



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Families of Monksdown

This year's harvest celebrations were a wonderful reminder of the importance of community, gratitude, and giving. The children took part in a wonderful assembly led by representatives from St Andrew's Food Bank, who spoke about the vital work they do to support local families in need. It was both informative and inspiring for the pupils to learn how their contributions can make a real difference.



We would like to thank all the parents and carers who so generously donated food items. Your kindness and support have helped us provide essential supplies not only to St Andrew's Food Bank, but also to our very own school pantry. The variety and quantity of donations received was truly humbling, and we are proud to be part of such a thoughtful and compassionate school family. Thank you once again for your incredible generosity.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Price



Bikes and Scooters - Health and Safety

Bikes, scooters, and other wheeled equipment must not be ridden on the yard during school hours. These items can pose a risk of injury to both the rider and others nearby. If bikes are brought to school, they should be walked through the yard and stored in the designated bike racks.



Important Dates

Y1 and Y2 Parents Phonics
and Reading Workshop

**Wednesday 15th
October 9am**

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**

**School closes for Half
term on Friday 24th
October at 2pm**

Y5 Charity Day Diabetes
Awareness

Friday 14th November

**Norris Green Junior
Park Run**

Every Sunday at 9.00am



Progress and Reading Award Winners



Two children in each class were awarded with a gold coin to spend in our book vending machines. These children have been recognised for their hard work and effort in the month of January. Well done!



	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N	Eileen Albukhan	Sophie Williams
R.1	Anna Olusanjo	Fraser Mangan
R.2	Khiya Bird	Milo Gonzalez
R.3	Archie Kearns	Harrison Hughes
1.1	Jaxon McGivern	Dolly Moogan
1.2	Carter Lowndes-Nurse	Boonie Lou O'Callaghan
1.3	Max Larcher	Gracie Brown
2.1	Michael Morrison	Cornelia Lugg
2.2	Blake McGivern	Bobby Walker
2.3	Meadow Skinley	Mia Zhen
3.1	Francesca Albarotti-Martins	Olivia Bonner
3.2	Ella Heaton	Vada Dennis
3.3	Jack Madigan	John Clegg
4.1	Leo Madine	Daniel Murphy
4.2	Nathan Morris	Aarohi Rahoul Koduparambi
4.3	Reuben Morris	Mark Burgess
5.1	Eunice Adepoju	Freddie Aspinall
5.2	Lily McGuinness White	Wyatt Ryan-Keouski
5.3	Max Jackson	Darcey Gr
6.1	Kai Norton	Maria Bednarski
6.2	Anastasia Susinksa	Riley Lowndes-Nurse
6.3	Mavis Chung	Mason O'Donnell



Year 5/6 Football Team

A fantastic effort from our Year 5/6 boys at the North Liverpool Football Tournament on Thursday! They played brilliantly, winning three matches, drawing two, and narrowly missing out in the semi-final after a tough penalty shootout. The team represented the school with pride, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance and sportsmanship.



Table Sale at Parents' Evening

We're excited to announce that we'll be holding a **Table Sale during Parents' Evening!** Come along and browse a fantastic range of items, including **toys, clothes, household goods, and more.** The sale will take place at the **main entrance**, so be sure to stop by and see what's on offer!

Parent Pod

We're really pleased to share that our Parent Pod is now up and running in the large playground at the front of school! This cosy little space is there for families to pop by, connect, and make use of some helpful resources, including our uniform recycle rail, lovingly looked after each week by the wonderful Mrs Prescott. She keeps everything neat, fresh, and ready to go, so if your child needs a spare jumper, trousers, or even a PE top, please feel free to take what you need. No forms, no fuss, just a helping hand when you need it. Using the uniform recycle isn't just practical, it's also a great way to support the environment. By reusing good-quality clothing, we're helping to reduce waste and avoid sending perfectly wearable items to landfill. It's a small step that makes a big difference, and we're proud to be building a more sustainable school community together. Thank you for your support, and do stop by the Parent Pod next time you're on the playground!



Nuts in school

Several children in our school have serious nut allergies, and even a small trace can cause a severe reaction. That's why we ask everyone to avoid sending in items like peanut butter, cereal bars with nuts, or homemade treats that might contain them. It's a small change that makes a big difference in keeping all our children safe and well. We know how much care goes into preparing your child's lunch each day, and we really appreciate your support in helping us create a safe and inclusive environment.



School Lunch Menu

w/c 13th Oct		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza & Wedges with Salad 	Spanish Chicken with Rice & Green Beans	Sausage & Mash with Gravy & Peas	Steak & Vegetable Shortcrust Pie with New Potatoes & Baby Carrots	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Quorn Mince Cottage Pie with Peas 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Sri Lankan Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry with Rice 	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Veggie Sausage Roll 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Flapjacks 	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard 	German Apple Cake 	Cheese & Crackers 

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SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake 	Chinese Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice & Prawn Crackers	Cumberland Sausage Slice with Wedges & Beans	Beef Chilli Tacos with Tortilla Chips & Salad	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Tomato & Basil Pasta 	Vegan Jambalaya 	Veggie Sausage Roll 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Apple Flapjack 	Wet Nelly 	Pumpkin Pie 	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

Snacks and Drinks

Children in KS2 (Years 3—6) may bring a **HEALTHY** snack to eat at break time .This should not include crisps, sweets or chocolate.

Some suggestions:

- Fresh Fruit or Dried Fruit
- Low Sugar cereal bars that are not chocolate coated
- Crackers
- Vegetable sticks

We encourage children to drink water in school. If your child cannot drink water then a sugar free juice may be brought into school. Energy drinks such as Prime and Lucozade are not permitted.

Children in Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (Years 1-2) are provided with milk and fruit free of charge.

Think ahead-unpredictable Autumn weather.

During the unpredictable weather we are having it is really important that the children bring an appropriate coat to school . It would be worth bringing in a coat regardless as sun can quickly turn to rain during the Autumn months.

Please make sure that coats and jackets have names and class numbers indicated on them.

Online Payments

Dinners can be paid for via School Money online.

If you have not received your log in details please contact the school office where we will be happy to help.

Our Twitter/ X Pages

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