



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



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Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown

Gung Hei Fat Choi to all families celebrating! This week, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful Chinese cultural morning to celebrate Chinese New Year. The event was organised and hosted by our very own Mandarin teacher Liu from the Confucius Institute at the University of Liverpool. The children took part in a range of exciting activities, including Chinese dance workshops, learning how to create bamboo artwork using traditional Chinese brushes and ink and exploring the art of Chinese puppetry. Pupils learned how puppets are made before having a go at creating and performing their own puppet shows. It was a fantastic and enriching experience for everyone involved.

Mrs Price



Dates for the diary

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Year 3 showcases

Tuesday 10th March—3.1

Wednesday 11th March—3.2

Thursday 12th March—3.3

Friday 20th March

Down Syndrome Awareness
day—Year 2 only

Ramadan Mubarak

Happy Ramadan to all our families who celebrated the start of Ramadan over the half-term holidays. We hope this special time has begun with peace, reflection and togetherness. As Ramadan continues, we wish you a month filled with health, kindness and meaningful moments with loved ones.



Progress and Reading Award Winners



Two children in each class were awarded with a gold coin to spend in our book vending machines. These children have been recognised for their hard work and effort in the month of February. Well done!



| | READING AWARD | PROGRESS AWARD |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| N | Eric Melo | Finley Caveney |
| R.1 | Freya Vlad | Frank Brownell |
| R.2 | Barsam Gholampour Tamali | Zaim Amir |
| R.3 | Amaya Sands | Amira Ugar |
| 1.1 | Brody Evans | River Walsh |
| 1.2 | Amelia Canavan | Rosalea Cullen |
| 1.3 | Lily Sedgwick | Sophie Mottram |
| 2.1 | Isla Fay Kennedy | Jack Kilcorse |
| 2.2 | Laura De Campos | Dorian Skierczynski |
| 2.3 | Lucy Bennett | Amelia McGuinness-White |
| 3.1 | Michelle Lin | Rowan Hughes |
| 3.2 | Harley Dunn | Scarlett Speedy |
| 3.3 | Amelia Larcher | Oliver Krzewinski |
| 4.1 | Antoni Zborowski | Orlaith Kasek |
| 4.2 | Sara Kilic | Jessica Hoos |
| 4.3 | Izabela Golda | Hollie Nethercote |
| 5.1 | Sophia Henderson | Finley Myers |
| 5.2 | Mason Barrow | Lottie McGeehan |
| 5.3 | Christopher Kuliesius | Reiss Almond |
| 6.1 | Isla O'Connell | Hallie Hodgson |
| 6.2 | Lucas Campbell | Xitong Cai |
| 6.3 | Robyn Nethercote | Lena Dymek |



Now Festival

Prior to the half-term holidays, our children took part in the Now Festival at the Epstein Theatre as part of Mental Health Awareness Week. The annual festival is organised and directed by Merseyside Youth Association's (MYA) RAISE Mental Health Promotion Team. Primary and high schools, along with dance groups from across Liverpool, came together to present powerful performances based on the theme **Mental Health and the Environment**.

Our pupils were absolutely wonderful and moved everyone in the audience with their heartfelt performance about what Monksdown School means to them, titled "This Place". There truly was not a dry eye in the room. We were incredibly proud of them and it was inspiring to see just how much their school community means to them. Monksdown Primary school were presented with the Hope award. Well done to all involved!



Together in Song

This week, pupils from North Liverpool schools came together at the Sefton Palm House for a special local choir event celebrating friendship. Set beneath the iconic glass dome, the performance brought voices together under the theme of friendship, perfectly captured by the tagline "Together in Song." The event showcased not only musical talent, but also the power of collaboration, community and shared joy through singing. Well done to our choir who represented the school beautifully!



Chess Champions

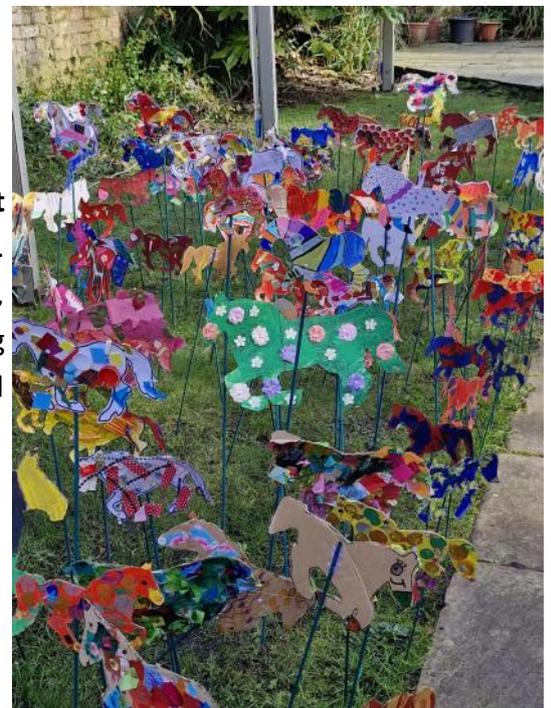
We are delighted to share that this week we won the local schools chess tournament with an impressive 11½ points, just ahead of the runners-up on 11 points. The children played with enthusiasm and confidence, always with a smile and showed excellent respect for the opposition throughout. They were a real credit to Monksdown Primary and we are extremely proud of them.



Pupils' artwork showcased at

St Luke's Church

You may have noticed over the half term a huge art installation at **St Luke's Church (Bombed Out Church)**, celebrating **Chinese New Year**. Reception pupils were proud to help produce this vibrant display, creating beautiful artwork inspired by the **Year of the Horse**. Using recycled materials, the children explored colour, texture, and sustainability, resulting in a striking piece that showcases their creativity while sharing an important cultural celebration with the wider community.



Tennis Champion

Congratulations to Stefan, who played in Warwick on Saturday in the G3 tournament, a very high standard of competition. After an excellent performance throughout the day, Stefan finished in first place, a fantastic achievement. Well done Stefan!



KIND Sale



Next Friday, there will be a KIND Sale on the KS2 yard after school (weather permitting). If it is raining, it will be held in the computer suite.

Easter Raffle

From Monday, 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.



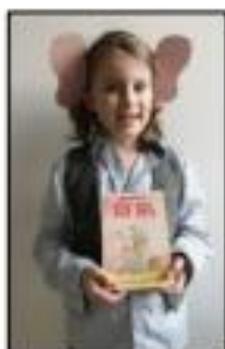
WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

It's everyone's favourite time of year again - World Book Day!

We would like to invite you to come into school dressed as your favourite book character on **Thursday 5th of March**.

Please remember that there is no expectation to buy new or expensive costumes (see some ideas below).



This year we will be holding a 'Story Hat' competition. Your hat can be as extravagant or as simple as you like but should be themed around a book, series of books or character of your choice (some ideas below). If you would like to take part, please bring your completed hats into school on Thursday 5th March, where our Pupil English Subject Leads will be judging the best entries. We can't wait to see how creative you are - Good Luck!



NORRIS GREEN PARK

JUNIOR PARKRUN SPECIAL EVENTS

Hosted by parkrun

★ SUNDAY 8TH MARCH ★



WORLD BOOK DAY

- ✓ Optional Fancy Dress
- ✓ Free Books to Give Away
- ✓ Themed Junior Parkrun Fun!

★ SUNDAY 22ND MARCH ★



ST PATRICK'S DAY RUN

- ✓ Dress Up in Green
- ✓ Special Irish Warm-Up
- ✓ Lots of Energy & Smiles!

★ SUNDAY 5TH APRIL ★



EASTER EGG RUN

- ✓ Easter-Themed Event
- ✓ Expect eggs-tra excitement!

2K • FREE • FUN • FRIENDLY

- 🕒 Arrive in time for the warm-up
- 😊 Open to all 4-14 year olds



We can't wait to see you at the start line! ★★

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



Lunch Menu Week 2



| w/c 2 nd Mar | Planet Friendly MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| SOUP | Chef Choice | Red Pepper Soup | Tomato & Basil | Broccoli & Cheddar | Leek & Potato |
| HOT MAINS | Wholemeal Pizza with Wedges & Beans | Beef Chilli Tacos with Tortilla Chips | All Day Breakfast | Homemade Scouse with Crusty Bread & Beetroot | Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas |
| | Vegetarian Chilli with Rice | Asian Noodles | Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad | Quorn Stovies | Welsh Rarebit |
| CHEF SPECIAL | Ask Chef about todays special! | | | | |
| DESSERT | Sponge Cake & Custard | Ginger Biscuits | Fresh Fruit Salad | Fresh Fruit Trifle | Barabrith |



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



Lunch Menu Week 3



| w/c 9 th Mar | Planet Friendly MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| SOUP | Chef Choice | Tomato & Basil | Broccoli & Cheddar | Roasted Pepper | Chinese Sweetcorn |
| HOT MAINS | Quorn Mince Cottage pie with Seasonal Veg | Jewel's Chicken Karahi with Wholegrain Rice & Green Beans | Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadillas | Beef Stifado with Wholegrain Rice | Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon with Chips & Garden Peas |
| | Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake | Spanish Omelette with Salad | Vegetable & Lentil Stew | Vegan Ravioli in Homemade Tomato Sauce with Crusty Bread | Veggie Sausage Roll with Chips & Garden Peas |
| CHEF SPECIAL | Ask Chef about todays special! | | | | |
| DESSERT | Fresh Fruit Salad | Apple Flapjacks | Sponge Cake Topped with Jam & Whipped Cream | Shortbread Biscuits | Cheese & Crackers |



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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.

