



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 27th November 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

This week the school has been transformed into a magical winter wonderland. Each year group has worked creatively to produce a unique piece of artwork inspired by the much-loved song "Walking in a Winter Wonderland." The school is now filled with sparkling scenes and snowy landscapes. What a joyful way to welcome the festive season and celebrate the artistic talent across the school.

Best wishes

Mrs Price



Designated Safeguarding Leads :

Mrs Russell and

Mrs Stewart

Deputy-Mrs Price



Our Stars

Nur	Louie Humphries
R1	Teddy Fletcher
R2	Vanessa Jedrzejas
R3	Jwani Al-Jammoor
1.1	Dolly Moogan
1.2	Derrick Joby
1.3	Finley Mogan
2.1	Setayesh Hedayat
2.2	Daisy Chen
2.3	Nova Tasker
3.1	Hope Daniels
3.2	Michael Murphy
3.3	Logan Smith
4.1	Danny Ledden
4.2	Autumn Colligan
4.3	Aga Jamal
5.1	Florence Wood
5.2	Lewis Robinson
5.3	Soencer Rowlands
6.1	Jeremiasz Drodzdek
6.2	Daisy Leigh
6.3	Mason O'Donnell

Important Dates

Please look at the following page for upcoming Christmas Dates.

Tuesday 4th December

Nursery Christmas Craft Event (9.00—11.00am)

Thursday 5th December

R1 Christmas Craft Event (9.00—11.00am)

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)

Tuesday 2nd December: Nursery Christmas Craft Event (9.00—11.00am)

Thursday 4th December: 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

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



Merry Christmas

North West History Hub

On Tuesday we held our very first Child-Led Local History Hub at Rotunda. It was wonderful to see schools coming together, sharing ideas and beginning to plan how we can explore, celebrate and record our local history. The enthusiasm, curiosity and leadership shown by the children made the event truly special and we're excited for all the stories and discoveries that will follow.



Citizens UK

What a powerful evening! Our children stood alongside others from across the city to thank Liam Robinson for the progress that has been made in the city and to discuss the important next steps ahead. As always, our children were outstanding in their behaviour, their passion and the clarity of their presentation. We couldn't be prouder!



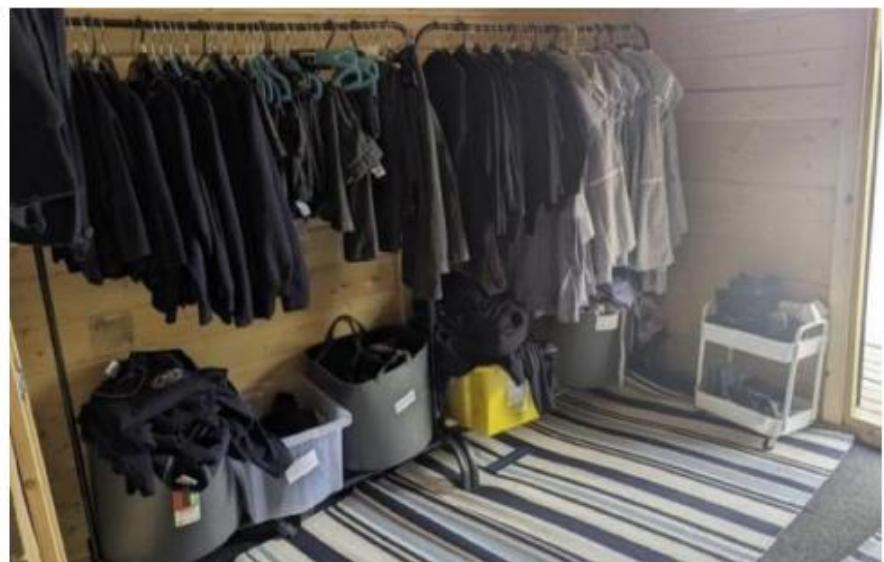
Keeping Our Children Safe Around School



We urge all parents who drive to school to park a little away from school and walk a short distance to collect their child/children. The safety and well-being of our children and their carers is of the utmost importance and inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our school is causing a lot of concern for peoples safety. We also request that you do not block residents driveways or double park.

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 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 V	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 V	Cheese & Tomato Panini with Salad V	Macaroni Cheese V	Vegetable Biryani V	Spicy Singapore Noodles V
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Apple & Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream V	Homemade Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam V	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard V	Fresh Fruit Salad V	Cheese & Crackers V
w/c 8 th Dec	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Vegan Ravioli in Homemade Tomato Sauce with Crusty Bread V	All Day Breakfast	Spaghetti Bolognese with Wholemeal Spaghetti, Salad & Garlic Bread	Homemade Cottage Pie with Peas & Carrots	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Spanish Omelette with Salad V	Meat Free Burritos V	Vegetable & Lentil Stew V	Vegetable Quesadillas V	Veggie Sausage Roll V
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad V	Shortbread Biscuits V	Sponge Cake topped with Jam & Whipped Cream V	Apple Flapjacks V	Cheese & Crackers V

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.

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	<u>Learning Council</u> @MonksdownLC

