

# SCHOOL NEWS

23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2026

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

And just like that, we've reached the end of our first half term of the new school year and it's been another fab week at Monksmoor!

On Thursday evening, we had our school discos, and what a fantastic time everyone had! It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves, dancing with their friends and celebrating the end of a busy half term. A big thank you to our fantastic PTA and to everyone who helped make the evening such a success!

This week, we also enjoyed our Welcome Wednesday and Together Thursday sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you getting involved and having the opportunity to see what the children have been working on. Thank you for taking the time to join us! Nursery families - we are looking forward to extending this invite to you for the next Welcome Wednesday.

Our Nursery children also enjoyed a very special milestone this week, heading out on their first little trip beyond the school gates for an autumn walk around the local area. It was lovely to see them exploring their surroundings, noticing the signs of autumn and enjoying learning beyond the classroom.

All in all, it's been a fabulous week to round off our first half term! The children have worked incredibly hard since the start of the new school year, and I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the half term holiday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning, growing and making memories together. Have a wonderful break!

- Mrs Otway

## THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

This week, we proudly celebrated another group of Monksmoor Way Award winners.

These awards recognise children who continually live out our school values through their learning, behaviour, and the way they treat others.

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| <b>Year 1</b> | Evelia |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Selena |
| <b>Year 3</b> | Eva    |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Aria   |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Zoe    |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Mia    |

## POPPY APPEAL

We are proudly supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year, with poppies and other items available. Pop by the School Office at pick up or drop off, or send some pennies in with your children for them to purchase from our House Captains during the school day.

On Wednesday 11th November, children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or similar groups are welcome to wear their club uniforms to school.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** - School reopens

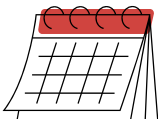
**12<sup>th</sup> November** - Dress Up For World Nursery Rhyme Week (Nursery/Reception only)

**13<sup>th</sup> November** - Mufti day for Children in Need (Whole school)

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Evening - booking details to be shared via Arbor

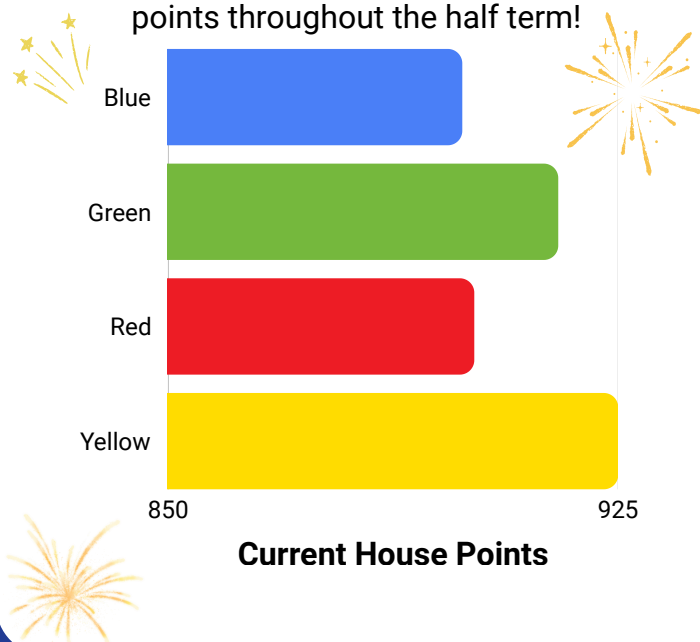
**25<sup>th</sup> November** - Welcome Wednesday (Nursery/Reception only)

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - Together Thursday (Y1 - Y6)



## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD

Congratulations to Yellow House, who have taken the win this half term! Well done to all the children for working so hard to earn house points throughout the half term!



Current House Points



## Autumn Term 2026

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| Monday    | No clubs next week |
| Tuesday   | No clubs next week |
| Wednesday | No clubs next week |
| Thursday  | No clubs next week |
| Friday    | No clubs next week |

Clubs restart wc 9<sup>th</sup> November.



## MESSAGES AND NEWS

### HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



There are lots of free local activities, including golf and dominoes, to enjoy in Daventry over half term. Take a look at [Daventry Town Council School Holiday Activities](#) to see what's on.



### DAVENTRY LIBRARY

Following our successful Reading Café, why not plan a visit to Daventry Library? It's a fantastic way to keep children engaged with reading over the break and enjoy some quality family time together.

### THANK YOU -

You have all shown just how generous our Monksmoor community is, with an incredible collection of donations for Daventry Food Bank and a whopping £314.80 raised at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon this half term. Thank you all for your wonderful support!



### LOCAL SUPPORT AND EVENTS

Please follow the link below to find see what's on in your local area:

[West Northamptonshire Stay Connected Newsletter - October 2026](#)

*This is a live document and lots of free and cheap activities and events are advertised.*



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# OUT AND ABOUT THIS TERM



## Nursery Autumn Walk

Our Fox Cubs had an exciting adventure this week as they headed out on their very first trip beyond the school grounds! The children enjoyed a lovely walk around the local area, discovering signs of autumn and taking in the changing colours of the season. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the world around them, and we are so proud of how brilliantly they all represented the school!



## South Northants Cross Country Championships

A huge well done to our KS2 children who represented the school at the South Northants Cross Country Championships! The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and perseverance, giving their best efforts throughout the event. It was especially lovely to see them cheering on their teammates and celebrating each other's achievements.

