



# Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

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Dear Families of Monksdown

It was so lovely to welcome so many adults into school for Year 6's Learning Showcase. The children were incredibly proud to share what they have been learning over the last term and really enjoyed teaching their adults about their work. The hall was full of excitement, confidence and celebration of learning. We can't wait for the next showcases this year! Please check the next page for the dates of your child's Learning Showcase.

Mrs Price



## ★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Bosco Zhen
R1	Freya Vlad
R2	Lyla Leigh
R3	Jayson Zhen
1.1	Livia Spiridon
1.2	Isla Ali
1.3	Gracie Brown
2.1	Esmae Kemp Wright
2.2	Bobby Walker
2.3	Mia Zhen
3.1	Eric Zhen
3.2	Harley Dunn
3.3	Julia Hyusein
4.1	Leo Madine
4.2	Annie Reid
4.3	Harlow Hughes
5.1	Sonny Walker
5.2	Alexander Lin
5.3	Bobby Woods
6.1	Alfie Mawdsley
6.2	Logan Lawrence
6.3	Penelope Dutton

## Dates for the diary

Year 2 Showcases (2.30pm)

### CHANGE OF DATES

2.2 Tuesday 3rd February

2.1 Wednesday 4th February

2.3 Thursday 5th February

## Class Showcases Dates

Month	Year group	Date
February	Y2	2.2 Tuesday 3rd February, 2.1 Wednesday 4th February, 2.3 Thursday 5th February
March	Y3	3.1 Tuesday 10th March, 3.2 Wednesday 11th March, 3.3 Thursday 12th March
April	Y4	4.1 Tuesday 21st April, 4.2 Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 4.3 Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
May	Y1	1.1 Wednesday 6th May, 1.2 Thursday 7th May, 1.3 Friday 8th May
June	Y5	5.2 Wednesday 17th June, 5.3 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 5.1 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June

## 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!



# 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 26th Jan	 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 	All Day Breakfast	Chinese Chicken Curry with Brown Rice & Prawn Crackers	Homemade Cottage Pie with Peas & Carrots	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas
	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Vegetable Egg Fried Rice 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Shortbread Biscuits	Sponge Cake topped with Jam & Whipped Cream	Apple Flapjacks	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

w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Red Pepper Soup	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Veggie wholemeal Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread 	Sausage Casserole with Mash	Carbonara Penne Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Bread	Chicken Fajita	Fish Fingers with Chips & Mushy Peas
	Welsh Rarebit 	Individual Vegetable & Cheese Omelette with Salad 	Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas 	Cheese & Red Onion Quiche with Salad 	Wholemeal Pizza 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake	German Apple Cake	Sticky Toffee Pudding	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.

## Swimming

This term, classes 5.3 and 4.1 will have swimming every Friday morning.



## 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.

## 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.

