



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



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Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Families of Monksdown

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and well-rested break. We have had a busy start to what promises to be a very exciting half-term in the lead up to our Christmas break. We have some wonderful festive activities and events planned over the coming months so please check the next page for full details and important dates.

This week has been an engaging, informative and exciting week for our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in Green Careers Week where they learned about different jobs that help look after and protect our planet. They joined sessions with park rangers, marine biologists, and a wildlife ranger, who explained what their roles involve and why their work is so important. The pupils enjoyed hearing real stories about caring for wildlife, protecting natural habitats, and studying the health of our oceans.

They also explored different pathways into green careers and found out which subjects and skills could help them in the future. In addition to the roles they learned about, they discovered many other jobs that support the environment such as climate scientists, renewable energy engineers and designers who create eco-friendly products. Green Careers Week helped them realise how many exciting opportunities there are to make a positive difference to the planet.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Poppy White
R1	Jamie Jackson
R2	Ava Rose Stead
R3	Marinos Gerolemou
1.1	Darcey Brady
1.2	George McKenzie
1.3	Maha Tariq
2.1	Carter Connell
2.2	Laura De Campos
2.3	Moayad Albukhari
3.1	Harmony Langley
3.2	Keylani Hernandez Siles
3.3	Wadea Ahmed
4.1	Lori Jennings
4.2	Harlow Rankin
4.3	Dareen Albukhari
5.1	James Green
5.2	Lily McGuinness White
5.3	Amber Williams
6.1	Lily Prescott
6.2	Kieran Flynn
6.3	Maisie McDonald

Important Dates

Please look at the following page for upcoming Christmas Dates.

Friday 14th November

Year 5 Diabetes day

Monday 17th November

Rock Kidz (EYFS, Y1 & 2)

Tuesday 18th November

Rock Kidz (Y3, 4, 5 & 6)

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



Anti-Bullying Choir

On Tuesday, 15 of our children from Years 4, 5 and 6 gathered at St George's Hall to join over 50 schools from across Merseyside in standing together against bullying. As

all the children came together to sign and sing ***Include Everybody***, hundreds of



voices became one. Our children were a credit to our school, to their families, and to themselves.

After weeks of practice, they

showed just how amazing they are. Well done we are so proud of you all.



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 10 th Nov	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Split pea	Chinese Sweetcorn	Leek & Potato	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake with Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread 	Homemade Spanish Chicken with Wholemeal Rice & Green Beans	Sausage & Mash with Gravy & Peas	Homemade Scouse with Crusty Bread & Pickled Beetroot	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Minted Mushy Peas
	Falafel pittas 	Roasted Pepper, Cheese & Tomato Quiche 	Homemade Macaroni Cheese & Peas 	Vegetable & Cheese Quesadillas 	Vegetable Curry & Rice 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Barabirith 	Apple & Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream 	Vanilla Sponge & Custard 	Cheese & Crackers 

w/c 17 th Nov	 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 today's special!				
DESSERT	Sponge Cake 	Ginger Biscuits 	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Fresh Fruit Trifle 	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.

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





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Private Fostering Awareness Day 5 November 2025

How will I recognise if a child is privately fostered?

If you're aware of a child under 16 years of age (or 18 if they have a disability) who isn't residing with their parent(s), they could be in a private fostering arrangement if they've been away from home for more than 27 days and are living with an adult who isn't a close relative.

- Has the child mentioned that they are no longer living at home / living with someone else?
- Is the child accompanied to school by someone other than a parent/recognised carer?
- Has a patient turned up at the GP surgery with a new child/ series of different children?
- Is a child frequently absent from school?
- Is there anything unclear on files/records about the child's living arrangements?
- Is it clear who the child is living with, and what relation the person is to the child?
- Has the child come from overseas? Do you know the reason for the child's entrance to the UK?
- Is the child in the UK for the purpose of education?
- Is the child an unaccompanied asylum seeker?

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