



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :

Mrs Russell and

Mrs Stewart

Deputy-Mrs Price



Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown

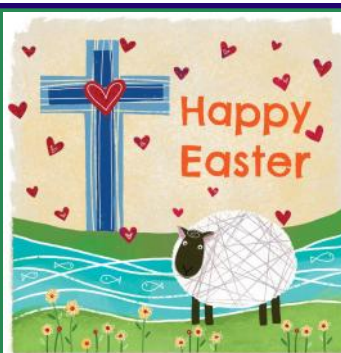
This week, our Year 4 classes joined local councillors and the Friends of Norris Green Park to take part in a range of community activities. All 90 children were involved in a litter pick, a nature hunt around the park, and planting spring bedding plants. We truly value every opportunity to work with our local community, and we were incredibly proud of the children. The positive comments and emails we have received highlight what wonderful pupils we have here at Monksdown.

As we now head into the Easter holidays, we hope all of our families enjoy a well-earned break and some special time together. This season brings a real sense of renewal, with brighter evenings, warmer weather, and the signs of spring all around us. It's a perfect opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy the outdoors. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

Mrs Price



Happy Easter to all of our families celebrating next weekend. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with family, friends and loved ones.



Dates for the diary

Monday 13th April

Summer 1 term starts

Thursday 16th April

Year 5 Debate Academy
Competition

Tuesday 21st April

4.1 Showcase

Thursday 23rd April

4.2 Showcase

Friday 24th April

4.3 Showcase

Monday 4th May

May Bank Holiday - school
closed

Week beginning 11th May
- 15th May

Year 6 SATs

Friday 15th May

School finishes at 2pm for
the Summer 1 half term
holidays.

Monday 1st June

Summer 2 term starts

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 March. Well done!



	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N	Oscar Wu	Myles Maitland
R.1	Piper Williams	Miller Sullivan
R.2	Milena Konieczny	Frankie Walker
R.3	Esme Stead	Hugh Mogan
1.1	Maiwand Hedayat	Esme McLoughlin
1.2	Lara Roubé Hartmann	Liana Bahrami
1.3	Maha Tariq	Sharon Ramesh
2.1	Nadia	Joseph O
2.2	Vicky Chen	Edward Rocon
2.3	Moayad Albukhari	Mehmet Kahraman
3.1	Christina Dillon-Lloyd	Zhra Aldridge
3.2	Evan-Taylor Jenkins	Skyler-Roawn Holland
3.3	Cecilia Ritson	Wadea Ahmed
4.1	Daniela Chitoraga	Jocelyn Sailsbury
4.2	Alfie Mcloughlin	Connor Williams
4.3	Dareen Albukhari	Jaxon Young
5.1	Florentyna Kryś	Neive Aldridge
5.2	Maximus Faulkner Brown	Mera Benesa
5.3	Sophia Chadwick	Spencer Rowlands
6.1	Lily Pescott	Lucas Nixon
6.2	Maja Krzyzak	Elizabeth Chelkowski
6.3	Elizabeth Sikipa	Molly Taylor



Year 5 Geography Fieldtrips

On Monday, Year 5 set off on an exciting exploration of our local counties, visiting two cathedral towns to compare them with Liverpool. Half of the year group travelled to Blackburn, while the other half visited the historic city of Chester.

Throughout the day, the children became real geographers, investigating tourist attractions, transport links, population, and religions within each town. They also observed everyday life in the areas they visited. In Blackburn, for example, the children noticed how many market traders preferred customers to pay with cash rather than card, and they explored the variety of foods being sold on the markets.

Back in school, the children used all the fascinating information they gathered to create detailed two-page spreads about the towns they visited. They also added new discoveries to their history timelines, helping them build a deeper understanding of how these places have developed over time.



Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the Week 16th March to 20th March 2026

Best punctuality

KS1 – R2 - 0 late

KS2 – 5.2 and 6.2 - 4 late

	1st	2nd	3rd
	15 min extra break	KS 1- 1.3 KS2 – 4.2	KS1 – R1 KS2 – 3.3
	KS1 – 1.2 KS2 – 3.2 and 4.1		

Year 5 visit the Walton Centre.

As part of their Science activities, 5.1 visited The Walton Centre, where they had the opportunity to participate in a range of engaging workshops. These included sessions on neurophysiology, laboratory work, therapies, and basic resuscitation support skills. We received many emails praising the exceptional behaviour of the children, as well as their thoughtful and thought-provoking questions throughout the day. All of the children were awarded certificates in recognition of their achievements.



Sing Up Day



On Wednesday the whole school took part in Sing Up Day. We joined in with over 17,500 singers in 77 schools from all over the world who celebrated Sing Up Day. We were also selected to be recorded for the official Digichoir video. This year's song was 'We Get Up Again' and the children did an amazing job singing and signing. Here is a link to the song if you would like to "Sing Up" at home. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1av88NI8Rs>

RE Leads report to the Governors



Our RE leaders were very proud to report to Governors on how Religious Education has developed across our school, and to showcase the fantastic learning taking place as we celebrate RE Week. The children spoke confidently about the wide range of religions and cultures they explore, as well as the thoughtful questioning that takes place throughout the school, promoting tolerance, respect and understanding.

Tesco—Stronger Starts



We're excited to share that we are in the customer vote for a [Tesco Stronger Starts](#). It's a scheme which gives projects like ours grants of up to £1,500! We will use the money towards funding outdoor play and learning with inclusive equipment to boost exploration, creativity, and wellbeing for all children at Monksdown Primary

Tesco customers can vote in-store between Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026 to decide how much funding we get, so please do support us next time you shop at Tesco by using your blue token given to you at the checkout!

Please tell your family and friends too and help us spread the word locally. Blue token voting is available in the following local stores: Kirkby Express, Fazakerley Longmoor Lane, Old Swan Superstore, Deysbrook Superstore, Stonycroft Queens Drive Esso, Mill Lane Express

History Hub—Artifacts Needed

On the 22nd of April, we will be hosting the Local History Hub, celebrating the rich heritage of our community. We warmly invite anyone who has local history artefacts or memorabilia and would be willing to lend them for this special occasion to get in touch. Your contributions would help bring our shared history to life and make the event even more meaningful for everyone involved.

If you are able to support us, please contact Mrs Joynson or Mrs Ferrigan. We would be delighted to hear from you.



Class Showcases Dates

Month	Year group	Date
April	Y4	4.1 Tuesday 21st April, 4.2 Thursday 23 rd April, 4.3 Friday 24 th 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 th June, 5.1 Friday 19 th June

**VOTE
NOW!**

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE
SHORTLISTED ARTWORK ONLINE

VOTING IS OPEN FROM
THUR 19TH MARCH -
THUR 16TH APRIL 2026

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 SHERWOODS LANE, FAZAKERLEY, L10 1LB

STARTING THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY THURSDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £8 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£32) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. **We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.**

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
FAZAKERLEY + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
 and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



LivPaC

Coffee and Connect Session



Tuesday 24th March | 6pm - 8pm | Online



An Educational Psychologist and Assistant Educational Psychologist will be present to provide drop-in advice for parents and carers who have children who struggle to cope with change. This session will involve discussion around how children and young people may be supported to improve their ability to manage transitions including working collaboratively with school staff.

You must book on:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ddqFXu8SSSO>

and you will then be sent a link to join the session



Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 30th March with free activities, and a meal, for every eligible child that attends. 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 Easter break including SEND specific provision. There's a great range of activities across the city including Easter Egg Hunts, Easter egg decorating, Easter bonnet making, trips out, dance, rock climbing, cooking, STEM-style challenges, make up sessions, golf, cycling, gymnastics, circus skills and virtual reality plus much, much more.

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 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 - [How to make a booking](#)



If you are struggling with the cost of living then please use this link for further information: <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. You can use this 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 Easter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

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

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

ASD Course

Date: 31st March, 7th and 14th April

Time: 9.30am till 12pm

Venue: Virtual Zoom sessions.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Your child must have an ASD diagnosis) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

Social Communication/Social Interaction

Two session virtual workshop

Running on 1st and 8th April 2026 or 2nd and 9th April 2026

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Virtual Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour.

Session 1:

Overview to build your understanding of the areas that may cause difficulties/gaps for you child and strategies to support.

Session 2:

Question/Answer opportunity to discuss specific areas of concerns.

You need to attend session 1 to access session 2.

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Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team

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 13 th April		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Red Pepper Soup	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Leek & Potato
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza, Wedges & Beans 	Chicken Fajitas with Tortilla Chips	All Day Breakfast	Wholemeal Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos 	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Asian Noodles 	Puy Lentil Shepherds Pie with Baby Carrots 	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Ginger Biscuits	Barabritth	Fresh Fruit Trifle	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 20 th April		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea Soup	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta 	Spanish Chicken with Rice & Green Beans	Sausage & Mash with Gravy & Peas	Caribbean Curry Beef with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Vegetable Singapore Fried Rice 	Spanish Omelette with Crisp Salad 	Veggie Sausage Roll with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Flapjacks	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard	German Apple 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.

