

Monkton Church of England Primary School

Compassion

Courage

Justice

Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'



Dear Parents/Carers,

July 2025. No 8

A Message from the Head Of School

What a fantastic year it's been at Monkton!

A huge well done to the children in Class 1 for completing their very first year at school. Watching them grow in confidence, curiosity and independence has been an absolute joy.

To all our children across the school—thank you for your hard work and dedication. You've not only developed as learners, but also as kind, thoughtful individuals who care for themselves, each other, and our wider community. That's something truly special. Our PRIDE values and Christian Foundations radiate through all of you - keep shining.

To our parents—your continued support means so much to us. Thank you, especially, to those who've given their time to help with school events and Forest School sessions. Your involvement really enriches school life.

A huge thank you as well to our brilliant PTA. The funds raised this year have made a real difference—Mel, your leadership as Chair has been exceptional, and we are so lucky to have you!

To the adults who work in our school—what a team! Your care, dedication, and teamwork make Monkton the vibrant and nurturing place it is. Best of luck to Miss Debling as she moves on to a new career away from education and also the very best of wishes to Mrs Osgood - we all love you here at Monkton and hope you will come back and visit if you're able to tear yourself away from spending invaluable time with your ever-growing family.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. You leave us having achieved so much, and with plenty of personality and spirit! Your end-of-year production was a brilliant celebration of your time here. We're incredibly proud of each of you and wish you all the very best as you move on to your new schools. We hope you'll look back on your time at Monkton with lots of happy memories.

Here's to a brilliant year—and to an exciting one ahead!

Have a lovely summer. Please stay safe and we will see you in September.

Mr C Marston

Head of School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd of September First day of Term 1

Monday 8th September, Meet the Teacher

Friday 12th September, Harvest Festival

Monday 22nd September, Class 4 Ancient Greek Workshop

Thursday 25th September, Flu Vaccination Programme Yr R-6

Friday 26th September, European Day of Languages

Tuesday 30th September, Class 3 trip to Kent Life—Stone Age Theme Day

Thursday 2nd October, National Poetry Day

Friday 3rd October, OPAL Colour Run—Fundraiser

Wednesday 15th October, Parents Evening

Friday 17th October, Wear it Red Day/ Last day of Term 1



Please do check our website regularly as other events may get added.

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

TERM 1 After School Clubs



Football Fun Factory will run every Monday from 8th September to 13th October 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. We will update you with the link to book at the start of next term.



Khickster Entertainment Please book using the Khickster Entertainment Website www.khicksterentertainment.co.uk/book using the password MONKTON.

We will be participating in the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January 2026, Mr Marston will be running the Young Voices Choir club on Mondays starting on 8th September. This club will be available for pupils in Year 4, 5, 6—cost to be confirmed.

Mr Sewell will be running a Touch Rugby club every Wednesday from 3rd September to 15th October.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will continue to run every Friday in Term 6, please see the 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	12/09/2025
Class 3	Week 2	19/09/2025
Class 1&2	Week 3	26/09/2025
Class 4	Week 4	03/10/2025
Class 3	Week 5	10/10//2025
Class 1&2	Week 6	17/10/2025

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 Wraparound Care Term 1

In Term 1 Khicksters will be running an Arts and Crafts Club every Tuesday and a Board Games Club every Thursday. You will find details of these on their website before start of term.

Kimberley and her team provide wraparound care after school each day. 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.

Class News

What a wonderful year we've had in Class 1! Reception have thoroughly enjoyed their *Animals Around the World* topic this term. A major highlight was their exciting trip to Howletts Zoo, where they came face-to-face with animals from every corner of the globe — from sleepy rhinos to cheeky monkeys!

The children also explored different countries that are special to them and their families — from Italy to Australia — learning about animals and cultures far and wide. It was a joy to celebrate the diversity in our classroom and see the children so engaged in their learning.

To finish off the term, we celebrated with a 'Goodbye Teddy Bears' picnic', complete with delicious iced cakes decorated by the children themselves.

Well done on a fantastic year, Class 1 — we are so proud of you all!



What a busy and exciting final term we've had in Class 2! The children have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm and energy, and it's been a joy to see them shine.

We've had some wonderful events - Sports Day was brilliant success, with every child showing great team spirit and determination. We also marked VE Day with activities that helped us reflect on history and celebrate together. Year 1's tackled their Phonics Screening Check with great focus—well done to them for their hard work! We were also lucky to have a visit from RNLI, who shared the wonderful History behind this fantastic Organisation.

In Design and Technology, the children used woodwork skills to design and make their own beach huts—a highlight of the term! In art, we explored plasticine and ink to examine the shape and form of flowers, leading to some truly stunning 3D artwork. We have also enjoyed listening to our class text, *The Wombles*, which sparked lovely conversations and imaginative thinking.

As we come to the end of the year, we look ahead with excitement and pride. Our current Year 2's are ready to move up to Class 3 as confident, curious learners. Our Year 1's will stay with me and Ramsden to continue their learning journey—we can't wait to see how they grow in the year ahead.

Wishing you a restful and sunny summer break. Thank you for your continued support .



Class 3 have enjoyed a busy term 6 and have made the most of the lovely weather, using the outside areas as much as possible. The children have learned about Hillary and Tenzing's climb of Mount Everest, completed exciting newspaper reports to inform the public; written extremely persuasive letters in support of the Save Minster Marshes campaign and have created beautiful landscape drawings of the school grounds.

Money week is always a highlight for the industrious children of Class 3- several future entrepreneurs revealed themselves! We have enjoyed our final term of ukulele, finishing with a special session to introduce year 2 children to their first chords. The year 4 children make excellent teachers! They have all earned a lovely summer break.



What a busy term it's been in Class 4! One of the biggest achievements this term has been the end of year production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. It was amazing from beginning to end and a huge thank you again to all parents who supported their child through the learning of their lines. We couldn't have done it without you!

Year 5 visited EKC Spring Lane in Canterbury, to enhance their understanding of Agriculture, ahead of their Sow, Grow and Farm topic next year.

And last, but certainly not least, it's time to say goodbye to our year 6 cohort, who will be greatly missed, but we wish them all the luck as they begin their new, exciting adventure at secondary school.



School Notices

Pupil Absences

Can we just remind all parent/carers that if your child is ill, please **telephone or email the school office before 9:am on each day** of absence unless other arrangements have been made. We also kindly remind you that when you need to take your child out for appointments/early pickups or late arrivals you notify the office directly. This ensure everything

Change to time away from school for vomiting and diarrhoea.

Historically, at Monkton CEP School, the expectation has always been that there should be 48 hours from the last episode of V&D before returning to school. At Minster, they operate a 'clear day' policy. This allows children to return a little earlier, providing they are well enough, meaning they miss less school and working parents can get back to work. There is no evidence that shows operating this policy increases the spread. Therefore, we will now be operating this policy at Monkton.

Preparing for September 2025

For children in Class 2 (Year 1&2) they will need a bookbag (not a rucksack) to carry their school books. Sorry but we do not have anywhere to store large bags and children do not need them at this age.

Please read over the summer—children to you and you to your children. Keep up these good reading habits and visit Local Libraries.

Continue to access Numbots /TTRS as this will keep your number work fresh over the summer

Please make sure all new uniform is clearly named

Enjoy fun days in the sun with plenty of ice-creams but remember sun hats, sun-cream and shade!

See you all in September.