

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

What a wonderful way to complete our festive period with a delightful retelling of the Nativity through the lens of the Inspectors! Congratulations to all of Year 1 and Year 2.

We would also like to thank everyone involved in the Nativity performances on Wednesday, followed by the festive staff pantomime and disco, which truly captured the joy and spirit of the season — do ask your children about our very own Dame Tinselbottom!

We send our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks to Mrs Whitlock and Mrs Williams as they move on to new adventures, still within education.

Finally, a huge thank you to the legend that is Mrs Deboo, who has answered her last phone call at Monksmoor and is now heading into a well-deserved and wonderful retirement with her family. We are incredibly grateful for all that she has done and wish her every happiness for the future.

What a wonderful term we have had! This leaves me with one final message: on behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Otway

THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

We are excited to continue celebrating our pupils' achievements through the Monksmoor Way Awards. These awards recognise children who demonstrate our school values — in their learning, behaviour, and interactions with others..

Year 1 - Daisy

Year 2 - Whole class

Year 3 - Leon

Year 4 - Shay

Year 5 - Isabel

Autumn Term at Monksmoor

A new term dawned with change and cheer,

New teachers joined, new classes too,

Together learning, growing here,

Finding our feet in all we do.

Collective worship brought us close,

With John and Rev Dawn guiding the way,

Forest School moments we loved the most,

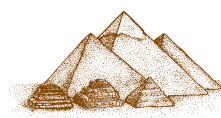
Mud, leaves and smiles in autumn's play.



From Egyptian days to costumes bright,
Fabulous dressing-up filled our halls,
The Monksmoor Way shone clear and right,
Kindness and respect in all our calls.

Trips to places of worship, space and stars,
Everdon adventures, progress seen,
A successful SIAMS report by far —

Nurturing all to flourish and aspire as one community.



UP COMING EVENTS

2026

Monday 5th January 2026 @ 08:40am - First Day Back of Spring Term





AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

MONKSMOOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
CROXDEN WAY, DAVENTRY, NN11 2PD

FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB (EYFS/KS1)
15:30PM - 16:30PM
9TH JAN - 13TH FEB
£33

To book:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk
Go to "Book Now" & select your club!

Adverts

FOOTBALL

Please note adverts are not a recommendation from the school. We advise you evaluate the service fully to ensure you are happy with the service.

Spring Term



Monday	Running Club (KS2) 30 spaces
Tuesday	Knitting Club (KS2) 15 spaces History Club (KS2) 12 spaces Craft Club (Yr1-2) 10 spaces
Thursday	Choir (YrR-6) 30 spaces Chess Club (KS2) 20 spaces Read then Bead Club (Yr2-4) 15 spaces
Friday	SuperStar Sport Club- Football

Please note all staff-led clubs finish promptly at 16:15pm and run from/to:
Week commencing: 12.01.2026
Week ending: 20.03.2026



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MESSAGES AND NEWS

Teacher-led Clubs

We have a few spaces available on a selection of our clubs, do sign up and give something new a go. We are excited to welcome some fresh faces to our clubs. Clubs will be bookable on ParentMail. We kindly ask that you sign your child up to **x1 club only** to allow other children access to the opportunities too. Multiple sign ups may be removed to allow equitable access to all children.

Car Park Safety

Non-Driving pedestrians are reminded to enter school via the **front gate only** due to car park safety. Thank you for your understanding.

Northamptonshire Stay Connected

For lots of local information on free and cheap support, activities and events please read [HERE](#).

Smart Device Usage in School's: Consultation



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16th December 2025

RE: Consultation on smart device usage in schools and colleges

Dear Headteachers,

I am writing to inform you that West Northamptonshire Council has launched a public consultation on the use of smart devices, including smartphones, in school and college settings.

As you know, smart devices are now a significant part of young people's daily lives, and their presence in education is increasing. While these devices can support learning and communication, they also raise important questions around distraction, wellbeing and equity. This consultation provides an opportunity to explore both the benefits and challenges of smart device use in schools and colleges, with the aim for responses to be collated to support the development of non-statutory guidance for managing them in ways that benefit student outcomes.

We are particularly keen to hear from you and your teaching staff. As professionals working directly with students, your insights are vital to understanding how smart devices impact learning environments and how they are currently managed. We understand that many schools already have policies and guidance in place, if this is the case, please do share the details of these with us, as well as the impact they are having. Your perspectives and experiences will help us build a clear picture of the opportunities and challenges these technologies present.

The survey is confidential. It can be accessed via the [Council's consultation page](#). Additional information, including recent literature and research on this topic, is also available on this webpage.

Sharing with parents, carers and guardians

We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this consultation with parents, carers, guardians and the wider school community. Their voices are equally important in shaping the next steps, and we want to ensure that the consultation reflects the breadth of views across West Northamptonshire. Please share the [link here](#) in your parent newsletters and direct channels.

Sharing with students

As part of this consultation, we are keen to hear the views of students to ensure responses are balanced and include those that will be impacted by any next steps. Therefore, we are asking for your support in having conversations during your assemblies, form time or suitable lessons about their views on smart device usage.

We would appreciate you taking any opportunity to discuss this topic with your pupils. To support with this, we have created a brief PowerPoint (attached to this email) with a link to the consultation survey for conversations to take places with your students. If you can please collate discussions and fill out the survey as a collective response via the link provided, all responses will then be shared with us and reviewed as part of the wider consultation feedback.

The consultation will close on Sunday, 4th January 2026 at 11.59pm, after which all responses will be collated and reviewed, with a summary of findings and next steps shared with you via email or through the HeadWest newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your valuable input and for helping us to encourage participation across your school or college community.

Yours sincerely,

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Melanie Barnett
Director of Children's Services

Kathryn Shaw
Councillor Kathryn Shaw
Cabinet Member for Children, Families, and Education

'Nurturing all to flourish and aspire.'



UPDATE FROM THE RLT CEO

Dear Families,

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Otway has been appointed as the permanent Headteacher of Monksmoor Park CE Primary School, following her successful period in the interim role.

Over recent months, Mrs Otway has led the school with clarity, care and integrity. She has built strong relationships with pupils, staff and families, and has demonstrated a deep commitment to the school's Christian values, inclusive ethos and high aspirations for every child. Her leadership has provided stability, warmth and clear direction, and she has earned the confidence and support of both the Governing Body and the Trust.

The Governors and The Rutland Learning Trust are delighted to confirm her appointment and are confident that, under her leadership, Monksmoor Park will continue to flourish as a nurturing, ambitious and joyful place to learn.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs Otway on her appointment. We look forward to continuing to work together in the very best interests of the children and community we serve.

With warm regards, Merry Christmas!

Rob Gooding
Chief Executive Officer
The Rutland Learning Trust