



Monkton Church of England Primary School

Compassion Courage Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

January 2025. No 5

I hope this message finds you well. It's been an exciting start to the term, and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the great events we've had recently. One highlight was our participation in Young Voices, where our students had the opportunity to showcase their talents and be part of something truly special. It's always wonderful to see our students shine outside the classroom, and I am incredibly proud of their efforts.

As we continue this term, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining the high standards we set for school uniform. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform at all times, as this fosters a sense of unity and pride in our school community. On PE days, it's essential that students wear the correct PE kit, allowing them to fully participate in their lessons and enjoy the physical activities planned.

Our teachers remain fully committed to ensuring the best outcomes for every child. They are working hard to support each student's individual learning needs, whether through differentiated teaching or offering extra guidance to ensure success.

In addition, on occasions, teachers will use their expertise and leadership in the classroom in order to review the seating arrangements to create environments that support engagement, collaboration, and focus. We believe that flexible seating arrangements can greatly benefit children both academically and socially. By changing seating positions, we encourage collaboration, help students stay engaged, and allow them to work in a variety of settings that best suit the task at hand. It also provides opportunities for them to interact with different peers, fostering social skills and a sense of community.

While it's important to establish a sense of routine, we also believe that children should never be expected to sit in one place for too long. Movement and a variety of learning environments are key to keeping them motivated, focused, and happy in their learning. I'm sure you would all support this.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for working alongside us to ensure the success of all our students. We look forward to another busy and successful half term ahead!

Warm Regards

Mr C Marston



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th February, Parent consultations

Thursday 6th February, Class 3 Trip British Museum

Friday 7th February, PTA Film night—Kung Fu Panda 4

Thursday 13th February, Special Caterlink menu—Kindness

Friday, 14th February Last Day of Term 3

Monday 24th February, First day Term 4



Please do check the school calendar on our website regularly, as further events may be added: <https://monkton.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

TERM 4 SCHOOL CLUBS



Football Fun Factory will run every Monday from 24th February to 31st March 3:15pm to 4:15pm, sessions cost £5. The club is open to all year groups. Booking and payment must be made in advance via the Football Fun Factory website. The new link is now on our website.

We are considering running a Minecraft Coding club on Mondays in Term 4 (3:15 to 4:15pm). This club would be open to KS2 pupils (Yr 3 to 6). The cost would be £8 per session but Mrs Guilder is looking for some possible funding which may bring the cost down. Can you please advise the office if you are interested. The club would only go ahead if we have a minimum of 12 pupils.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue to run every Friday in Term 4, please see the adjacent schedule.

Please ensure children come to school wearing appropriate clothing on their Forest School day - this includes a waterproof coat and trousers. We have a limited number of waterproof 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	28/02/2025
Class 3	Week 2	07/03/2025
Class 1 & 2	Week 3	14/03/2025
Class 4	Week 4	21/03/2025
Class 3	Week 5	28/03/2025
Class 1 & 2	Week 6	04/04/2025

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that children need to be booked onto breakfast club in advance. This ensures that we have sufficient staff and resources available each morning. You can find details of how to register and pay for your child on the school website <https://www.monkton.kent.sch.uk/breakfast-club>

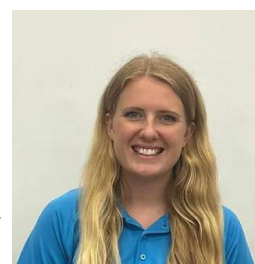
Khickster Entertainment After-School Care Club Term 4

Kimberley and her team are very excited to be offering a dance club in Term 4, this will be on Wednesdays in place of Musical Theatre which will return in Term 5.

Wednesdays: Dance Club — you can book the entire term or individual sessions as each week will focus on a different dance style .

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, using the password MONKTON.

These clubs are available to view and book on their website.

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



PTA Film Night 7th February 3:15 to 5:pm in the hall

Our brilliant PTA present movie night, come and watch Kung Fu Panda 4. The cost is £3 and will include a Hot Dog, Haribo and Popcorn. You can get your tickets now on Arbor Parent Portal/App. Sign up closes at midday on Wednesday 5th February. If you require vegan/gluten free option please advise the school office.

Class News

Class 1 has had a fantastic start to the term, filled with creativity, imagination, and lots of learning. Here's a look at some of the fun and exciting activities we've been up to recently:

We started the term by exploring **frost!** The children were fascinated by how the frost changes the world around us, and we even used it to **freeze the Big Bad Wolf** in a fun and imaginative activity.

We also followed instructions to **make our own porridge**, just like in the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children loved measuring ingredients, mixing them together, and, of course, tasting the finished product!

In our **role play area**, we've been retelling the story of **Cinderella**. The children have enjoyed dressing up and acting out different parts of the story, using their imagination to bring the characters to life.

We've also been busy **building a bridge for the Billy Goats' Gruff**. The children worked together to create a sturdy structure, discussing materials and design, just like engineers!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting things coming up, including:

- **Cooking our own gingerbread men** – We'll be following a recipe and getting hands-on in the kitchen.
- **Building houses for the Little Pig** – The children will use different materials to design and construct their own piggy homes.

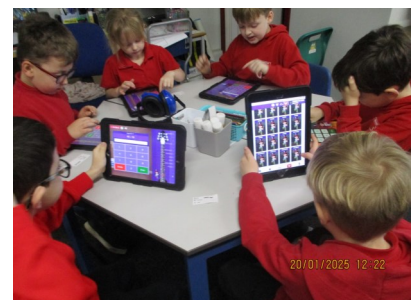
And finally, we're planning a **Fairytale Tea Party** with our families, where we'll celebrate all the wonderful stories we've been exploring!

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to more magical learning adventures in the coming weeks!



This term Class 2 have been really engaged in our Magnificent Monarch learning. We started by thinking of Kings and Queens we already knew and then started learning about some more and how powerful (or not) they were!. In English, we have researching Minibeasts and using our grammar work to write facts about them including adjectives, adverbs and prepositions to make our own class information book. We have even started to learn how to sew in Design Technology and will soon be making a bag label that we have sewn ourselves!

Next term, we continue to look at Monarchs and will be starting term with a Dress like a Monarch Day on Friday 21st March. If you need any help with costumes please let us know and we will see what we have. On this day, they will be posing for a portrait which we will then later in the term be drawing in our Art lessons.



This term, Class 3 has been having a fantastic time learning all about Ancient Egypt! The children have shown incredible enthusiasm for this topic, and it's been wonderful to see their curiosity come to life.

We've been exploring the fascinating world of pharaohs, pyramids, and mummies, and it's safe to say that we all want to travel back to Ancient Egypt! The children have worked hard on writing informative texts about the famous pharaoh, Tutankhamun, and have demonstrated some impressive writing skills along the way.

In addition, our Forest School sessions have been a real hit. The children had the opportunity to make their very own canopic jars using clay and natural resources, just like the ones used by ancient Egyptians to store the organs of mummies. It was a hands-on and creative way to bring history to life!

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited about our upcoming visit to the British Museum. We can't wait to explore their collection of Ancient Egyptian artefacts and further deepen our understanding of this fascinating civilization.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more learning adventures with you soon!



It has been a great few weeks of learning for class 4 so far this term. As part of their Frozen Kingdom topic, the children have been exploring the climate and animals of the North and South Poles. They have gained a deep understanding of these extreme environments and how the animals adapt to survive in such harsh conditions.

Their writing has been outstanding, which has seen them producing incredible pieces on polar expeditions and creating detailed survival guides for explorers. It's been a joy to read their creative and informative work, and they should be very proud of what they've achieved.

In Art, we have been getting hands-on with Inuit sculpting—creating beautiful sculptures out of soap! The children have shown great attention to detail and creativity, bringing the traditional art form to life in their own unique ways.

Looking ahead, the next couple of weeks will be important for both year groups. Year 6 will be taking part in Assessment Week, and Year 5 will be completing their CAT Tests. These assessments are a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their hard work and progress. We are confident they will rise to the challenge!



