



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Families of Monksdown

On Tuesday, we welcomed staff from schools, historical buildings, academic institutions, and local historians from across Liverpool to the very first meeting of the newly formed **Liverpool History Hub**.

A huge thank-you goes to Amber, Euan, and Xitong, our Child History Subject Leads, for their fantastic help at the event and for showing everyone why children should be involved at every stage of the process.

We are incredibly excited to be leading this project across Liverpool, a project that will bring together communities and generations through a shared love of history.

If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more, please contact Mrs. Ferrigan and Mrs. Joynson

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.



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Kegan Dawes
R1	Piper Williams
R2	Ted McGavin
R3	Esme Stead
1.1	Harry Cheung
1.2	Eva Cunningham-Oakes
1.3	Michael Henderson
2.1	Hallie Monk
2.2	Charley-Jo Kent
2.3	Melanie Williams
3.1	Zhra Aldridge
3.2	Zakary Faulkner-Brown
3.3	Isaac Kelly
4.1	Maggie Kehoe
4.2	Leah Lynch
4.3	Bogdan Russu
5.1	Nevin Louie
5.2	Kacper Witkowski
5.3	Sophia Chadwick
6.1	Michael Brown
6.2	Lacey Burgess
6.3	Parisa Ng

Important Dates

New to Reception 2026 visits

Friday 17th October 10am

Monday 20th October 1:15pm

Parents evening

3:15pm-6pm on Tuesday 21st
October or Wednesday 22nd
October

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

Mid-Autumn Festivities in Mandarin Club

This week, our Mandarin Club joyfully celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon or Mooncake Festival. Students learned about the traditions and stories behind this special occasion, including the legend of Chang'e and the importance of family reunion under the full moon. They also enjoyed a fun hands-on activity where they learned how to use chopsticks before tasting a variety of delicious traditional foods, a highlight of the day! It was a wonderful celebration of culture, community, and curiosity.

Here is a link to a story if you would like to learn more: https://youtu.be/EMMU1YJadzE?si=dVha5Jbq_EkIOVKs



Ask the Expert—Great Fire of London



This week, our Year 2 children took their curiosity about the Great Fire of London to the next level! After collating a fantastic range of thoughtful questions, they had the exciting opportunity to speak directly with historians and archaeological experts from the Museum of London via Zoom. The session was lively and inspiring, with the children gaining fascinating insights into how the fire started, what life was like in 1666, and how London was rebuilt afterwards. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and confidence as they shared their ideas and engaged with real experts in the field!

Parent Phonics workshop

We were delighted to have such a fantastic turnout for our recent Parent Phonics Meeting this week. During the session, we explored the parents' section of the *Little Wandle* website, which offers a range of helpful videos and resources to support phonics and reading at home. It was wonderful to see so many parents eager to learn more about how to help their children develop strong reading skills. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued support in making reading a positive experience for our learners.



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 20th Oct		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Apple Flapjack 	Wet Nelly 	pumpkin pie 	Cheese & Crackers 

w/c 3rd Nov		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza, Wedges & Beans 	Cowboy Casserole with Pasta	Meatball Sub with Salad & Tortilla Chips	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & New Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Vegetarian Chilli with Rice 	Cheese & Onion Plate Pie with Carrots & Peas 	Cheesy Bean Pasta 	Twice Baked Jacket potato	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Vanilla Cheesecake 	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge 	Apple Flapjacks 	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.

River of Light Returns this Half Term!

This half term, families can enjoy a magical evening stroll through River of Light in Liverpool, a totally free, immersive light festival that transforms the city's waterfront into an open-air gallery of illuminated wonder.



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

<u>Nursery</u> @Monksnursery24	<u>Reception</u> @Receptionmonksd	<u>Year 1</u> @Year1Monksdown
<u>Year 2</u> @Year2Monksdown	<u>Year 3</u> @Year3Monksdown	<u>Year 4</u> @Year4Monksdown
<u>Year 5</u> @Y5Monksdown	<u>Year 6</u> @Year6Monksdown 1	<u>Learning Council</u> @MonksdownLC





Wednesday 15th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and other similar online forums are now widely used and these types of media allow people to communicate in ways that were not previously possible. Unfortunately, such sites can be used inappropriately by some as a means of expressing negative or offensive views about schools and their staff.

The school recognises that many parents/carers and other family members will have personal social networking or WhatsApp accounts which they might use to discuss/share views about school issues with friends and acquaintances.

However, it is not the way to raise concerns or complaints about the school, as we will not respond to issues raised on a social networking site. If there are serious allegations being made/ concerns being raised, social media or internet sites should not be used to name individuals and make abusive comments. Please contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have.

Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the school and those associated with it, it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels such as a private and confidential discussion with Senior Staff, the Head teacher or member of the Governing Body, or using the school's formal complaints process are much better suited to this.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only):

- Naming children or posting any comments about children who attend Monksdown Primary School
- Making allegations about staff or anyone else connected with Monksdown Primary School;
- Making any posts that could be deemed to be cyber-bullying;
- Making complaints about the school or staff at the school;
- Making defamatory statements about Monksdown Primary School or staff at the school;
- Posting negative or offensive comments about staff or any other individual connected to

the school;

- Posting racist comments against any member of the school community;
- Posting comments which threaten violence to any member of the school community;
- Posting comments or engaging in online discussions with children other than their own.

At Monksdown Primary, we will always try to deal with concerns raised by parents in a professional and appropriate manner and understands that parents/carers may not always realise when they have used social networking sites inappropriately. Therefore, as a first step the school will usually discuss the matter with the parent to try to resolve it and to ask that the relevant information is removed from the social networking site in question. If the parent/carer refuses to do this and continues to use social networking sites in a manner the school considers inappropriate, the school will consider taking the following action:

- Take legal advice and/or legal action where the information posted is defamatory in any way or if the circumstances warrant this;
- Set out the school's concerns to the parent in writing, giving a warning and requesting that the material in question is removed;
- Contact the police where the school feels it appropriate – for example, if it considers a crime (such as harassment) has been committed or in cases where the posting has a racial element, is considered to be grossly obscene, grossly offensive or is threatening violence;
- If the inappropriate comments have been made on a school website or online forum, the school may take action to block or restrict that individual's access to that website or forum;
- Contact the host/provider of the social networking site to complain about the content of the site and ask for removal of the information;
- Take other legal action against the individual following appropriate advice.

We thank you as ever for your support in this matter.

Regards

Mr. Martin Reynolds – Chair of Governors

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