



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Families of Monksdown

What a fantastic week it's been! There's been a real buzz for learning around school, and it's wonderful to see how engaged and motivated everyone is.

This week, some of our pupils performed at the **Liverpool CAMHS Education in Mind 2025 Conference**. They took to the stage with a brilliant drama piece all about the Rights of the Child. Through their performance, they shared such an important message that every child deserves to be listened to, respected and supported in having their rights met. They did an amazing job representing our school and really got people thinking about how we can all make a difference.

A big thank you to the staff who helped prepare the group and an even bigger well done to the children for their confidence, teamwork and passion. You made us all incredibly proud!

Thank you as always for your continued support. Our school community is at the heart of everything we do and it's lovely to see what we can achieve together.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Ericson Melo
R1	Lucas Grugal
R2	Gabriel Bakare
R3	Ayla Delgado
1.1	John Paul Kemp
1.2	Leighton Williams
1.3	Miriam Mucha
2.1	Yole Okweri Menga
2.2	Lillie Murphy
2.3	Mehmet Kahraman
3.1	Mitchell Williams
3.2	Tom Potter
3.3	Kingsley Gould
4.1	Aniela Piekarek
4.2	Nathan Morris
4.3	Scarlett Coan
5.1	Angelina Connelly
5.2	Mason Barrow
5.3	Alfie Kelly
6.1	Elisa Robas
6.2	Arda Kahramen
6.3	Skyler McGivern

Important Dates

Please look at the following page for upcoming Christmas Dates.

Monday 17th November

Rock Kidz (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesday 18th November

Rock Kidz (EYFS, Y1 & 2)

Friday 28th December

Christmas Fair (3—5pm)

Christmas Fair Donations

It's that magical time of year again and we're getting ready for our Christmas Fair!

If you're able to help, we'd love donations of chocolate and stationery items for our stalls. Stationery could include things like pencils, rubbers, notepads and other small treats. Thank you so much for your support and festive spirit!

Christmas Dates

Friday 28th November: Christmas Fair (3.00 - 5.00pm)

Thursday 4th December: Nursery Christmas Craft Event (9.00—11.00am) & R1 Christmas Craft Event (12.30—2.30pm)

Friday 5th December: R2 Christmas Craft Event (9.00—11.00am) & R3 Christmas Craft Event (12.30—2.30pm)

Monday 8th December: Year 6 Christmas Performance (9.15am) & Year 5 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

Tuesday 9th December: Year 4 Christmas Performance (9.15am) & Year 3 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

Wednesday 10th December: Year 2 Nativity Play (9.15am) & Year 1 Christmas Performance (2.00pm)

Thursday 11th December: Year 1 Christmas Performance (9.15am) & Year 2 Nativity Play (2.00pm)

KS2 Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 12th December: EYFS and KS1 Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper day

Family Christmas Quiz Night (5.00—8.00pm)

Monday 15th December: Y5 and Y6 Party Day (Party clothes and party food buffet)

Tuesday 16th December: Y3 and Y4 Party Day (Party clothes and party food buffet)

Wednesday 17th December: Y1 and Y2 Party Day (Party clothes and party food buffet)

Thursday 18th December: Nursery and Reception Party Day (Party clothes and party food buffet)

Friday 19th December: School breaks up for Christmas at 2pm



Speaking up for Change

Members of our CitizensUK team recently took part in a meeting with Liam Robinson and other representatives from our local council to share updates and discuss the next steps on some of the key issues raised during our Founding Assembly. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to see how their ideas and actions can help shape real change in the community.

Meanwhile, some of our Pupil Voice team had the privilege of welcoming our local MP Dan Carden to school. They spoke passionately about their school, the local area and the positive difference young people can make when they work together. We're so proud of their confidence, enthusiasm and commitment to creating a better future for everyone.



Park Run

On Thursday lunchtime, some of our KS2 children headed over to Norris Green Park to take part in their very own 2km Park Run! Everyone put in a *fantastic effort*. Well done to all our runners!

A little reminder that the Junior Park Run takes place every Sunday at 9am in Norris Green Park. It's a great way to stay active, have fun, and join in with the local community. All children are welcome to take part!



Attendance Winners!

A big well done to Class 3.2 who enjoyed a special trip to the cinema this week to celebrate having the best attendance so far this term! The children had a fantastic time and it was wonderful to see them enjoying a well-earned reward for their commitment to coming to school every day. Good attendance makes such a difference to learning, friendships, and confidence! Just look at all the fantastic things that we have on our newsletter this week!



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!



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.



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 17th Nov	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Leek & Potato	Red Pepper Soup	Tomato & Basil	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Cheesy Beans Pasta Bake 	Corned Beef Hash with Peas	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast New Potatoes	Meatballs with wholemeal Spaghetti	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Mushy Peas
	Cherry Tomato & Cheese Quiche with Salad 	Lentil Stew 	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage Toasties with Beans 	Veggie Fingers with Chips & Mushy Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Sponge Cake 	Ginger Biscuits 	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Fresh Fruit Trifle 	Cheese & Crackers 

w/c 24th Nov	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Pea	Red Pepper Soup	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza, Wedges & Beans 	Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice	Carbonara Penne Pasta Bake with Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread	Mince & Tatties with Peas	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Beans
	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake 	Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas 	Quorn Stovies 	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Chips & Beans 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	German Apple Cake 	Sticky Toffee Pudding 	Scottish Shortbread 	Rich 'Chocolate' Cookies 



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.

Outdoor Equipment

We store equipment in our outdoor sheds. Please do not allow your child to enter the sheds or play with the things before or after school.



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

