



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Friday 5th December 2025

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Dear Parents and carers,

This year's Monksdown Christmas Fair was a wonderful success! The hall was filled with a warm and festive atmosphere, cheerful chatter, pied teachers and beautiful performances from the school choir whose Christmas songs set the perfect tone for the evening. One of the biggest highlights was Santa's Grotto, where the children were thrilled to meet Santa. Their excitement and smiles brought so much joy to us all. Thanks to all the support of our amazing school community. We truly are so lucky to have such a wonderful Monksdown family.

A special thank you goes to all the staff who kindly gave up their Friday night to organise and run the fair. Your hard work and enthusiasm made the event magical.

Best wishes

Mrs Price



Raffle Prize Winners			
Piper R1	Violet 3.2	Isabella 4.3	Alexa-Leigh 6.1
Anna R1	Cecilia 3.3	Florentyna 5.1	Bogdan 4.3
Dominic 2.1	Daniel 4.2	Daisy 5.3	Meadow 2.3
Samuel 2.1	Sara 4.2	Amelia 6.1	

Our Stars

Nur	All of nursery
R1	Archie White
R2	Nadia Tyszka
R3	Chloe Wu
1.1	Jospeh Jackson
1.2	Penelope Brougham
1.3	szymon chojnacki
2.1	Heidi Hale
2.2	Amber Ratchford
2.3	Aria Harrison-Helim
3.1	Michelle Lin
3.2	Esmae Morris
3.3	Thekla Gerolemou
4.1	Matilda Brearley
4.2	Armita Timareh
4.3	Alisa Zhu
5.1	Sham Almohamad
5.2	Eva Wheeler
5.3	Aljaalii Albukhari
6.1	Amelia Kedzia
6.2	Ava Williams
6.3	Ava White

Important Dates next week

Please look at the following page for all upcoming Christmas Dates.

Norris Green Junior Park
Run Every Sunday
Morning at 9.00am

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

Chess Club competes in London!

Year 5 and 6 Chess Club had a fantastic day in London for the XTX Chess Tournament! They were coached by the host of Chessmasters UK and were wonderfully well-behaved throughout. The children represented the school beautifully. Although they didn't win overall, they had a brilliant time and gave their absolute best. A huge well done to Jack, who won all five of his games!



Santa is coming to Norris



Free Family Craft Workshop

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Available at Unity Theatre for two fun, festive sessions and craft with the cast of their Christmas show Sleep Can Wait!

Saturday 6th December

- Ages 6 & under → 10:30 – 11:30
- Ages 7–11 → 12:00 – 13:00

Book using this link: <https://www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk/whats-on/sleep-can-wait-workshop/>



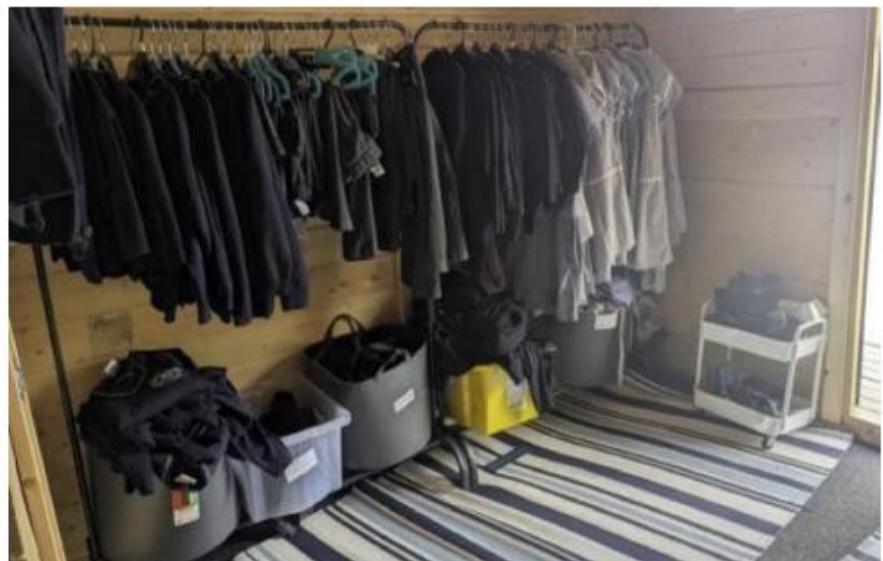
Kindness and Online Safety Assembly

Last week we welcomed officers from Merseyside Police's PCSO team who led an engaging assembly on **kindness** and **online safety**. The children learned about the importance of treating others with respect, making positive choices and staying safe online by thinking carefully before sharing information and speaking to a trusted adult when something feels wrong.



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 8th 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 <small>V, GF</small>	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 <small>V</small>	Meat Free Burritos <small>V</small>	Vegetable & Lentil Stew <small>V</small>	Vegetable Quesadillas <small>V</small>	Veggie Sausage Roll <small>V</small>
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad <small>V, GF</small>	Shortbread Biscuits <small>V</small>	Sponge Cake topped with Jam & Whipped Cream <small>V</small>	Apple Flapjacks <small>V</small>	Cheese & Crackers <small>V</small>



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 15 th Dec	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Roasted Vegetable Soup	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad & Garlic Bread <small>V</small>	Sausage Casserole	Christmas Dinner: Roast Turkey, Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Sprouts, Carrots & Turnip	Chef Choice Curry & Wholemeal Rice	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Pie <small>fish</small> with Chips & Mushy Peas
	Welsh Rarebit <small>V</small>	Individual Vegetable & Cheese Omelette with Salad <small>V</small>	Vegetarian Christmas Dinner <small>V</small>	Cheese & Tomato Toasties with Salad <small>V</small>	Sri Lankan Sweet Potato Curry <small>V</small>
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake <small>V</small>	Oat Cookies <small>V</small>	Festive Ice Cream Pot <small>V</small>	Manchester Tart <small>V</small>	Cheese & Crackers <small>V</small>

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



Dear Parent or Guardian

The Winter HAF programme starts on the 22nd December with plenty of exciting activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Winter holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, all at no cost. There's a great range of festive and non-festive activities across the city including **trips to pantomimes, festive arts, crafts, cards and decoration making, Santa's Grotto, winter wonderland disco, roller skating disco, rave dance, cheerleading, tumbling, zorbing, nerf battles, circus skills, lego activities, film and jewellery making, basketball, trampolining and ice skating to name but a few!** A meal is included for every child attending.

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or by using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [Quick guide on how to book a HAF session | Eequ Help Centre](#)



If you are struggling with the cost of living then please go to: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Winter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager

