



# Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 8th March 2024

Designated Safeguarding Leads : Mrs



Russell and Mrs  
Stewart Deputy-  
Mrs Price  
Stewart

## Read Our Own Way

World Book Day 24 was celebrated by coming to school in whatever made everyone feel relaxed, refreshed and ready to read. As you can see from the photographs the day was filled with engaging activities focusing on reading for pleasure and promoting a love of books, comics, poems and exploring many other reading choices.



## Our Stars!

- ★ N: Sharon Ramesh
- ★ R.1: Nova Tasker
- ★ R.2: Jeff Wong
- ★ R.3: Amba Ratchford
- ★ 1.1: Cody Browne & Hanna Ligers
- ★ 1.2: Skyler-Roawn Holland
- ★ 1.3: Harley Russo
- ★ 2.1: Gabriel Whitwell
- ★ 2.2: Danny Ledden
- ★ 2.3: Annie Reid
- ★ 3.1: Florentyna Krys
- ★ 3.2: Liliana Konieczny
- ★ 3.3: Kacper Witkowski
- ★ 4.1: Lily Prescott
- ★ 4.2: Sopia Stannard
- ★ 4.3: Finlay James
- ★ 5.1: Hudson Forster
- ★ 5.2: Toby Chen
- ★ 5.3: Mason Irving
- ★ 6.1: David Taylor
- ★ 6.2: Libby Walker
- ★ 6.3: Sienna Taylor

## The Week Ahead

**Monday 11th March**

Talent Show Auditions

**Wednesday 13th March**

Wear **Blue** for Bobby Day

Year 6 Crucial Crew - Childwall

**Friday 15th March**

Netball Team visit to  
Manchester to watch Thunder v  
Surrey Storm Match

# Spring Term Attendance Tournament

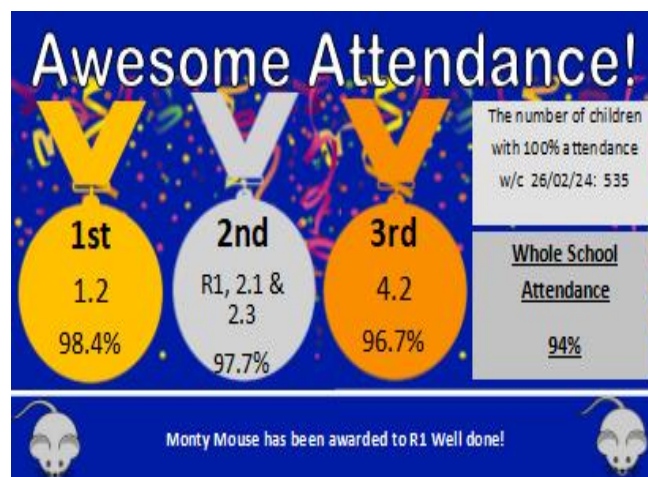


Week 2 26th February –1st March

**Monksdown Attendance Table**

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
1.2	2	0	0	6	4	10
2.3	2	0	0	6	3	9
4.1	2	0	0	6	2	8
2.1	1	1	0	3	4	7
4.2	2	0	0	6	1	7
6.3	2	0	0	6	1	7
1.3	2	0	0	6	0	6
6.1	2	0	0	6	0	6
5.2	1	1	0	3	1	4
4.3	1	1	0	3	0	3
3.3	0	1	1	1	0	1
6.2	0	1	1	1	0	1
1.1	0	2	0	0	0	0
2.2	0	2	0	0	0	0
3.1	0	2	0	0	0	0
3.2	0	2	0	0	0	0
5.1	0	2	0	0	0	0
5.3	0	2	0	0	0	0

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





## Careers Carousel

Working together with the Regenda group we were fortunate to hold a Careers Carousel for our Year 5 families this week. It was wonderful to welcome so many varied industries into school to provide the children with an insight into the world of work. We hope the event helped the children to make informed decisions about career paths in the future.



## PETRUS Sleepover

Over a hundred of our children and staff are raising funds to support the homeless and those with housing needs. Tonight the group will sleep over at school and experience some of the obstacles faced by members of our community.

## Wear Blue for Bobby!

On Wednesday 13th March we are asking children and adults to wear blue to school to raise awareness of the Bobby Collieran Trust. Bobby was a young boy who tragically passed away on his way home from school. Bobby's family would like to turn Liverpool blue to remember Bobby on his 16th birthday.

### Parents/Carer Evenings

**Please make sure you have returned your reply slip stating the most convenient day and time to meet your child's teacher and support staff.**

**Thank you**

## Dates for your Diary

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 3.15 pm– 6.00pm 9 classes 4.1 and 6.3 dates and times may vary
Thursday 21st March	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day — No Costume Needed. Children will be creating in class.
	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
Monday 15th April	8.55 am School reopens

## Showcase Dates - Parents/Carers Invited

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	2.2 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Friday 26th April	2.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Tuesday 21st May	1.3 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	1.1 Showcase 2:30pm—3:00pm
Thursday 23rd May	1.2 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

## Silver Rights Respecting School Award

After many months of hard work and preparation our school were awarded the RRSA Rights Aware Silver award. Reaching Silver is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of the children and all staff involved.





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TEKKEN 8

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
16

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.

## FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

## COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

## VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

## FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

## RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

## ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). If players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

### MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

### EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the bottles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

### CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

## Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site OGBates, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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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?

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
180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	160 DAYS OF EDUCATION	151 DAYS OF EDUCATION	142 DAYS OF EDUCATION	133 DAYS OF EDUCATION	124 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!



# Monksdown Primary School

Where children come first

Chair of Governors:  
Mr M. Reynolds  
Headteacher:  
Mrs J Price

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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**





# 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
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October 2023

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43	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
44	30	31					

November 2023

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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

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January 2024

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February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024

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July 2024

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August 2024

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## Calendar 2024/25

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## March 2025

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## May 2025

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## June 2025

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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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