



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 26th January

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell Mrs Dakin
Deputies-Mrs Price and Mrs Stewart

Dear Families of Monksdown ,

We have had a lovely calm week at school despite storms Isha and Jocelyn bringing high winds and fresh disruption to the country. It is enlightening to see how the children settle quickly to their morning routines after their journey to school and are eager to fill their minds with new knowledge and understanding. I know I say it all the time but they really are a credit to you !

I have been out and about this week myself networking with the other schools in the area. Mrs Ferrigan, who teaches in Year 6, spoke at one of the meetings. The feedback from other schools was overwhelming. Staff were in awe of the amount of roles and responsibilities the children themselves have at our school. We have almost 200 children across school who hold some sort of leadership or committee position ! So much so, the leaders from over ten schools in the local and wider area are going to visit our school to speak to the children and see their work in action .

Next week is National Storytelling Week and our English Lead has planned reading events . This is an inter school week of activities just for the children .

I have added next half term's dates for your diaries on page two.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

My very best regards, Mrs Price



Friday 2nd February 2024

We are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. This is a day where we celebrate the importance of numbers and the children are going to take part in a range of different number and problem solving activities. We are also asking that the children come in a number/mathematics themed costume to celebrate this day. This could be based on anything to do with numbers or maths e.g. a clock, dice, a number, a famous mathematician etc. Please do not buy anything special for the day, wear something you already own or make it a fun family project! We will be selling cakes on KS2 playground before school to raise money for the charity.

Thank you for your support.

Wednesday 28th February	4.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 29th February	4.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 1st March	4.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 13th March	5.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 14th March	5.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 15th March	5.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 24th April	2.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 25th April	2.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th April	1.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	1.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 23rd May	1.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 19th June	3.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 20th June	3.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 21st June	3.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm

Our Stars!

- ★ N: Hallie Houghton
- ★ R.1: Mehmet Kahraman
- ★ R.2: Awarded In Class
- ★ R.3: Heidi Hincks
- ★ 1.1: Christina Dillon-Lloyd
- ★ 1.2: Hallie Dainty
- ★ 1.3: Kyren Ledden
- ★ 2.1: Reuben Morris
- ★ 2.2: Aniela Piekarek
- ★ 2.3: Harlow Rankin
- ★ 3.1: Hamzat Adisa
- ★ 3.2: Jessica Wilson
- ★ 3.3: Louie Holland
- ★ 4.1: Amelia Kedzia
- ★ 4.2: Lexi Jervis-Woods
- ★ 4.3: Febe Wong
- ★ 5.1: Hugo Leonard
- ★ 5.2: Abdulmalik Adebayo
- ★ 5.3: Jacob Huynh
- ★ 6.1: Logan Shaw
- ★ 6.2: Thomas Tasker
- ★ 6.3: Deacon Nixon

Week Ahead

Monday 29th January

Year 6 Reading Event Day
(children only)

Years 4 & 5 Festival of Reading
(children only)

Tuesday 30th January

Years 3 and 4 Reading Event
Day (children only)

Wednesday 31st January

Year 2 Reading Event Day
(children only)

Thursday 1st February

Years 1 and 2 Festival of
Reading (children only)

Friday 2nd February Family

Learning Parent/Carer Maths
Workshop 9:30am - 11:30am

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th January	Year 6 Reading Event Day (children only)
	Years 4 & 5 Festival of Reading (children only)
Tuesday 30th January	Years 3 and 4 Reading Event Day (children only)
Wednesday 31st January	Year 2 Reading Event Day (children only)
Thursday 1st February	Years 1 and 2 Festival of Reading (children only)
Friday 2nd February	Family Learning Parent/Carer Maths Workshop 9:30am - 11:30am
Monday 5th February - Friday 9th February	Childrens' Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th February	NOW Festival - The Lighthouse Parents/Carers Invited—TICKET ONLY
	ASD Training Course for Parents/Carers 9:00 - 10:00am
Thursday 8th February	Inter School Choir Performances 10:00am - 12:00pm
	Year 4 Roman Experience Day - Dress up as a Roman
	Empire Competition winners for Autumn term - Film Night
Friday 9th February	Family Learning Parent/Carer Maths Workshops 9:30am - 11:30am
	SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	School reopens after half-term holiday
Tuesday 20th February	ASD training course for parents and carers 9am
Wednesday 21st February	School Council visit to the Town Hall
	Year 6 CELLS Project
Thursday 22nd February	Classes 2.1 and 2.2 Martin Mere Trip
	Reception Parent/Carer Maths Workshop 2pm
Friday 23rd February	Class 2.3 Martin Mere Trip
Monday 26th February	Cross Country Race - 3pm Sefton Park
Wednesday 28th February	Reception Children Medicals
Thursday 7th March	Cross Country Race - Wavertree Sports Park
	9:15am Governors Resources Committee Meeting
	Governors Curriculum, Standards and Effectiveness Meeting
Wednesday 13th March	Year 6 Crucial Crew - Childwall
Friday 15th March	Netball Team visit to Manchester to watch Thunder v Surrey Storm Match
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March	Parents/Carers Evening 3.10 pm– 6.00pm
Thursday 21st March	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day—Costume Needed
	9:15am Full Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 27th March	3:30pm Talent Show Years 3-6 Parent and Carers invited
Thursday 28th March	2pm School closes for the Easter Holidays

Spring Term Attendance Tournament

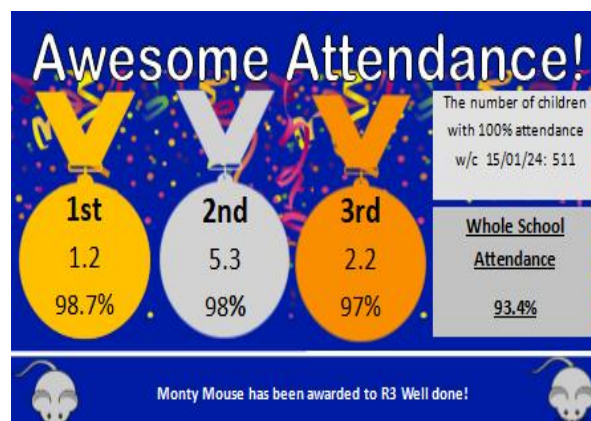
Week 2



Monksdown Attendance Table

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
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6.3	2	0	0	6	2	8
2.3	2	0	0	6	0	6
4.1	1	1	0	3	3	6
4.3	2	0	0	6	0	6
5.2	2	0	0	6	0	6
5.3	1	1	0	3	2	5
2.1	1	1	0	3	0	3
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4.2	1	1	0	3	0	3
5.1	1	1	0	3	0	3
6.2	0	2	0	0	2	2
2.2	0	2	0	0	1	1
1.3	0	2	0	0	0	0
3.1	0	2	0	0	0	0
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	Bonus
96% +	1 point
98% +	2 points
100%	3 points



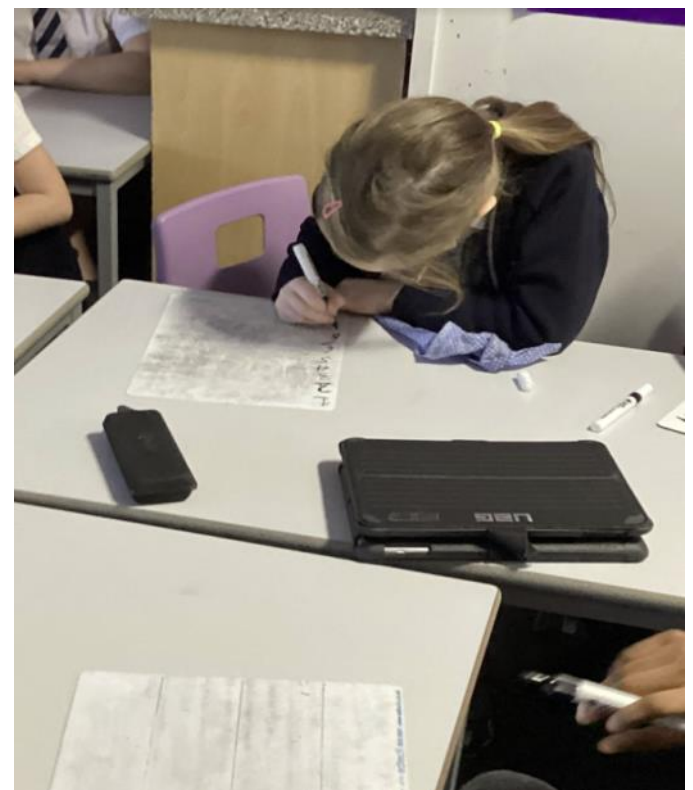
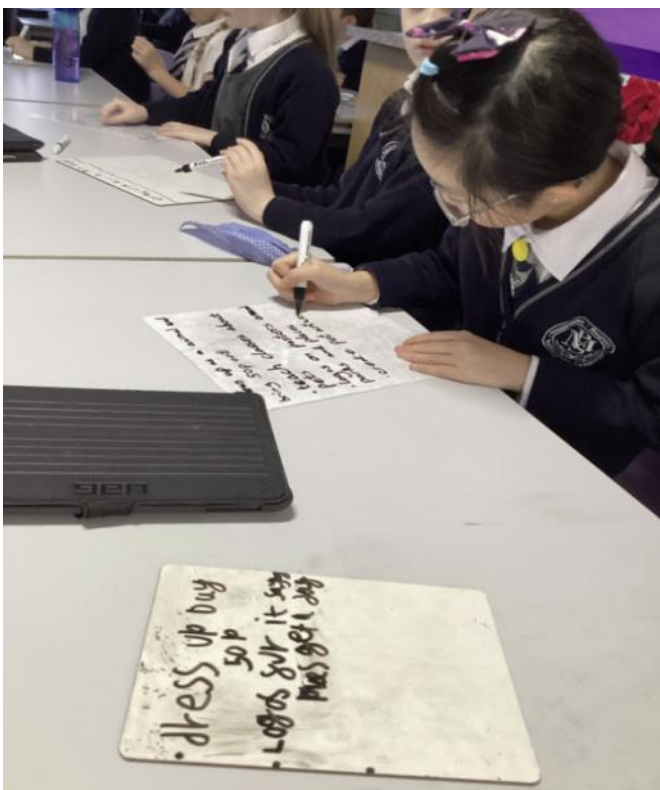
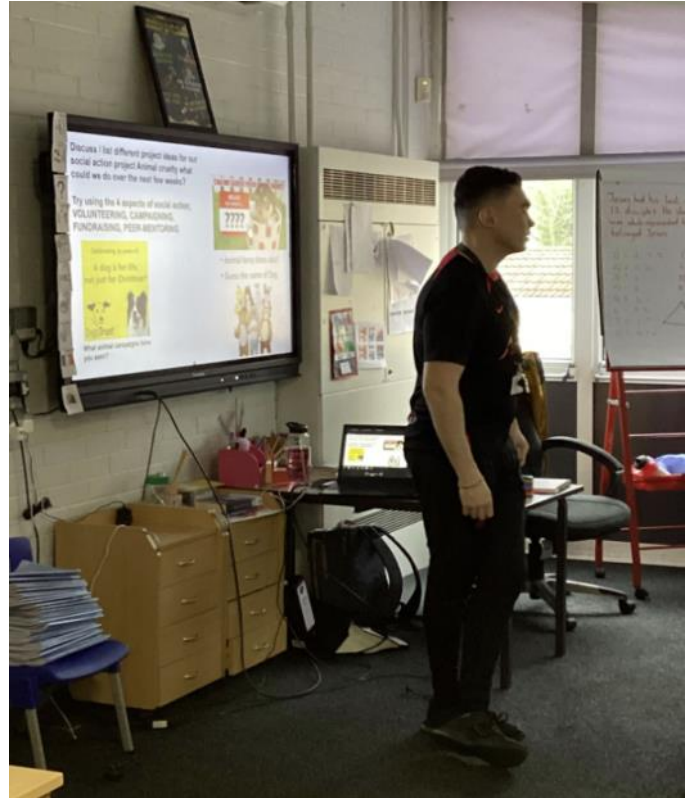
Attendance News

Well done to class 4.1 for all being in every day last week. 100% attendance deserved some down time sipping hot chocolate, marshmallows and whipped cream. Who needs "Hotel Chocolat" when you have Mr Corrigan, Mrs Simmons and Mrs Hudson.



Making a Difference

Year 4 classes have been working with the LFC foundation as part of a topic on Social Action (fundraising, campaigning, volunteering and peer mentoring). After brainstorming different issues in our local community the children decided to focus on animal protection. This week, they learnt about the different forms of animal cruelty and investigated examples of social action performed by other schools. The children are in the process of exploring what differences they can make to help the animals in our community.





THURSDAY
1ST FEB
19:00 – 21:00

SEND Coffee Evening

*With Theta
Healing Meditation*



Come and
meet others
with children
who have
additional
needs.



**ST MARY'S MILLENNIUM CENTRE .
MEADOW LN. LIVERPOOL L12 5EA.**

*So excited to be doing a
theta healing meditation
gifting peace and calm for
the parents at the SEND
coffee evening in February!*

Book here

<https://www.beautifulnewbeginnings.co.uk/event-details/send-coffee-evening-1-7>

Any questions please contact Kathy

at www.facebook.com/kathysaramccann or www.instagram.com/kathysaramccann

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Smith is a national online safety specialist, who works with researchers who have developed and implemented standards for digital and cyber safety policies in schools. She has written various security papers and worked out research for the UK's leading government computing program and is a leading voice for young people in the UK. @claire.smith



The National College

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#WakeUpWednesday

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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?

365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	175 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, hobbies, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.			
	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	
180 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	170 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION	
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets 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

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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Mrs J Price

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Important Information about School Attendance

Thursday 7th 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



Calendar 2023/2024



School Open

School Closed

Bank Holiday – school closed

September 2023

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October 2023

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December 2023

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Bank holidays 2024/25 UK

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

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