



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

This week our Year 6 pupils gave our teachers a little break from teaching for our Rights of the Child, Child Takeover Day! It was a brilliant mix of fun, learning and genuine leadership from our wonderful Year 6 pupils.

Our Year 6 pupils absolutely rose to the challenge! They planned and delivered activities that helped the younger children learn about their rights in creative and meaningful ways. It was heart-warming to see how confident, caring and patient they were in their new roles.

Our younger pupils loved every moment. They listened beautifully and asked thoughtful questions. They were so proud to be taught by their older peers. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6s not just for teaching so well, but for being such fantastic role models. Days like this remind us how capable, thoughtful and inspiring our children can be when given the chance to shine.

Best wishes,

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Sophie Williams
R1	Anna Olusanjo
R2	Vicky Zhu
R3	Irineos Gerolemou
1.1	River Walsh
1.2	Sadie Aspinall
1.3	Fryaz Ahmed
2.1	Hallie Monks
2.2	Darcy Earle
2.3	Meadow Skinley
3.1	Erin Giles
3.2	Sandra Melo
3.3	Yanni Al-Jumoor
4.1	Georgia Nevin
4.2	Callie Foott-Cummings
4.3	Hollie Nethercote
5.1	Ethan Dawes
5.2	Charlotte Kelley
5.3	Lewis Xu
6.1	Hallie Hodgson
6.2	Greg Bakare
6.3	John-Paul Donovan

Important Dates

Please look at the following page for upcoming Christmas Dates.

Friday 28th December

Christmas Fair (3—5pm)

Friday 5th December

*R2 Christmas Craft Event
(9.00—11.00am)*

*R3 Christmas Craft Event
(12.30—2.30pm)*

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



Rock Kidz!

What an unforgettable day we had with Rock Kidz! The school was bursting with energy, excitement and more air-guitaring than we thought possible. Both children and staff looked fantastic in their rock-star outfits. The whole school truly embraced the spirit of the day!

Beyond the fun and music, the Rock Kidz team delivered an important message. Through lively songs, dancing and high-energy performances, the children learned about well-being, confidence and the importance of looking after themselves and others. These sessions linked beautifully with our PSHE curriculum, helping pupils understand how to make positive choices towards others #takebullingdown!



Thank you Arriva North West!

Some of our children had a very special outing last Friday as they visited the Green Lane Arriva North West depot to personally thank the team for their incredible generosity. Arriva recently donated over £1000 to support our #knowknifecrime fundraising cluster school relay this summer, an event that means a great deal to our school community.



Schools Parliament

Some of our school council representatives had the exciting opportunity to visit Liverpool Town Hall for Schools Parliament. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, giving our pupils the chance to share their ideas, listen to others and take part in meaningful discussions with children from schools across the city. Together they explored ways we can all work to improve wellbeing in our school communities.

We were incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm they showed throughout the day.



Liverpool World Museum visit

On Tuesday, Class 5.2 had an exciting adventure as they visited Liverpool World Museum to be one of the very first classes to take part in a brand-new digital learning experience. Using iPads, museum artefacts and a little bit of imagination, the children travelled through the Time Odyssey and met a range of fascinating characters who had been Lost in Time. The interactive journey brought history to life in a completely new way, allowing the children to explore the past through puzzles, storytelling and hands-on discovery.



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!

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 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

w/c 1 st Dec	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake with Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread 	Chicken Stir Fry Noodles	Sausage & Homemade Mashed Potato with Gravy & Peas	Chicken Curry with Wholemeal Rice & Homemade Onion Bhajis	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Minted Mushy Peas
	Cheese & Red Onion Quiche 	Cheese & Tomato Panini with Salad 	Macaroni Cheese 	Vegetable Biryani 	Spicy Singapore Noodles 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Apple & Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream 	Homemade Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam 	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard 	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Cheese & Crackers 

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

