

# Monkton Church of England Primary School

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*Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'*



Dear Parents/Carers,

22nd July 2024 No. 12

What a super last term we had at Monkton.

The term started with our residential trip to Hindleap for the Year 6 pupils. It looks like they all had a fabulous time. If your child is going into Year 6 from September 2024, remember to pay the deposit via Arbor to secure their place for Hindleap next year. For further information regarding the trip take a look at the school website: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/school-life/year-6-residential>



There's been a lot of music in school this term, with a Ukulele concert for Class 3 and the iRock bands playing to the whole school and their parents. iRock band practice will continue in September 2024. There are still spaces available: if your child would like to join, please see the attached letter from iRock for further details.

The PTA organised many events throughout the school year and finished Term 6 with a fabulous Leavers' Lunch for the Year 6 children. Please see the attached letter from the PTA for further details. Our sincere thanks to all those who volunteer and support the PTA to raise vital funds for the school.

We had some great events to welcome our new Year R pupils into the school, with Stay and Play sessions, a whole school transition day and a Teddy Bears' Picnic on the field. We are excited to see them all back in September for their first year at school. A reminder that the Year R have a reduced timetable in the first week of the new term. For further details see the school calendar on the website:



<https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

## BREAKFAST CLUB



A recent study by Warburtons revealed that **'A good breakfast before school not only improves results, but also concentration levels, socialising and happiness in class.'**

We are so grateful to have the ongoing support from Warburtons for our Breakfast Club.

However, due to continued increases to the cost of living, we have had to make the difficult decision to raise the price of Breakfast Club from September 2024. The new price will be £2.20 per session. I hope you'll agree that, with Breakfast Club being open from 7.45am every morning and providing a hearty breakfast of various cereals and toast, it still offers great value for money. The school will continue to fund those who are eligible for Free School Meals.

Breakfast Club will commence from the first day back in Term 1, Tuesday, 3rd September 2024, and should be booked in advance via the Arbor App/Portal. Bookings can be made up to half an hour before the session is due to start. However, we kindly request that you book as early as possible so we can ensure adequate staffing and resources are in place.

Sessions can be booked on a daily, weekly or termly basis. Please ensure you choose the correct option from the drop down box upon booking. There must be sufficient funds in your Arbor account to cover the cost of the sessions being booked. However, no payment will be taken until your child's attendance at Breakfast Club is registered on the day.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder that Caterlink are changing their payment and booking system to ParentPay. Details on how to create your account were sent to you via email. This will allow you to view meals and book them in advance online via the ParentPay Portal.

Please be advised that the cost of a Caterlink School Lunch will be £2.85 from September 2024.



## SCHOOL CLUBS



Mr Sewell's **Sports Clubs** will run on Tuesdays for years 1-3 and Thursdays for years 4-6. These clubs will focus on local sports events and competitions and those pupils attending the clubs will be selected to represent the school in appropriate events.

**Choir** will run on Mondays, leading up to Young Voices 2025. The cost is £3 per week, but we ask that your child commits to the full term, as the cost of the club will cover their Young Voices entry, coach travel and event T-shirt.



Miss Allen will be running **Lego Club** on Thursdays in Term 1. This club is available to years 1, 2 & 3 and spaces are limited. Please note that this club has an earlier pick-up time of 4pm.



Mrs Vetsy's Gardening Club will run every Thursday from the 12th September to the 24th October for Years 2, 3 & 4.



***If your child(ren) would like to attend any of the above clubs, sign up will be available, via the Arbor App/ Portal,, from the first week of September. Clubs will be subject to cancellation, in the event that there are not enough sign-ups. Whilst we try to avoid cancelling clubs, there may be times that this is unavoidable, so please do not rely on clubs for childcare. We hope to be able to offer wraparound after-school childcare soon.***

**Football Fun Factory** will be back for Term 1 and will run every Monday from 9th September 2024. The club is open to all year groups. Booking and payment must be made in advance via the Football Fun Factory website. The link to make payment will be available on the school website from the first week of September 2024.



CLUB	LEAD	YEAR GROUPS	DAY	Start Date	End Date	Number of weeks	Pick up time	Cost
Young Voices Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	09/09/2024	21/10/2024	7	4.15pm	£3 per week
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	All	Monday	09/09/2024	21/10/2024	7	4.15pm	£5 per session
Sports Club	Mr Sewell	1, 2, 3	Tuesday	10/09/2024	22/09/2024	7	4.15pm	£1 per session
Sports Club	Mr Sewell	4, 5, 6	Thursday	12/09/2024	24/10/2024	7	4.15pm	£1 per session
Lego Club	Miss Allen	1, 2, 3	Thursday	12/09/2024	24/10/2024	7	4.00pm	£1 per session
Gardening Club	Mrs Vesty	2, 3, 4	Thursday	12/09/2024	24/10/2024	7	4.15pm	£1 per session



### ATTENDANCE

In addition to promoting academic and future success, good school attendance is proven to have a positive impact on children's emotional well-being and social development. We have a whole school approach to attendance We urge you to take family holidays during the school holiday periods, ensuring your child has the opportunity to take full advantage of the educational opportunities and engaging curriculum available to them at Monkton.

***The Government updated regulations state that 'The school will not be able to authorise holidays requests during term time.' Furthermore, penalty notices now carry a fine of £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £160 per parent per child if paid between 22-28 days. Failure to pay the penalty in full by the end of the 28-day period will result in prosecution by the Local Authority.***

The term dates and planned staff development dates for the forthcoming Academic Year are now available to view on the school calendar: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/termdates>.

**Have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, 3rd September 2024**

*Mrs Ling*