



# Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First



Designated  
Safeguarding  
Leads : Mrs Russell  
Mrs Dakin  
Deputies-Mrs Price  
and Mrs Stewart



## Our Stars!

- ★ N: All of Nursery
- ★ R.1: Ross Kearney
- ★ R.2: Joseph O'Leary
- ★ R.3: Isla Williams Cain
- ★ 1.1: Francesca Albarotti Martins
- ★ 1.2: Micah Aadum
- ★ 1.3: Sienna Devers
- ★ 2.1: Corey Baller
- ★ 2.2: Leo Madine
- ★ 2.3: Euan Prescott
- ★ 3.1: Clarc Kelly
- ★ 3.2: Matthew Banks
- ★ 3.3: Ignacy Wierszylowski
- ★ 4.1: Rihanna Siksnuite
- ★ 4.2: Alicja Pyszcak
- ★ 4.3: Gabriella Lindsay
- ★ 5.1: Bradley Brearley
- ★ 5.2: Max Witkowski
- ★ 5.3: Jaden Cousineau
- ★ 6.1: Harrison Cassidy
- ★ 6.2: Chun Cheung
- ★ 6.3: Jack Price

### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 16th October

Flu Vaccinations  
Nursery—Year 6

Cross Country Race 3  
3pm-5:50pm Clarke Gardens

Recycle Week and Scarecrow  
Project

#### Tuesday 17th October

1.1 and 1.2  
Martin Mere Trip

LFC Foundation Sport in School

#### Wednesday 18th October

1.3 Martin Mere Trip

#### Thursday 19th October

Autumn Trail

Cross Country Rearranged  
4th Race 3pm—5:30pm Stanley  
Park

#### Friday 20th October

LSFS Year 6 Boys' Trip  
12:30pm—3:30pm Jeffrey  
Humble

**MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS WEEK**



**YASBA! YOU'RE AWESOME SO BE AWESOME!** Supporting children's mental health and well-being. Rock Kidz really rocked the school this week. Their distinctive style of teaching original and authentic rock songs got even the faint-hearted amongst us tapping our feet. I really couldn't choose which photographs to include this week so here they all are.













## Right to Fight

This group of children campaigned at The Labour Party Conference earlier this week. Red trays were at the ready to deliver a very important message close to our hearts. All children have the right to a healthy meal every day. All children have the right to not go hungry. All children have a voice and at Monksdown we let our children have that voice. Let's bite back and keep supporting!



## Sporting News

A terrific afternoon for our Year 3/4 girls' football team for winning games and finishing 4th overall in their first tournament.

## Tea and Talk

Thanks to those parents who attended our Tea and Talk morning hosted by our fabulous Well-being Warriors . Due to popular demand we will be continuing with this each month . See you all there next month for a chance to meet new friends, relax and unwind .





## Breakfast at Tiffany's for 100% Attendance

Well Done to class 3.3 for all being in school and on time every day last week. A special breakfast organised by our Children's Attendance Champions was enjoyed by all.





## Important Changes to School Calendar

Dear Parent and Carers,

To mirror neighbouring schools term dates, and after careful consultation with the staff and Governors, it has been agreed that the following changes will take place to this academic year's term dates. Please see calendar below.

School will be closed on:

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Therefore, Christmas holidays will begin on Friday 22nd December (finish at 2pm on Thursday 21st December 2023) to Friday 5th January 2024 (return to school on Monday 8th January 2024 8.55am ).

School will remain open on:

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024 (finish at 2pm) last day of term.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Price

## Calendar 2023/2024



School Open

School Closed

Bank Holiday – school closed

September 2023

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35					1	2	3
36	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
37	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
38	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
39	25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2023

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
38							1
40	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
41	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
42	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
43	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
44	30	31					

November 2023

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44			1	2	3	4	5
45	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
46	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
47	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
48	27	28	29	30			

December 2023

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48					1	2	3
49	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
50	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
51	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
52	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

February 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5				1	2	3	4
6	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9	26	27	28	29			

March 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9					1	2	3
10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
12	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
13	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
18	29	30					

May 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18			1	2	3	4	5
19	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
22	27	28	29	30	31		

June 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22						1	2
23	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
24	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
29	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
31	29	30	31				

August 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31				1	2	3	4
32	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
33	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
34	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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## Dates for your Diary

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Thursday 19th October	Autumn Trail  Cross Country Rearranged 4th Race 3pm—5:30pm Stanley Park
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Tuesday 24th October	Parent/Carer Evening 3:15pm—6:00pm
Wednesday 25th October	Parent/Carer Evening 3:15pm—6:00pm  LFC Foundation Sport in School
Thursday 26th October	Full Governors Meeting 9:30am  Year 5 Saxon Experience Day in school—Costume needed
Friday 27th October	School closes at 2PM for half term
Monday 30th September — Friday 3rd October	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 8th November	Year 4 Matilda Sing-a-long The Light Cinema New Brighton  ASD Coffee Morning 9:00am  11am-12pm Open Day for New Parents of September Intake
Friday 10th November	LSFA Yr6 1:00pm Girls Cup Jeffrey Humble  Year 2 Taste Film Night 3.15 pm –5.00 pm
Wednesday 15th November	9am ASD Training Team Coffee Morning
Friday 17th November	School Learning Council Visit to Parliament
Week of Monday 20th November	Art Week
Tuesday 21st November	Maritime Museum Trip
Wednesday 22nd November	Maritime Museum Trip

## Important Information for Years 5 and 6

Our Year 6 children and families will soon be deciding which secondary school they would like to attend. This is a very important decision and you need to be fully informed about the criteria, choices and process.

Each individual school will have their own admissions policy and open evening. Please visit the websites where this information will be displayed.

It is vital that you attend the individual school's admission evenings with your child in order to help you make your choices.

Year 5 parents and children should also visit the schools as preparation may be needed during the coming year in order to support applications ,particularly for schools that are over subscribed or where an entrance exam is required.

We will be holding sessions on **Tuesday 17th October at 3.00 pm and Thursday 19th October at 3.00pm** to help families to complete the online application form. Please bring your child with you to the sessions as they can also ask any questions and be part of the process.

Please make the most of these sessions when we can also answer any questions you have.

**Open Evenings - October 2023**

**Recommended submission date: Friday 20th October 2023**

**Closing date for applications: Tuesday 31st October 2023**

**Offer Date: Friday 1st March 2024**

## PE Days

In order to maximise PE session time we have decided it would be beneficial for our children to come to school wearing full PE kit—**navy blue shorts and white t shirt with school logo**—including training shoes or pumps. During the colder months a pair of plain jogging/tracksuit pants can be worn with our navy blue school jumper and of course an outdoor coat. Tracksuit bottoms must be **navy blue** with minimal amount of logos please.

This is optional, children may still come to school wearing a full uniform and get changed for PE during the school day if you wish.

## School Uniform

Our school policy is that ALL children wear **black, sensible school shoes suitable for polishing**. Children should NOT wear training shoes for school even if they are black. If you are experiencing any difficulties with this matter, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Trainers may be brought into school for playtimes and lunchtimes if needed and worn on PE days if your child opts to wear PE kit to school on this day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Head Lice

This is a gentle reminder to continue to check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary.  
Thank you.



# Attendance Tournament

Autumn Term 1 Week 4

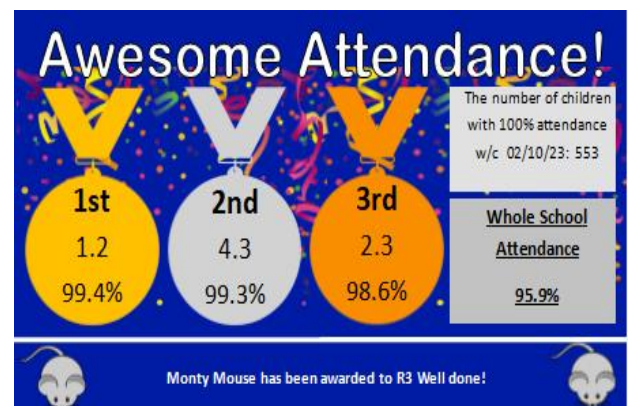


**Monksdown Attendance Table**

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.1	4	0	0	12	9	21
2.3	4	0	0	12	5	17
1.3	3	1	0	9	7	16
5.3	3	1	0	9	5	14
4.1	3	1	0	9	5	14
2.1	3	1	0	9	4	13
1.2	2	2	0	6	6	12
5.1	2	2	0	6	3	9
3.3	2	2	0	6	3	9
6.2	2	1	1	7	2	9
3.2	2	2	0	6	3	9
4.2	1	3	0	3	5	8
6.1	2	2	0	6	2	8
6.3	1	3	0	3	3	6
4.3	1	3	0	3	0	3
2.2	0	3	1	1	0	1
3.1	0	4	0	0	1	1
5.2	0	4	0	0	0	0

Well done to all winning classes and those who received bonus points.

	Bonus
96% +	1 point
98% +	2 points
100%	3 points



The class with the most points will receive a day out to Croxteth Park.

# Incentives

## Early Years -



The Early Years class with the best attendance each week will be treated to a visit from Monty and his chocolate companions.

## Individual Rewards -



100% attendance each term - a token to spend in the prize shop plus a certificate  
97%+ attendance each term - a certificate

Improved attendance against the previous term - a token to spend in the prize shop

## Class Rewards -



Key Stage One and Two winners of the half termly attendance tournament enjoy a day out at the park  
100% attendance for the whole week - a special celebration breakfast in class

# Meet the Team

Our Children's Champions are dedicated to promoting attendance throughout the school and ensuring that every child's voice is heard. They play a fantastic role in boosting attendance.



Our staff members are also here to lend a helping hand. Every adult at Monksdown has your child's best interests at heart. We are committed to working together with you to ensure your child attends school regularly. If you have any questions or concerns related to attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of our team. We are always here to assist and support you in any way we can.



We understand the importance of your child's attendance at school, and we believe it plays a crucial role in their growth and development.

There is a clear connection between regular attendance and academic progress, and we're committed to supporting your child's educational journey. We are here to collaborate with you to ensure your child can come to school regularly, enjoy learning, and spend quality time with their peers. Together, we can make a positive impact on their education.

## Did you know?

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, hobbies, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.			
100 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
100 days for your child's education	160 days of EDUCATION	156 days of EDUCATION	146 days of EDUCATION	137 days of EDUCATION	128 days of EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD Best chance of success, sets your child off to a flying start.		WORRYING Less chance of success, makes it harder to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child.	

### Good Attendance -

100% = 0 weeks learning missed  
95% = 1 week 4 days learning missed

### Poor Attendance -

90% = 3 weeks 4 days of learning missed  
At this level of absence your child will be classed as a persistent absentee.  
At this level of absence, the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) would be involved.  
85% = 5 weeks 3 days of learning missed

If your child is absent from school for 1 week they would miss about 5 hours of Maths and 5 hours of English!

## Our Approach to Attendance and Supportive Measures

According to legal requirements, schools must keep records of absences and the reasons for them. To ensure everything is in order, please reach out to us as soon as possible on the first day of your child's absence and provide a reason. The most convenient way to do this is through our StudyBugs App.

Alternatively, you are welcome to send us an email or give our school office a call.

Contact us at:

Email: [monksdown-ao@monksdown.sch.uk](mailto:monksdown-ao@monksdown.sch.uk)

Phone: 0151 226 1606 (Option 1)

Remember, if no reason is given, it will result in an unauthorised absence mark for your child. We're here to assist you every step of the way!

- We believe in the importance of regular attendance and typically do not authorise absences without a valid reason.
- If we haven't received communication from you regarding your child's absence, you can expect a friendly phone call or text message from our team.
- Our attendance monitoring is diligent and if we notice any concerns with your child's attendance, we will reach out to you through a letter.
- In the event that attendance challenges persist, we'll kindly request a meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance at school.
- If, despite our collective efforts, there is no improvement in attendance, we may need to involve the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and this could potentially lead to legal action as a last resort. We aim to work collaboratively to prevent reaching this stage.

## Punctuality

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Doors open at 8.50am ready for lessons to begin at 8.55 am.

### Do you know how much learning children miss out on?

Minutes late per day	Equal days worth of
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

## How can you help?

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, ready for a great day at school.
- It's a great idea to prepare packed lunches, school bags, and breakfast items the night before to start the day smoothly.
- Consider setting an alarm at a reasonable time to ensure you have enough time to get everyone up and ready in a relaxed and stress-free manner. Your child's mornings will thank you!





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## Important Information about School Attendance

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families of Monksdown,

Monksdown Primary School is determined to do everything they can to ensure your child has the very best start in life. An essential part of this is that every child is punctual and attends school. As a parent or carer, you have an important part to play. Your child has the right to a good education and you have a legal responsibility to ensure that they go to school on time, all of the time.

Pupils should only be absent from school if:

- They are too ill to attend
- They have a medical appointment that can't be arranged out of school hours
- There are exceptional circumstances
- Advanced permission has been granted from school

**Leave of Absence during term time:**

**Parents/Carers do not have a right by law to take their child on holiday during school term-time.**

Only in **exceptional circumstances** may school grant leave of absence for a holiday. A written application to the Head Teacher or myself, Chair of Governors, must be made in order for the school to consider this. If a parent/carer takes a child on holiday without prior permission from the school, the Local Authority may issue a **Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child**, reduced to **£60 per parent per child** if paid within 21 days. Even if a leave of absence is permitted it still counts as an absence and is recorded as Unauthorised. Permission simply means a fixed penalty will not be issued.

If you are experiencing issues with your child's attendance the school's attendance team are there to support. Please contact the school should you require their help.

Kind Regards

Martin Reynolds  
**Chair of Governors**

