



# Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and  
Mrs Stewart  
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Families of Monksdown,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. School continues to be a hive of activity with so many experiences happening. This week we held our annual sports days and I am sure you will agree that a great time was had by all. The children were fully involved, showed team spirit and good sportsmanship. Thank you for joining us and supporting the children. A special thank you to Mr Corrigan and his team of helpers who organised the days.



## Our Stars!

- ★ N: **George McKenzie**
- ★ R.1: **Aria Ledden**
- ★ R.2: **Nadia Zgoeska**
- ★ R.3: **Isla Williams Cain**
- ★ 1.1: **Adam Abuhussein**
- ★ 1.2: **Harley Dunn**
- ★ 1.3: **Frank Lyson**
- ★ 2.1: **Ethan Boileau**
- ★ 2.2: **Nathan Murney**
- ★ 2.3: **Orlaith Kasek**
- ★ 3.1: **Ivy-May Patterson**
- ★ 3.2: **Max Jackson**
- ★ 3.3: **Alex Lin**
- ★ 4.1: **Lucas Nixon**
- ★ 4.2: **Skyler McGivern**
- ★ 4.3: **Gabriella Lindsay**
- ★ 5.1: **Jerry Wang**
- ★ 5.2: **Jessica Humphreys**
- ★ 5.3: **Lola Lloyd**
- ★ 6.1: **Sara Plavnicka**
- ★ 6.2: **Cronus Cheung**
- ★ 6.3: **Charlie Kelly**

House	Points	Place
Playhouse	317	1st
Royal Court	290	2nd
Epstein	288	3rd
Empire	257	4th

### Important Dates

**Polling Day Thursday  
4th July**

School will be closed to children on Thursday 4th July 2024 due to the General Election

#### Credit Union

Our Credit Union will be relaunching in September

#### Transition Days

Tuesday 2nd July afternoon

Wednesday 3rd July all day



## Oh What A Night

What a fabulous night we had watching the Euros last Tuesday. So many families joined us in the school as we opened up the hall and playgrounds. We did feel that our penalty shoot out had more excitement than the England game! Again thanks to the staff for supporting and to Mr Corrigan for organising.

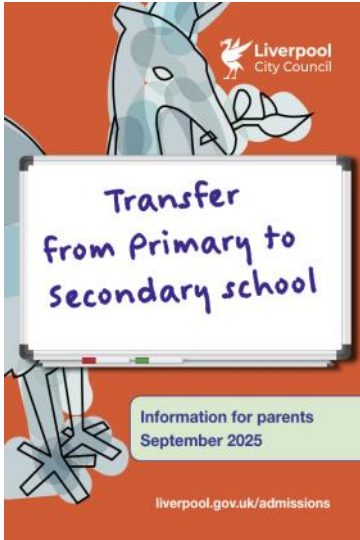




## Beyond Van Gogh

Have you ever dreamt of stepping into a painting? Well, a group of our children did just that. Our children had the privilege of being the very first members of the public to immerse ourselves into the exhibition. They witnessed over 300 masterpieces including the instantly recognisable classics such as “The Starry Night”, “Sunflowers” and “Café Terrace at Night”, now free from their frames. They experienced Van Gogh’s art come to life by appearing and disappearing, flowing across multiple surfaces and heightening the senses with their immense detail.





## Admissions to Secondary Schools in September 2025

The following information is regarding the primary school to secondary school transfer procedure for September 2025.

The intention of this correspondence is to provide web page links which outline the admissions process for children starting secondary school in September 2025. The aim is to make parents of current year 5 children aware of the transfer process which starts in September 2024.

The relevant information and links to secondary school websites are now posted online on the Liverpool City Council website at [Transferring from primary to secondary school - Liverpool City Council](#) and informs parents of the registration dates for secondary schools which use aptitude assessments or ability tests as part of their admission arrangements.

The pages online give information about the transfer procedure and who to contact for more information. Further information on how to apply and the wider admissions process can be found online through the Liverpool City Council website at [www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions)

I hope this information is helpful. If you require any further advice or assistance please contact the School Admissions Team at [admissions@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@liverpool.gov.uk)

<https://monksdownprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Secondary-Transfer-2025-web.pdf>

## REFRESHMENTS BEAUTY

### SNACKS

GASTON'S POPCORN  
MRS POTTS' CANDY FLOSS  
COGSWORTH NACHOS

### SWEETS

CHIP'S TREAT BAG  
LUMIERE'S TREAT STICK

### DRINKS

BEAST'S ORANGE SUNRISE  
BELLES'S SUMMER FRUIT PUNCH  
WATER BOTTLE



PERFORMANCE DATES  
16TH, 17TH, 18TH JULY 2024  
STARTS 7PM



# Beauty

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

7pm

*Tickets now on sale*

*Please give your reply slip to your class teacher*

**( Over 5s only )**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GAMBLING

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

## MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!

## ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

## PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

## IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

## GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

## FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a great opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamorise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

### MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online, an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

### KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

### GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0800 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

## Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2004 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide pages <https://www.thenationalcollege.com/guides/gambling>

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# Summer Term 2 Attendance Tournament



Week 2 17th June—21st June

**Monksdown Attendance Table**

Class	Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	Bonus Points	Total
6.3	2	0	0	6	4	10
1.2	2	0	0	6	1	7
3.2	2	0	0	6	0	6
5.3	2	0	0	6	0	6
2.3	1	1	0	3	2	5
1.3	1	1	0	3	1	4
4.1	1	1	0	3	1	4
4.2	1	1	0	3	1	4
6.1	1	1	0	3	1	4
1.1	1	1	0	3	0	3
2.1	1	1	0	3	0	3
2.2	1	1	0	3	0	3
3.1	1	1	0	3	0	3
3.3	1	1	0	3	0	3
4.3	0	2	0	0	0	0
5.1	0	2	0	0	0	0
5.2	0	2	0	0	0	0
6.2	0	2	0	0	0	0

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

## Awesome Attendance!

**1st**  
6.3  
98.7%

**2nd**  
1.2  
96.1%

**3rd**  
4.2  
96.0%

The number of children with 100% attendance w/c 17/06/24: 507

**Whole School Attendance**  
**91.7%**

Monty Mouse has been awarded to R2 Well done!

## Dates for your Diary

Week of Monday 1st July	Swimming Top Up Sessions Year 6 Ellergreen Sports Centre
Tuesday 2nd July	School Transition Afternoon—Meet your new teacher and support staff Debate Club Competition—Mansion House Calderstones Park
Wednesday 3rd July	Liverpool Secondary School Transition Day and School Transition Day
Thursday 4th July	9:15am ASD Training Workshop for Parents School Closed to Pupils for Polling Day
Tuesday 16th July	7pm School Performances of Beauty
Wednesday 17th July	7pm School Performances of Beauty
Thursday 18th July	7pm School Performances of Beauty
Tuesday 23rd July	10am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly— <b>Parents and Carers Invited</b>
Wednesday 24th July 2pm	Finish for Summer Holidays

## Health and Safety

Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen should be applied before school. We would recommend the 8 hour cream that is applied once and lasts throughout the day.

Children must wear black sensible school shoes to school . Croc are not permitted.



Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed in school .



# Euro's Quiz

1. Who is England's leading scorer at the European Championship finals?

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2. Which goalkeeper kept the most clean sheets at the previous tournament in 2021?

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3. The final this summer will be in Berlin. Which city has hosted three finals?

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4. Which team scored a silver goal at a European Championship?

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5. Which country has lost a final it hosted and won a final it hosted?

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6. The two oldest players at the tournament this summer both play for which country?

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7. Who are the only 24/25 Premier League side not to have sent a single player to the tournament this summer?

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8. Who is the youngest goalscorer in Euros history?

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9. There have been eight different champions in 22 editions of the World Cup. How many different champions have there been in 16 editions of the Euros?

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10. How many of the 10 stadiums being used at Euro 2024 this summer will host top-flight football next season?

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## Answers

1. Alan Shearer

2. Jordan Pickford

3. Paris

4. Greece

5. France

6. Portugal

7. Ipswich Town

8. Johan Vonlanthen

9. Ten

10. Five



# 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?

345 NON SCHOOL DAYS		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.				
345 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence	
	330 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	326 DAYS OF EDUCATION	317 DAYS OF EDUCATION	308 DAYS OF EDUCATION	270 DAYS OF EDUCATION	298 DAYS OF EDUCATION
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.	<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> 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!



## 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																	
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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