

# Monkton Church of England Primary School

**Compassion      Courage      Justice**

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

October 2024 No. 2

What a term! Eight weeks is a long one but it has absolutely flown by, maybe because it was jam packed with events, trips and learning.

The mini-mudders seem like a while ago now, but what fun they were —the children had a fabulous time and we are so grateful to you, your families and friends for the sponsorship money raised.

We were delighted that the Beach Trip went ahead in September. The children had a fantastic day out learning about the RNLI, making beach art and enjoying their lunch by the seaside! A huge thanks to all the parents that volunteered and supported the trip.

Year R have been experiencing new adventures this term, exploring the local area on their autumnal walk and using their discoveries to create their own artwork. They are settling into school life well, making friends, having fun and learning all the time.

Forest School has been amazing this term. All the children have enjoyed a whole range of outside activities, come rain or shine. We are hugely grateful to our Forest School Practitioner, Mrs Osgood, and the dedicated volunteers who make this happen.

Our PTA have been very active already this term with a wonderful Cake & Bake sale earlier this month and a fun Film Night more recently. Many thanks to Mel and the team, as well as the staff and all the parents, who support these events. Funds raised by the PTA are regularly put towards reducing trip costs, enabling the children to explore the curriculum further out of the classroom. Do take a look at the dates for your diary over the page, and the school website, for information about upcoming trips.



A warm welcome to Mrs Willins, our Office Administrator, who joined the Monkton team this week. She has already lightened the load in the office.

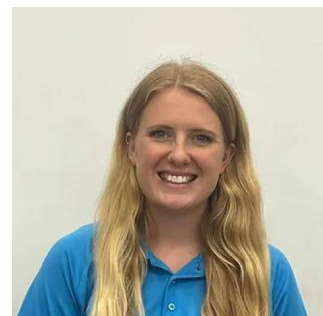
Mrs Willins will be attending to all the day-to-day admin needs in school. Her presence will allow me to spend more time at our sister school, Minster CEP, as I take on the new role of Federation Business Manager.

## **Khickster Entertainment After-School Care Club**

Kimberley and her team are already part of the family here at Monkton and we're delighted that they are now offering their after-school care all week, Monday to Friday.

They provide 3 options for after-school care, as follows:

- Option 1: 15:15 - 18:00 after-school care including a small dinner/hot snack: £15.00
- Option 2: 15:15 - 16:30 after-school care only: £6.00
- Option 3: 16:15 - 18:00 after-school care (following a school-led club) including a small dinner/hot snack: £10.00



Bookings must be made online at: [www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book](http://www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book), using the password MONKTON.

Khickster have the ability to offer a wide range of specialist activities ranging from circus skills, musical theatre, film and radio show making, various sports clubs, including gymnastic, basketball, football, and many different arts and crafts.

In Term 2 they will be offering the following activities between 3.15pm and 4.30pm, at a cost of £6.

**Tuesdays: Arts and Crafts: including clay modelling, painting, weaving and more.**

**Thursdays: Specialised Sports Coaching: featuring kick-boxing, basketball, archery and more.**

These clubs will be available to view and book on their website from Monday, 28th October 2024.

Kimberley would love to hear what clubs your children would like to attend, and will endeavour to make their wishes reality.

## TERM 2 SCHOOL CLUBS



**Choir** will continue to run every Monday. This club is now full and all those currently attending will be heading to the Young Voices event in January 2025. Please ensure payment is made via Arbor for Terms 1 & 2, as this money covers the cost of their trip.

Mrs Vesty is running a Gardening Club in Term 2. It will be on every Thursday, from the 7th November to the 12th December, for Years 2, 3 & 4. If your child would like to take part please register and make payment via Arbor.



**Football Fun Factory** will be back for Term 2 and will run every Monday from 4th November 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 is: <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/2894>

CLUB	LEAD	YEAR GROUPS	DAY	Start Date	End Date	Number of weeks	Pick up time	Cost per session
Young Voices Choir	Mr Marston	3, 4, 5, 6	Monday	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£3
Football Fun Factory	Coach Holly	All	Monday	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£5
Gardening Club	Mrs Vesty	2, 3, 4	Thursday	07/11/2024	12/12/2024	6	4.15pm	£1

### FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue to run every Friday in Term 2, please see the adjacent schedule.

Please ensure children come to school wearing appropriate clothing on their Forest School day - this includes a water-proof coat and trousers. We have a limited number of water-proof trousers and coats in school but cannot guarantee they will fit your child. After Forest School, children will get changed into their school uniform. Please ensure uniform is brought into school in a named bag.

CLASS	WEEK	DATE
Class 4	Week 1	08/11/2024
Class 3	Week 2	15/11/2024
Class 1 & 2	Week 3	22/11/2024
Class 4	Week 4	29/11/2024
Class 3	Week 5	06/12/2024
Class 1 & 2	Week 6	13/12/2024

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday, 4th November:** First Day Back: return Christmas Card Artwork

**Thursday, 7th November:** Years 1 & 2 Monkton Nature Reserve Visit

**Tuesday, 12th November:** Year 6 Canterbury Cathedral Day Trip

**Wednesday, 13th November:** Years 3 & 4 Brockhill Country Park Trip

**Friday, 22nd November:** PTA Winter Disco

**Tuesday, 26th November:** Years 5 & 6 Kent Life Centre World War II Experience Day

**Friday, 6th December:** PTA Christmas Fair

**Friday, 13th December:** iRock Concert

**Monday, 16th December:** Christingle at the Church 6.00pm-7.00pm

**Thursday, 19th December:** Last Day of Term 2



It's already looking like a busy term ahead, with exciting trips and events planned. Please do check the school calendar on our website regularly, as further events may be added: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

**Have a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 4th November 2024**

Best wishes,

*Mrs Ling*