Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of harm, or if you receive a disclosure, you must inform a staff member immediately.

Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads : Mrs Russell and Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 6th November

Dear Families of Monksdown

Two weeks ago, twenty Monksdown pupils and five members of staff enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Hainan, China, in October. We spent three days at Hainan Foreign Language School, where the children experienced lessons alongside their buddies and discovered what school life is like in China.

Our adventures also included exploring Haikou Volcanic Geopark, discovering local history at Hainan Provincial Museum and visiting Qilou Old Street and Haikou Clock Tower. We enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of Wanlv Park, Baishamen Park and Holiday Beach.

It was a wonderful opportunity to experience a different culture, build friendships and create lasting memories. Thank you to everyone who helped make this incredible experience possible!

Mrs Price













Dates for the diary

7th December: Y6 Christmas performance (9:15) & Y5 Christmas performance (2:00)

8th December: Y4 Christmas performance (9:15) & Y3 Christmas performance (2:00)

9th December: Y2 Christmas performance (9:15) & Y1 Christmas performance (2:00)

10th December: Y1 Christmas performance (9:15) & Y2 Christmas performance (2:00)

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need at school!

Children are invited to come to school wearing their usual school uniform, with the addition of a spotty or yellow accessory to mark the occasion. This could be anything from spotty headbands and yellow socks to other fun and colourful accessories! We look forward to seeing everyone getting involved and showing their support for this wonderful cause!

More from China

















Harvey and Dad take on the Santa Dash for Alder Hey

This December, Harvey and his dad will be pulling on their Santa suits to take part in the Liverpool 5K Santa Dash, raising money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. The challenge is especially meaningful to the family, as Harvey spent time at Alder Hey after becoming seriously ill in 2024, followed by a long period of treatment and recovery. Thankfully, Harvey is now off his medication, doing really well at school and enjoying life. Seeing him excited to take on a 5K is a wonderful reminder of just how far he has come. The Santa Dash is a chance to celebrate his journey and give something back to the hospital that cared for him.

If you would like to support Harvey and Dad, donations can be made via their JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/fromicutosantadash?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

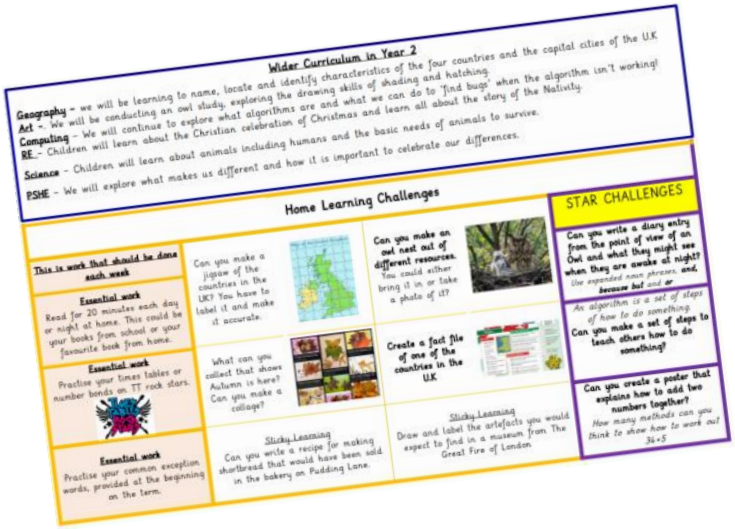
Good luck, Harvey and Dad! We're all rooting for you!





Learning letters

Next week, we'll be sending home our **Autumn 2 Learning Letters**, giving you an overview of what your child will be learning throughout the half term. These will include information about our topics in subjects such as History and Science, the books we'll be exploring in English, and the skills we'll be developing in Maths. The letters will also include useful practical information, such as PE days and any kit your child may need.



Wider Curriculum in Year 2

Geography – we will be learning to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and the capital cities of the U.K
Art – We will be conducting an owl study, exploring the drawing skills of shading and hatching.
Computing – We will continue to explore what algorithms are and what we can do to 'find bugs' when the algorithm isn't working!
RE – Children will learn about the Christian celebration of Christmas and learn all about the story of the Nativity.
Science – Children will learn about animals including humans and the basic needs of animals to survive.
PSHE – We will explore what makes us different and how it is important to celebrate our differences.

Home Learning Challenges

This is work that should be done each week			STAR CHALLENGES
Essential work Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home. This could be your books from school or your favourite book from home.	Can you make a jigsaw of the countries in the UK? You have to label it and make it accurate.	Can you make an owl nest out of different resources. You could either bring it in, or take a photo of it?	Can you write a diary entry from the point of view of an Owl and what they might see when they are awake at night? Use expanded noun phrases and because but and or
Essential work Practise your times tables or number bonds on TT rock stars.	What can you collect that shows Autumn is here? Can you make a collage?	Create a fact file of one of the countries in the U.K	An algorithm is a set of steps of how to do something. Can you make a set of steps to teach others how to do something?
Essential work Practise your common exception words, provided at the beginning on the term.	Sticky Learning Can you write a recipe for making shortbread that would have been sold in the bakery on Pudding Lane.	Sticky Learning Draw and label the artefacts you would expect to find in a museum from The Great Fire of London.	Can you create a poster that explains how to add two numbers together? How many methods can you think to show how to work out 36+5

On the back page, you'll find a selection of optional Home Learning Tasks. These provide fun opportunities to explore learning at home, whether through creative activities, research or practical

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 September. Well done!

	READING AWARD	PROGRESS AWARD
N	Hendrix Jamieson	Matin Hasan
R.1	Victor Voropaev	Hallie Kirner
R.2	Cezara-Maria Urda	Aida Law
R.3	James Fjodorovs	Patricia Graur
1.1	Zaim Amir	Zachary Etheridge
1.2	Ursula Linto	Chloe Wu
1.3	Liz Arruda Carvalo	Antonia Tigancea
2.1	Jaxson McGivern	Harry Powell Cheung
2.2	Jax Woolrich	Lily Bucannon
2.3	Sadie Aspinall	George Mckenzie
3.1	Lucy Bennett	Muhammed Kappakkarantakath
3.2	Sara Cibiz	Samuel Olunsanjo
3.3	Aiden Yiu	Enzo Blue Davies
4.1	Vada Dennis	Logan Stutt
4.2	Cecilia Ritson	Kingsley-James Gould
4.3	Hope Daniels	Daniel Carey
5.1	Jessica Hoos	Logan Barrow
5.2	Eithan Shinu	Matilda Brearley
5.3	Harlow Hughes	Mark Burgess
6.1	Aljaali Albukhari	Jack Irvine
6.2	Ashton Ratchford	Louie Holland
6.3	Flo Wood	Olivia Themistoklopoulos

Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the week beginning Week 19 th October to 23 rd October 2026

1st	2nd	3rd
KS1 - 1.1 KS2 - 6.3	KS1- R 3 KS2 - 4.1	KS1 - 2.2 KS2 - 5.1

Best punctuality

KS1 - R 1 - 0 late

KS2- 3.2 and 4.1 - 6 late

Nuts in school

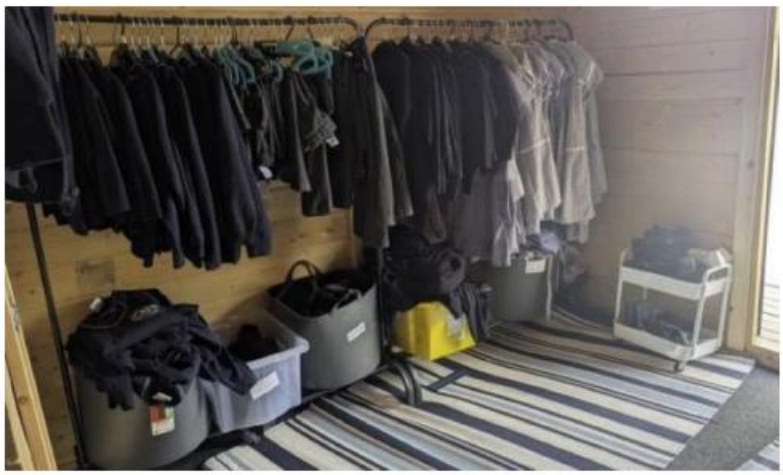


Several children in our school have serious nut allergies, and even a small trace can cause a severe reaction. That's why we ask everyone to avoid sending in items like peanut butter, cereal bars with nuts, or homemade treats that might contain them. It's a small change that makes a big difference in 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!





Lunch Menu

w/c 9th Nov

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Vegetable & Lentil Soup	Chef Choice Soup	Garden Pea Soup	Chef Choice Soup	Chinese Sweetcorn Soup
2	Tomato & Basil Wholemeal Pasta Bake with Salad & Garlic Bread	Homemade Spanish Chicken with Wholemeal Rice & Green Beans	Sausage & Homemade Mash with Gravy & Peas	Homemade Scouse with Crusty Bread & Pickled Beetroot	Homemade Battered Fish or Fishcake with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos	Roasted Pepper & Cheese Tomato Quiche	Singapore Noodles	Vegetable & Cheese Quesadillas	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips & Garden Peas
3	Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Apple & Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Cheese & Crackers, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
	Chef's Special, Jacket Potatoes with Tuna, Cheese or Hummus & Salad, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt				

Lunch Menu

w/c 16th Nov

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Broccoli & Cheddar Soup	Chef Choice Soup	Leek & Potato Soup	Chef Choice Soup	Split Pea Soup
2	Sri Lankan Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry with Rice	Chicken Noodles	Chicken Pie with Seasonal Vegetables & New Potatoes	All Day Breakfast	Fish Fingers or Tandoori Salmon with Chips & Mushy Peas
	Cherry Tomato & Cheese Quiche with Salad	Wholemeal Tomato Pasta Bake	Twice Baked Jacket Potatoes	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Veggie Fingers with Chips & Mushy Peas
3	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Trifle	Cheese & Crackers, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
	Chef's Special, Jacket Potatoes with Tuna, Cheese or Hummus & Salad, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt				

KEY

- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Oily Fish
- Cookery Coach Recipe

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements and scan the QR code for our allergen matrix.

All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.



Outdoor Equipment

We store equipment in our outdoor sheds. Please do not allow your child to enter the sheds or play with the things before or after school.

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 5.1 and 5.2 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.



BEST START FAMILY HUBS & CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Find our timetable inside

WELCOME TO

Clubmoor and Croxteth Children's Centre & Family Hub



BABY GROUPS
Connect, learn and grow together

STAY & PLAY
Fun, games and friendship for little ones

PARENTING SUPPORT
Support and advice for every family

EARLY LEARNING
Helping children learn, develop and thrive

HEALTH & WELLBEING
Healthy starts for a happier tomorrow

ADVICE & INFORMATION
Guidance and signposting when you need it

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Pop in, call us, or speak to a member of staff to find out what support and activities are available for your family.

Drop in and say hello!

Clubmoor

Monday

Early Communication Groups Level 2 & 3
• Level 2 - 10am - 10.45am
• Level 3 - 11am-11.45am
Support group for children with Early Communication difficulties.

This service is booking only.

Baby Café – 10.30 - 11.30am
Monday 26th October
Bring your baby (6 months+) and come and taste some simple first foods.

This service is booking only.

You & Me, Mum - 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Women's Domestic Abuse support programme.

This service is booking only.
Creche Provided.

Development Matters –1pm - 4pm

1st Monday of each month. SEND Support sessions available for children with additional needs.

This service is booking only.

Tuesday

Early Notification Service - 10am -12pm
SEND support, advice and guidance by LCC SEND Officers.

This service is booking only.

PEEP Onesies - 10.30am - 11.30am
Join us for fun, play, and early learning in a warm and welcoming space designed just for toddlers.
Session for children aged between 12 - 24 months.

Booking not needed.

Splash and Play - 12pm - 1.00pm
A fun splash session held at Ellergreen Leisure Centre children 0-5 years

This service is booking only

Baby Massage – 1.30 -2.30pm
A relaxing session that gives you and your baby some quality time to bond.

This service is booking only.

Early Communication Group Level 1 – 1pm – 1.45pm
Support group for children with Early Communication difficulties.

This service is booking only.

Wednesday

Nurture Programme - 9.30am - 11.30am
10 week programme which helps adults understand and support their child's feelings and behaviour and become a more positive parent.

This service is booking only.
Creche Provided.

PSS Nurture Nest –
0-12 months from 1-2pm
12-24 months from 2-3pm
This group offers a supportive space for parents and babies to play, connect, and build confidence together, led by qualified therapists from the PSS Parent and Baby Team. (Younger siblings welcome at the second session.)

Booking not needed.

PEEP Talk - 1.30- 2.30pm
PEEP Talk supports parents in boosting children's speech and language through everyday activities. Fun, practical sessions build confidence and communication skills for ages 18months to 4 years.

Booking not needed.

NeuroDiverse Family - After-School Club
4pm - 6pm

See **page 5** for further information.

Children's Centre

Thursday

PEEP All About Baby – Under 1's group 9.30am -10.30am
Come and explore your baby's development through sensory fun and nursery rhymes in a relaxed, friendly group for under 1s and parents.

Booking not needed.

LivPAC – 10am - 2.30pm
Support for parents of children with additional needs. Come and speak to an expert.

This service is booking only.

Bambis Breastfeeding Group – 10.30 – 11.30am
Join our Stay and Play group whilst our peer support workers give advice on breastfeeding and feeding support.

Booking not needed.

SWAN Group – 1.45pm -2.45pm
Sensory playgroup for children with additional needs.

Booking not needed.

Introduction to solids – 1pm – 2.15pm
A session held for parents to discuss the introduction of solid foods. Ran by your Health Visitor Team.

Please see **page 5** further information.

Neurodiverse Family Coffee Morning
- Thursday 1st October 2026
- Thursday 5th November 2026
- Thursday 3rd December 2026

Drop in coffee morning for parents of children with SEND, come ask those questions you would like advice on.

Friday

PEEP Stay & Play Group – 9.30am – 10.45am
A group for children 0-5 years. Prepare your child to be ready for school through fun and learning.

Booking not needed.

Mum and Baby Yogalates - 12.00pm - 12.50pm
An opportunity for mums to relax while engaging their babies. Suitable for infants up to 12 months old. A mix of Yoga & Pilates.

This service is booking only.

Targeted Support in the Community - Our team will be out and about in the community, please say hello if you see them.

Croxteth Children's Centre

Monday

Baby Massage
1.00-2.00pm

A relaxing session that gives you and your baby some quality time to bond.

This service is booking only.

Healthy, Happy Mummy
12.30pm-2:00pm

Join Trinity Wellness CIC for fun, safe postnatal exercise, weight-management support, mindfulness and relaxation – all while your little ones play!

7 week course starting 14th September.
Contact Lauren on 07930 735828 to book a place

Tuesday

PEEP Baby Sensory
10.00- 11.00am

Come along to our new Baby Sensory class. A session for children 0-12months, to support your baby's early development. During the session, you and your baby can enjoy creative play, tummy time, sensory toys, music, and movement.

Booking not needed.

Wednesday

PEEP Stay & Play
10.00am-11.00am - drop in session

A session for children 0 – 4 years to have fun! Offering a stimulating environment and advice/support for parents/carers. Toys, games, crafts and much more.

Drop in.

Thursday

NeuroDiverse Family Coffee Morning

Last Thursday of the month 9.30am–11.30am

- **Thursday 24th September 2026**
- **Thursday 29th October 2026**
- **Thursday 26th November 2026**

Drop in coffee morning for parents of children with SEND, come ask those questions you would like advice on.

Musical Movers
1:00pm-2.00pm

A fun music session for children and parents.

This service is booking only.

Friday

Early Communication Group
9.30am-10.15pm and 10.30am-11.15pm

A language enrichment group for children aged 2 – 4 years. Please speak to your Health Visitor to be referred to this session. Alternatively, contact the Centre to discuss your concerns.

Invitation only, please contact centre for more information.

Targeted Support in the Community - Our team will be out and about in the community, please say hello if you see them.

WHAT ELSE DO WE OFFER?

Merseyside Domestic Violence Family Service

Free confidential advice and support

Support and information for anyone affected by domestic abuse.
Please speak to a member of staff for further information.

Sleep Support

Helping your little one sleep better

Learn about the importance of sleep and discover practical strategies to support healthy sleep routines.
We offer individual sleep support through Development Matters appointments, to book an appointment call 0151 233 8500

River Drug & Alcohol Support Services

Drop-in Support Sessions
12.30pm – 4.30pm
Every other Monday
Advice, guidance and support for individuals and families affected by drug or alcohol use.
For dates and information call 0151 233 8500

Antenatal Parent Education Programme

3-part midwife-led Preparing for Labour and Birth and Welcome to the World, supporting you as you prepare for your baby's arrival. Followed by 2 weeks of Newborn Knowhow and Infant Feeding.
5 weeks beginning Tuesday 22nd September - 4.00pm – 6.00pm
For more information call 0151 233 8500

Talking Eating Disorders (TEDS)

This will be run every second Tuesday of the month and the times are as follows...
4.30pm to 6.15pm Recovery is Real Peer support group
6.30pm to 8.30pm Restore Family and Friends Peer Support Group
www.tedsuk.com
tedsliverpool@gmail.com

Clubmoor Sensory Room

A safe and stimulating space to support sensory needs, emotional regulation, relaxation and play.

To book call 0151 233 8500
Open daily 9.30am – 3.30pm

Neurodiverse Family Support Network Lego Club

Wednesday's at Clubmoor.
4-5pm: Ages 5-11
5-6pm: Ages 11+
£5 per young person, parents and carers go free.
Book via the link below:
https://eequ.org/book/sen-lego-club-at-clubmoor-family-hub-with-the-neurodiverse-family-support-network-cic-10721

Did you know that Family Hubs are a one-stop place where families can access advice, support, and services from pregnancy through to young adulthood?

Family Hubs bring together professionals and community services to help parents, carers, children, and young people thrive. 💙👪

Down Syndrome Liverpool - Kids Club

12:30-2:30pm
A welcoming, supportive space just for children with Down syndrome and their families, featuring two groups: Parent & Toddler (0–5 years) Primary/Junior (6–13 years).
Last Saturday of the month.

Clubmoor Dads Club with Everton In the Community

10:00am-12:00pm
Are you a dad looking for a fun and engaging activity to do with your children? Look no further than Clubmoor Dads Club! Run by Everton in the Community and Liverpool CFA, our club offers a range of activities for you and your children to enjoy together.
Last Saturday of the month.

Baby Café

Time: 10.30-11.30am

Bring your baby (6 months+) to try simple first foods.

- Monday 26th October

Call 0151 233 8500 to book.

Introduction to Solids

Time: 1pm – 2.15pm

A session for parents on starting solid foods, delivered by the Health Visitor Team.

- Thursday 17th September
- Thursday 22nd October
- Thursday 19th November

Call 0151 233 8500 to book.

Welcome to our Children's Centre and Family Hub, a welcoming place where families can access support, advice, and opportunities to thrive. We are here to help every step of the way, offering activities, services, and guidance for children, young people, and their families. Whether you are looking to connect with others, access parenting support, or explore local services, our friendly team is here to ensure you feel supported, valued, and part of your community.

Looking for further support, activities, or services for your family? Visit the Liverpool **Family Information and SEND Directory** for details on childcare, family support services, local activities, and information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. It's your one-stop resource for services available across Liverpool.

Scan the below QR code to access the FISD.

Contact Us

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Clubmoor Children's Centre
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Croxteth Site
Croxteth Children's Centre
Address: Parkstile Lane, L11 0BQ

Telephone: 0151 233 8500
Email: ClubmoorChildrensCentre@liverpool.gov.uk

Reception services are available at Clubmoor Monday to Friday. As Croxteth may not always be staffed, please call us or visit Clubmoor for assistance.