



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

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Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown

This year's Science Week theme, "Curiosity: What's Your Question?", puts children and young people in the driver's seat, encouraging them to explore and find answers to the questions that spark their curiosity about the world.

During this week our students have taken on a variety of experiments and research projects, tackling questions both big and small. From exploring "What would happen if there were no moon?" to investigating "Which materials are best to cushion the fall of an egg?" Science Week 2026 has been a celebration of wonder, discovery and the joy of asking "why?"



A group of our Year 5 pupils also had an exciting day at **St John Bosco** exploring the world of science in their state-of-the-art labs. The students took part in a variety of hands-on experiments, asking questions, making predictions, and discovering the answers for themselves.

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

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| Nur | Magizhini Sankar |
| R1 | Shakira Sweeney-Jones |
| R2 | Asher Oluwafikayo |
| R3 | Lucas Davies |
| 1.1 | Layla Lynch |
| 1.2 | Noah Simovic Marshall |
| 1.3 | Finley Mogan |
| 2.1 | Jack Worthington |
| 2.2 | Vincent Brice Mlambo |
| 2.3 | Sonny Mcstein |
| 3.1 | Divisha Kala |
| 3.2 | Violet Brierley |
| 3.3 | Ruby Wheatly |
| 4.1 | Amber Smith |
| 4.2 | Lilianna Piekos |
| 4.3 | Rayyan Muhammad |
| 5.1 | Ridoya ADEBAYO |
| 5.2 | Paige Browne |
| 5.3 | Jim Gardner |
| 6.1 | Jeremiasz Drozdek |
| 6.2 | Bonnie Brierley |
| 6.3 | Addisyn Webster |

Dates for the diary

Friday 20th March

Down Syndrome Awareness day—Year 2 only

Tuesday 24th March and

Wednesday 25th March

Parents' evening

Friday 27th March

School closes at 2pm for the Easter Break

Our Rights Respecting Steering Group

Three children represented Monksdown at Whitefield to discuss Liverpool is working with UNICEF UK to become a Child Friendly City. This means the city wants to make sure every child and young person grows up feeling safe, feeling healthy, being included, being listened to, having chances to play, learn and enjoy life.

The children spoke confidently and passionately about the importance of children having a voice and feeling part of their city.



Multi skills Champions

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who recently represented the school at an Indoor Athletics and Multisports Competition at Liverpool John Moores University. The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We are very proud to share that they won the competition! The pupils gave their best effort in every activity and represented the school brilliantly.

Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the Week 2nd March to 6th March 2026

Best punctuality

KS1 – R1 and R3 - 3 late

KS2 – 5.2 and 6.2 - 2 late

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| KS1 – 2.2 | KS 1- 2.1 | KS1 – 1.3 |
| KS2 – 3.2 | KS2 – 4.3 and 5.1 | KS2 – 3.3 |

Easter Raffle

Mandarin Club will be selling tickets for the Easter raffle to raise money. Tickets will cost £1 each and will be on sale every day for the next few weeks. Here are a selection of the prizes available.



Year 3 showcases

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came in to our Year 3 Showcase. The children were so excited to share their learning with you and were very proud to show the work they have been doing in class. It was wonderful to see their confidence as they talked about their projects, books and activities. Your support and encouragement mean a great deal to them. Thank you again for taking the time to join us and support the children's learning.



CHESS CLUB AT NORRIS GREEN LIBRARY

Townsend Avenue, L11 5AF

Every Monday from 9th March 2026

Adult Club 12.00pm-2.00pm

Junior Club 3.30pm-5.45pm

- **Friendly games for everyone**
- **All levels warmly welcome**
- **A great way to meet new friends**
- **Enjoy a relaxed and supportive environment**
- **Improve your game at your own pace**
- **Boost focus, memory, and problem-solving skills**
- **Suitable for all ages**
- **Coaching available on request**
- **We can signpost you to local chess teaching opportunities**



For more information please contact the library on 0151 233 1096

Little Smiles For Everyone: A free, sensory-friendly Easter holiday activity for children and families

Families across Liverpool City Region are invited to attend **Little Smiles For Everyone at Liverpool Central Library**, a free, sensory-friendly fun day taking place during the Easter school holidays - offering the perfect opportunity for children to enjoy an activity that is both engaging and educational.

Developed in collaboration with a range of local partners including Liverpool City Council and the University of Liverpool, Little Smiles For Everyone focuses on helping families build confidence around oral health and supervised toothbrushing, while keeping children entertained through play, exploration and learning.

Designed with children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in mind, the event features sensory-friendly activities and a calm, inclusive environment. However, **Little Smiles For Everyone is open to all children and families**, and everyone is warmly encouraged to attend.

The event will take place on **Thursday 2 April 2026**, from **11am to 3pm**, in the **Children's Room at Liverpool Central Library**. Families are welcome to **drop in at any time**, making it a flexible and accessible option for those looking for things to do with their children during the school holidays.

Activities on the day will include:

- Toothbrushing tips and demonstrations, offering simple, practical advice for supporting brushing at home
- Personalised oral health advice from dental professionals
- Sensory-friendly games and interactive learning stations, designed to keep children engaged
- Take-home toothbrush packs, information and resources to continue learning at home

By combining hands-on activities with informal support from dental professionals, the event aims to reduce anxiety around dental care while helping children build healthy habits in a positive, enjoyable way.

Event Details

Little Smiles For Everyone at Liverpool Central Library

Date: Thursday 2 April 2026

Time: 11am-3pm (drop in at any time)

Location: Children's Room, Liverpool Central Library

Cost: Free - all children and families welcome

A community legacy inspired by a global children's health event

Little Smiles forms part of a wider community legacy programme driven by the European Association of Paediatric Dentistry Congress, which will be hosted at ACC Liverpool from 1-4 July 2026.

The European Association of Paediatric Dentistry Congress is a major international event that brings together paediatric dental professionals, researchers and educators from around the world to share knowledge and best practice focused on improving children's oral health. As part of its commitment to creating a positive and lasting impact beyond the conference itself, the Congress is supporting community-led initiatives that benefit children and families across the Liverpool City Region.

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.



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!



School Lunch Menu

| w/c 16 th Mar |  PLANET FRIENDLY MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| SOUP | Chef Choice | Roasted Vegetable | Lentil | Red Pepper | Chinese Sweetcorn |
| HOT MAINS | Wholemeal Pizza, Wedges & Beans  | Chicken Pie with New Potatoes & Baby Carrots | Meatball Sub with Tortilla Chips & Salad | Chef Bonnie's Sunshine Pasta | Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas |
| | Cherry Tomato & Cheese Quiche with Salad  | Veggie Toad in the Hole  | Vegetable Paella  | Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas  | Veggie Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas  |
| CHEF SPECIAL | Ask Chef about todays special! | | | | |
| DESSERT | German Apple Cake | Ginger Biscuits  | Pineapple & Coconut Sponge | Scones & Whipped Cream | 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 23rd Mar |  PLANET FRIENDLY MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| SOUP | Carrot & Coriander | Broccoli & Cheddar | Chef Choice | Pea Soup | Chinese Sweetcorn |
| HOT MAINS | Tomato & Basil Pasta  | Homemade Chicken Korma with wholegrain Rice, Green Beans & Chutney | Rich Sausage & Lentil Ragù with Mash | Spaghetti Bolognese | Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas |
| | Meat Free Burritos with Salad  | Vegetable & Lentil Stew  | Veggie Fingers  | Spanish Omelette with Salad  | Veggie Sausage Roll with Chips & Garden Peas  |
| CHEF SPECIAL | Ask Chef about todays special! | | | | |
| DESSERT | Fresh Fruit Salad  | Apple Flapjacks | Iced Sponge Cake | 'Chocolate' Fudge Cake | Cheese & Crackers |



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Bikes and Scooters

If your child has accidentally come home with a scooter or bike that isn't theirs, please can it be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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.

