



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
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Friday 12th September 2025

Our Stars!

Dear Families of Monksdown,

Last week we shone a spotlight on Mr Asare and the cleaning team on some of the work that isn't always obvious to families and visitors but absolutely vital for our school to run. This week we wanted to spotlight another group of people who work in our school.

Lunchtimes are a really important part of the school day, giving children the chance to relax, recharge and spend time socialising with their friends. It's more than just a break – it's a time to build friendships, develop social skills and enjoy a bit of fun between lessons. Just as important is making sure every child has a nutritious and tasty meal to fuel their learning and play for the rest of the day. A balanced lunch helps keep energy levels up, supports concentration and sets them up for a successful afternoon.



We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and talented school kitchen team who work hard every day to provide our children with delicious and healthy lunches. Head Chef Paula, along with June, Janine, Hazel and Dessi, prepare a wide variety of meals that are not only nutritious but also full of flavour. Their care and effort make sure that every child has the energy and nourishment they need to enjoy their day and get the most out of their learning.

If you'd like to know what's on the menu, you can find the next two weeks of school dinners listed on page 4 of the newsletter. You can also check the menu on our school website – just head to the 'About Us' section and scroll down to 'School Dinners'.

Mrs. Price

Nur	Anthony Gonzalez
R1	All of R1
R2	All of R2
R3	All of R3
1.1	Bella Taylor
1.2	Grace Baller
1.3	Poppi Wakefield Taylor
2.1	Joseph O'Leary
2.2	Kristof Rodzon
2.3	Amelia McGuinness-White
3.1	Daniel Carey
3.2	Jacob Jackson
3.3	Amelia Larcher
4.1	Luca Eaton
4.2	Logan Barrow
4.3	Ethan Boileau
5.1	Clarc Kelly
5.2	Aubrey Garvey
5.3	Anthony Jennings
6.1	Rihannna Siksnite
6.2	Robbie Smith
6.3	Molly Taylor

Important Dates

Friday 26th September

European Day of languages
(More information to follow)

Wednesday 1st October

Harvest Celebration

Friday 17th October

Maths Party Day (more
information to follow)

New to Reception 2026 visits

Friday 17th October 10am
Monday 20th October 1:15pm

Parents evening 3:15pm-6pm

Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 22nd October

Secondary School Open Days

It might feel a bit surreal – the pupils have only been back at school for a week and here we are already talking about Year 7! We know it seems early but for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families this is the perfect time to start thinking ahead and exploring what secondary school life could look like. Open days are starting soon and they are a great way to begin that journey.



Visiting open days gives both parents and pupils the chance to get a real feel for the environment, ethos and expectations of different secondary schools. It is one thing to read a prospectus or look at a website but walking the corridors, seeing the classrooms and meeting the staff and students really helps bring the school to life. You will be able to ask the questions that matter to you from how the transition from primary is supported to what extracurricular activities are on offer.



Whether your child is in Year 5 and you are planning ahead or in Year 6 and the countdown is officially on, attending open days is a valuable step in making an informed decision about what comes after Monksdown. It is also the ideal opportunity to learn about each school's application process and any specific requirements or deadlines they may have. Below are the dates that have been given to us so far. We will put future dates on the Newsletter too

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Range High School	Wednesday 17th September	5pm-7pm
North Liverpool Academy	Thursday 18th September	4pm-7pm
Dixons Fazakerley Academy	Thursday 18th September	4:30pm-7pm
St John Bosco (girls only)	Thursday 25 th September	4pm-7pm
Bank View (Speke site)	Monday 29th September	4pm-5pm
Bank View (Fazakerley site)	Monday 6th October	4pm-5pm

Mrs Russell needs a favour...

Mrs Russell needs a little favour from our fantastic families! If you've got any unwanted or unloved LEGO lying around at home – hiding under beds, stuck behind the sofa or just gathering dust in a box – we'd love to take it off your hands. She's on a mission to collect as much as possible to get a LEGO Club up and running in school and she needs your help to make it happen.

If you've ever stepped into Mrs Russell's office, you'll know she's completely obsessed with building LEGO. She's desperate to share that love with our pupils and create a fun, creative space where imaginations can run wild. Any donations, big or small, would be hugely appreciated – and of course, rewarded with plenty of house points for your generosity!



Gardening Club

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, Monksdown Gardening Club's remarkable achievement of reaching the Royal Horticultural Society School Gardening Level 5 is a testament to their dedication and passion for cultivating a sustainable and beautiful garden.

This accolade is not easily earned; it signifies the club's commitment to excellence and environmental stewardship. Throughout the year, the club has worked tirelessly afterschool and lunchtimes to transform their garden into a flourishing oasis, focusing on sustainable practices that benefit both the school community and the environment.

Their efforts not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the school grounds but also serve as an educational platform for students to learn about the importance of gardening, ecology, and sustainability. The club's success is a source of pride and inspiration, showcasing the impact of teamwork and perseverance in achieving a greener future.



ASD Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1st October at 9.15am

Come along and meet Mrs. White (school special needs co-ordinator) and Margaret and Tracey from the ASD Training team, who will be here to answer your questions on all things SEND!

Your child does not need a SEND diagnosis for you to attend.



Lunch Menu



Lunch Menu Week 3



w/c 15 th Sep	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Roasted Pepper	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Quorn Mince Cottage Pie with Peas	Chinese Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice & Prawn Crackers	Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadillas	Chicken Pie with Mash & Baby Carrots	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon with Chips & Garden Peas
	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake	Falafel Pittas with Salad	Spicy Singapore Noodles	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage Roll
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Ma'amoul Cookie	Sponge Cake topped with Jan & Whipped Cream	German Apple Cake	Cheese & Crackers



Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Oily fish



Lunch Menu Week 4



w/c 22 nd Sep	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil Soup	Broccoli & Cheddar	Roasted Red Pepper	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast New Potatoes	Chicken Shawarma with Coleslaw on Tortilla wraps	Meatball Sub with Tortilla Chips & Salad	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon with Chips & Garden Peas
	Red Pepper Quiche	Vegetable & Lentil Stew	Pesto Pasta	Vegetable Paella	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Cheesecake	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge	Chad's Cake	Cheese & Crackers, Popcorn