



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First



Designated Safeguarding Leads :

Mrs Russell and

Mrs Stewart

Deputy: Mrs Price

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown,

A very warm welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another lovely week in school, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate. As always, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for their continued support in making our school such a positive and vibrant place to learn.

This week, many of our Year 1 pupils completed their Phonics Screening Check. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and positive attitudes shown by all of the children. They approached the check with confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating the excellent progress they have made throughout the year. Well done, Year 1!

We would also like to congratulate our Year 4 pupils, who completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. The children have worked extremely hard to develop their times table knowledge and recall skills, and we were delighted to see them approach the assessment with such maturity and resilience. Thank you to our families for supporting the children with their practice at home.

Finally, our Year 6 pupils have spent the week on their residential visit to Red Ridge. The children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, courage and determination as they took part in activities including caving, kayaking and archery. Throughout the week, they have demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, independence and problem-solving skills whilst supporting and encouraging one another. The residential provides a valuable opportunity for children to step outside their comfort zones, develop important life skills and create lasting memories with their friends before moving on to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Hendrix Jamieson
R1	Anaia Fera
R2	Frankie Walker
R3	Aylah Delgado
1.1	Bella Taylor
1.2	Sebb Kelly
1.3	James Wall
2.1	Samuael Olusanjo
2.2	Whole Class
2.3	Nova Tasker
3.1	Oliver Bonner
3.2	Annie Xu
3.3	Siennie Devers
4.1	Luca Shimka
4.2	Ruby Mogan
4.3	Corey Baller
5.1	Sophia Henderson
5.2	Baelie-Rose Murray
5.3	William Mahmoud
6.1	Whole Class
6.2	Whole Class
6.3	Whole Class

Dates for the diary

15th June

ASD coffee morning (9.30am)

New to Nursery parents meeting
(5—6pm),

New to Reception parents meeting
(6—7pm)

30th June

School transition day (pm only)

Palm House Garden Project

This half term we are proud to be taking part in the Sefton Park Palm House Garden Show.

Inspired by The Wizard of Oz, our garden was designed and created by children, staff and families to celebrate kindness, courage, resilience and community. The display featured a Yellow Brick Road made from painted pebbles carrying positive messages, and colourful planting inspired by the story. The project provided children with the opportunity to share their creativity, work collaboratively and showcase their talents to the wider community. We were incredibly grateful for the support of our families, who donated materials and gave their time to help bring the garden to life. It was a fantastic experience and a wonderful example of what can be achieved when a community comes together.



Some of our children were honoured to sing at the opening of the Sefton Park Palm House Garden Show. They were a credit to Monksdown Primary School, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, beautiful singing and genuine respect for the other organisations involved. The children also met the Deputy Lieutenant, who was extremely impressed by the pride and confidence with which they spoke about their school .



At the Palm House, four of our children were interviewed by a journalist about the garden, their school and their enjoyment of being involved in the project. The children were like seasoned professionals, speaking confidently and articulately about what the project meant to them, the pride they have in their school and our upcoming *Wizard of Oz* production. They represented Monksdown Primary School brilliantly and were a real credit to our school community.



Monksdown's garden, alongside displays created by other organisations, will be on show at the Sefton Park Palm House until 21st June. We would encourage everyone to visit and enjoy the beautiful gardens on display. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the creativity, hard work and community spirit that have gone into each exhibit.

Croxteth Hall - Local History Hub

We were delighted that a group of children visited Croxteth Hall as part of the Local History Hub project. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn more about the rich history of our local area and work alongside children from other schools. Through exploring the historic grounds and discovering stories from the past, the children gained a deeper appreciation of Liverpool's heritage and the importance of preserving it for future generations.



A Voyage into the Past

This week, our Year 2 children took part in an engaging Titanic storytelling workshop delivered by Liverpool Museums on Tour. Through a combination of interactive storytelling and role play, the children learned about the events leading up to the Titanic's ill-fated voyage and gained a deeper understanding of life during this significant period in history. The workshop brought their learning to life and provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the experiences of those connected to the famous ship. We were delighted to see such enthusiasm, curiosity and thoughtful participation throughout the session.



Shining Bright for Cystic Fibrosis

On Friday, our Year 4 pupils held their own Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day by wearing yellow to raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis. The children arrived at school dressed in bright shades of yellow. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about an important cause whilst demonstrating kindness, empathy and support for others. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise awareness.



Summer dates for your diary

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>
15th June	New to Nursery parents meeting (5-6pm) New to Reception parents meeting (6-7pm)
17th June	5.2 Learning Showcase (2.30pm)
18th June	5.3 Learning Showcase (2.30pm)
19th June	5.1 Learning Showcase (2.30pm)
22nd June—26th June	<u>Sports Days</u> Monday 22nd June: Nursery (9.15am), Reception (1.45pm) Tuesday 23rd June: Y1 (1.45pm) Wednesday 24th June : Y2 (1.45pm) Thursday 25th June: Y3 (9.15am), Y4 (1.45pm) Friday 26th June: Y5 (9.15am), Y6 - 26th June (1.45pm)
30th June	Whole school transition afternoon (1.30-2.45pm)
1st July	Y6 transition day to Y7 & whole school transition day (9-3pm)
7th, 8th, 9th July	Wizard of Oz show nights (times TBC)
17th July	Y6 leavers assembly (9.30am) Y6 leavers disco (3.00pm)
20th July—22nd July	China partner school visit
22nd July	Final day of term (school finishes at 2pm)



Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the week beginning 1st June to 5th June 2026.

Best punctuality

KS1 – R.1 - 1 late

KS2 – 5.2– 3 late

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KS1 – 2.2	KS 1– R.2	KS1 – 1.3
KS2 – 4.2	KS2 – 3.3	KS2 – 3.1 and 4.1

Snack









Children in KS2 (Years 3—6) may bring a **HEALTHY** snack to eat at break time. This should not include crisps, sweets or chocolate. Children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Years 1-2) are provided with milk and fruit free of charge.

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 15 th June	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Roasted Pepper	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Vegetarian Chilli with Rice & Tortilla Chips 	Bonnie's Cajun Sunshine Pasta	Chef Daniel's Beef & Bean Quesadilla with Salad	Lentil & Sausage Ragù	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon  with Chips & Garden Peas
	Broccoli & Cream Cheese Pasta Bake 	Cherry Tomato Quiche with Salad 	Cheese & Onion plate pie 	Vegetable Biryani 	Sri Lankan Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Scones & Cream	Sponge Cake Topped with Jam & Whipped Cream	Apple Turnovers	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 22 nd June	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Chef Choice	Tomato & Basil	Red Pepper Soup	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice
HOT MAINS	Vegan Ravioli in a Homemade Tomato Sauce with Crusty Bread 	Caribbean Jerk Chicken with Rice & Peas	Carbonara wholemeal Penne Pasta Bake with Peas & Garlic Bread	Sausage & Mash with Carrots	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Beans
	Vegetarian Chilli with Brown Rice 	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas with Salad 	Falafel Pitta 	Veggie Sausage Rolls with Chips & Beans 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about todays special!				
DESSERT	German Apple Cake	Fresh Fruit Pavlova	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Shortbread	Rich 'Chocolate' Cookies



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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.



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Dear Parent / Carer

Meet the SENDco and ASD Training Team coffee morning

The ASD Training team from Liverpool City Council, will be holding a coffee morning in school on **Monday 15th June at 9.15am.**

This will be an opportunity for parents/carers who are anxious about their child's development / behaviour and wish to chat about their concerns in a group setting to come along and listen or ask questions. Tracey and Margaret who deliver the sessions are very knowledgeable about neurodiversity, which includes autism and can offer advice and support. They can also signpost you to services which are available to support you.

Mrs White the school SENDCo will also be in attendance.

Whether you want to participate or just come along for a coffee and listen, we'd love you to see you there!

Kind regards

Mrs M White SENCo

Beautiful New Beginnings

Wellbeing and Yoga Sessions for Children and Families

We are delighted to share a range of wellbeing and yoga sessions available for children and families each month.

On the first Tuesday of every month:

- **Wellbeing Warriors** at 6.30pm
- **Children's Yoga (Ages 8+)** at 7.30pm



On the third Tuesday of every month:

- **Family Mindfulness** at 6.30pm
- **Family Yoga (Ages 4+)** at 7.30pm

These sessions are a wonderful opportunity for children and families to relax, build confidence and support positive wellbeing in a calm and welcoming environment.

Please note that places are limited and must be booked in advance.

For further information and booking details, please visit:



Wellbeing Warriors

[Beautiful New Beginnings – Wellbeing Warriors](#)

Children's Yoga (8+)

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team
Social Communication/Social Behaviour Workshop

Date: 7th & 14th July 2026

Time: 9.30 – 12.00pm

Venue: Everton Children's Centre, Spencer Street, L6 2WF

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 (**Both session dates need to be attended**).

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.

 National Society
Yours sincerely
Autism Specialist Award Advanced 2023 

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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!