



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :

Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown

Year 1 recently delighted parents with a heart-warming sign language performance, showcasing the incredible progress they have made over the past few weeks. Working alongside Hands Project – Deaf Active, the children learned three songs using British Sign Language, demonstrating not only their growing confidence but also their enthusiasm for inclusive communication.

Gemma and Ian were truly amazed by the children’s willingness to learn as well as their curiosity about why and how people use British Sign Language in everyday life. It was wonderful to see such empathy and understanding developing at such a young age.

A special congratulations goes to Lilah, who was awarded the Sign Language Star of the Term and proudly received Hands Project jacket in recognition of her effort and achievement.

If you would like to learn more about this inspiring project, please visit: <https://deafactive.org/virtual-hands>

Mrs Price



Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the week beginning 20th April to 24th April 2026

Best punctuality

KS1 – R.1 - 1 late
KS2 – 5.1– 1 late

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KS1 – R.1 - 1 late	KS1 – 1.2	KS 1- 1.3	KS1 – 2.3
KS2 – 5.1– 1 late	KS2 – 3.2	KS2 – 3.3	KS2 – 6.2

★ Our Stars ★

Le-	Lio Nicholls
R1	Ethan Owens
R2	Tiffany Boileau
R3	Archie Kearns
1.1	Pangde Chen
1.2	Leo Moutray
1.3	Milo Mylchreest
2.1	Dominin K
2.2	Hallie-Mae Stead
2.3	Roman Scully
3.1	Shreyaan Paranthaman
3.2	Darcy-Mae Skivington
3.3	Layla Hall
4.1	Zborowski, Antoni
4.2	Oscar Zhao
4.3	Gabriel Whitwell
5.1	Amelia Gumulak
5.2	Dougie Cousineau
5.3	Anthony Jennings
6.1	Lucas Nixon
6.2	Logan Ruddock
6.3	Elliott Nicholls

Dates for the diary

Monday 4th May

May Bank Holiday - school closed

Year 1 showcases

1.1 Wednesday 6th May, 1.2
Thursday 7th May, 1.3 Friday 8th
May

Week beginning 11th May - 15th

May

Year 6 SATs

Fire Engine Fun in EYFS!

Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying their topic on “People Who Help Us,” and this week brought an exciting real life experience to enrich their learning. They were delighted to welcome a visit from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, who helped bring the topic to life.

The children had the opportunity to explore a real fire engine, sit inside and learn about the important equipment firefighters use. They also asked lots of thoughtful questions to the firefighters, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm.

A big thank you to the firemen and women for taking the time to visit and inspire our young learners. It was a memorable experience for all involved!



Year 2 Explore Faith and Prayer

As part of our RE sessions, Year 2 were delighted to welcome Mrs Diab, one of our parent governors, who visited to share her knowledge about how Muslims prepare for prayer and why prayer is such an important part of daily life. The children listened carefully and showed great interest as they learned about the meaning and significance behind these practices.

Prior to the visit the children had been learning about Wudu, the special act of washing that Muslims perform before prayer. Mrs Diab helped deepen their understanding by explaining how and why it is carried out, bringing their learning to life in a meaningful and engaging way. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Diab for taking the time to support the children’s learning and for sharing such valuable insights.



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 4 th May	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Bank Holiday	Pea Soup	Red Pepper Soup	Pea Soup	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Bank Holiday	Meat Free Spaghetti Bolognese with Salad 	Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadillas	Chef Bonnie's Sunshine Pasta	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Peas
	Bank Holiday	Puy Lentil Shepherds Pie with Baby Carrots 	Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas with Salad 	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Chips & Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Bank Holiday	German Apple Cake	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Fresh Fruit Salad	Rich 'Chocolate' Cookies



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 11 th May	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta 	Ham Roast Dinner with Seasonal Vegetables & New Potatoes	Caribbean Beef Curry with Rice	Cumberland Sausage Slice, Homemade Potato Wedges & Beans	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon with Chips & Garden Peas
	Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Vegetarian Chilli with Rice 	Pesto Pasta 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Cheesecake	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge	Flapjacks	Cheese & Crackers



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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.

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.

Free Fruit for Kids

Tesco will be offering Free Fruit for Kids in store from 27th April to 31st May 2026. The scheme builds on Tesco's commitment to making healthier choices easier for families, encouraging children to enjoy fruit as part of their day while shopping with their parents or carers. By providing access to free fruit beyond term time, Tesco aims to support families during school holidays, when routines change and access to healthy food can be more challenging.



HELP
ADVICE
SUPPORT

Liverpool City Council

Need advice, information or support?

Liverpool Family Information and SEND Directory (LFISD)

Visit the **SEND Local Offer**

Scan here

Visit fisd.liverpool.gov.uk

The poster features a purple bird, a yellow dog, and a pink pig in the foreground. In the background, there are illustrations of Liverpool landmarks like the Royal Liver Building and the Mersey Tower. A QR code is located at the bottom right.



The LFISD has a wealth of information about family services in Liverpool. It's also the home of our **SEND Local Offer**, where you'll find all the information you need about supporting children with special education needs and/or disabilities.

You can also find our Start for Life offer, a treasure trove of trusted information helping families with any questions they have throughout pregnancy and up til the time their baby turns two.

Information also includes:

- Childcare - day nurseries, childminders and breakfast/after-school clubs/holiday clubs
- Health and social care information
- Activities, clubs and things to do
- Schools and education
- Family support services
- Practical support - benefits and housing

Email: fisd@liverpool.gov.uk
Tel: 0800 085 2022

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Beautiful New Beginnings 2026 weekly Timetable



Monday

Antenatal Course

Liverpool, West Derby St Mary's
Millennium Centre 19:00-20:30
6 week course, restarting each month

Forest School Little Wood

Liverpool, L28 4ED, Hollow Croft,
10:00 - 11:30
Fully funded weekly sessions, ages 0-5

Tuesday

Forest School Norris Green

Liverpool, Norris Green Park, Lorenzo
Dr, L11 1BQ, 10:00 - 11:30
Fully funded weekly sessions, ages 0-5

Forest School Karonga

Karonga Gardens, Karonca Way,
Fazakerley, L10 9LL, 13:00-14:30
Weekly Sessions

Wellbeing Warrior's

Liverpool, West Derby, St Mary's
Millennium Centre
Different sessions (5 times) each week
for adults and children, donation based

Wednesday

Forest School Tower Hill (Eco-Therapy Garden)

Liverpool, Kirkby, Liverpool L33 1XT
Session 1: 10:00 - 11:30
Session 2: 12:00 - 13:30
Fully funded weekly sessions, ages 0-5

Baby Massage

Liverpool, West Derby St Mary's
Millennium Centre 12:30 - 14:00
Fully funded weekly sessions

Thursday

Stay and Play Rainhill

Rainhill Village Hall, Dane Court, Rainhill,
Prescot L35 4LU 09:00 - 11:00
No need to book, drop in sessions

Forest School Carr Lane

Carr Lane Woods meet KGV Playing Fields,
Carr Ln, Prescot L34 1LU, 10:00-11:30
Weekly Sessions

Stay and Play Prescot

Sylvia Gore Pavilion -KGV PLAYING
FIELD, Longview Ln, Huyton,
Liverpool L36 7UN 13:00-14:30
Weekly sessions

Water Wellbeing and Paddle Board

Dixons Broadgreen High School,
Queens Dr, Liverpool L13 5UQ
Girls aged 10-17

Friday

Forest School Court Farm Woods

Tavington Rd, Halewood, Liverpool L26 6BA
Session 1: 10:00 - 11:30
Session 2: 12:00 - 13:30
Fully funded weekly sessions, ages 0-5

Stay and Play West Derby

Liverpool, West Derby St Mary's
Millennium Centre 13:00 - 14:30
No need to book, drop in sessions

Saturday

Children's Water Wellbeing

Dixons Broadgreen High School Pool,
Queens Dr, Liverpool L13 5UQ
Boys and girls aged 7-13

Join us!



LivPaC – Liverpool Parent Carer Forum

Coffee & Connect Sessions 2026

Date	Time	Venue
27 th January	6pm – 7:30pm	Online
4 th February	10:00 - 11:30	The Liverpool Lighthouse
10 th February	6pm – 7:30pm	Clubmoor Family Hub
4 th March	10:00 - 11:30	Blessed Sacrament Parent Cafe
10 th March	6pm – 7:30pm	Clubmoor Family Hub
18 th March	10:00 – 11:00	Granby Family Hub
15 th April	10:00 - 11:30	The Liverpool Lighthouse
27 th April	10:00 – 11:30	Kensington Family Hub
6 th May	10:00 – 11:30	Blessed Sacrament Parent Cafe
12 th May	6pm – 7:30pm	Clubmoor Family Hub
18 th May	10:00 – 11:30	Kensington Family Hub
20 th May	10:00 – 11:00	Granby Family Hub
3 rd June	10:00 – 11:30	The Liverpool Lighthouse
9 th June	6pm - 7:30pm	Clubmoor Family Hub
29 th June	10:00 – 11:30	Kensington Family Hub
8 th July	10:00 – 11:30	Granby Family Hub
13 th July	10:00 – 11:30	Kensington Family Hub
14 th July	6pm – 7:30pm	Clubmoor Family Hub

Granby Family Hub – L8

Blessed Sacrament – L9

Clubmoor Family Hub – L11

Liverpool Lighthouse – L4



2026



Friday evening cricket &
sunshine start on 8th May



All Stars

5-8



Dynamo's

8-11



**JOIN
TODAY**

LANSDOWN ASSOCIATES

cheshirelinescc@gmail.com

Bellerive FCJ Catholic College



TASTER DAY for Year 4 & 5 girls



Monday 22nd June
10am - 2:20pm

Sign up using
this QR code



Students should
wear their
uniform with
trainers. Lunch is
provided please
bring a water
bottle.

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