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Read at 3pm

YR 6 SATS week

Healthy Bodies Week

Sports Day

Bikeability training – YR 5/6

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

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.



Read at 3 – Don't forget

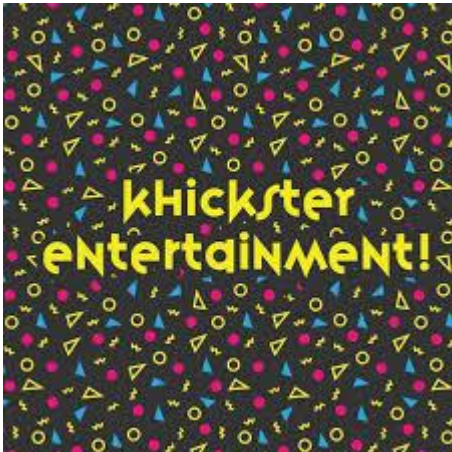
Please keep an eye out for a letter about our **Read at 3** sessions. Our first **termly Read at 3** will be on **Friday 8th May at 3pm**. We'd love parents and carers to come in and enjoy some shared reading with their children. It's a lovely chance to relax and enjoy at book together!



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.thefootballfunfactory.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 – running in Terms 5&6.

happy kids
YOGA & MINDFULNESS

After School Yoga Club

When:
Mondays
3:15 - 4:15pm

Terms 5 & 6

Where:
The Hall

Who:
All students
welcome

Cost:
£5 per session

Scan the QR code
or click here to book:
<https://bookthatin.com/link/MCEPS>
Email: keely@happykidsyoga.co.uk

SCAN ME!



Catapults – Know the law

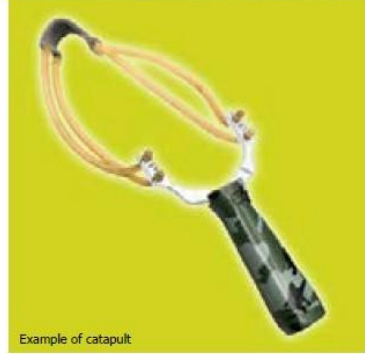
If you have a general enquiry, please contact childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk

The Thanet contact is PS Sheena Maclean-Bell sheena.maclean-bell@kent.police.uk

Canterbury Contact - PS John Woodward John.Woodward@kent.police.uk

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



Example of catapult

If you use it to **threaten** or **injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

Is it worth it?

Remember – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.
www.kent.police.uk



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

A Reminder for All Students: Staying Safe Online and Social Media Trends

We would like to remind students of the importance of not taking part in viral social media trends that may involve risky or illegal behaviour. Unfortunately, several young people across Kent have recently become involved in such trends, resulting in Police intervention.

Becoming involved in activities that lead to a criminal offence can have serious and lasting consequences, including the possibility of a criminal conviction that could impact a young person's future opportunities. This can include something as simple as reposting content which may inadvertently mean they have committed a criminal offence themselves.

We all share a responsibility to keep one another safe. Please encourage students to speak up if they witness or feel pressured to take part in inappropriate behaviour—only where it is safe to do so. They should always talk to a trusted adult and report any concerns to their school safeguarding team, the Police, or anonymously via Fearless at crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless. Thank you for helping us support the safety and wellbeing of all young people.

LOOKING FOR
A NEW TEAM?



U11S
26/27
SEASON

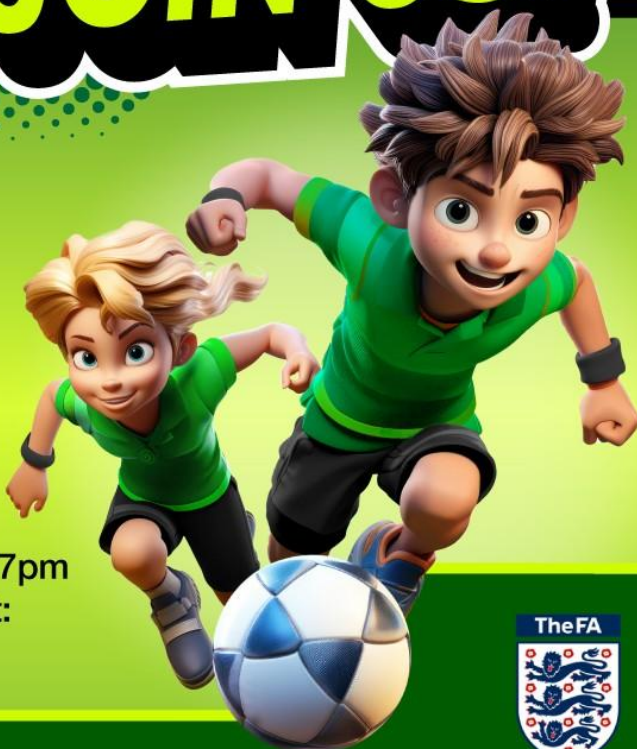
MONKTON **U10s**

COME JOIN US!

Monkton U10s (current Yr 5) squad are looking to expand their defence and midfield with new dynamic players for the upcoming season

INTERESTED?

Training Wednesdays 5.30pm - 7pm
to arrange a trial please contact:
Jodie on 07714551644



CHARTER STANDARD
COMMUNITY CLUB

Monkton Recreation Ground, CT12 4JH