

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

This week, I have been bowled over by the compliments we have received about our pupils! ★

The Year 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the QuadKids athletics competition were highly praised by Mr Gatehouse and Mr Higham for going above and beyond in supporting one another and showing respect towards other competitors. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and demonstrated our values throughout the event.

In addition, our current Year 3 pupils visited a local care home this week after we were delighted to receive a request to return. The residents had been asking when they would next see our children, having enjoyed visits from the current Year 4 cohort last year. What a lovely compliment for our pupils and school community!

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their talents, playing games and chatting with the residents. Seeing our pupils demonstrate our school values and the Monksmoor Way within the wider community makes us incredibly proud. These experiences remind us of the positive impact our children have on others and the difference they make through their kindness, respect and friendship.

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.

Nursery -

Reception - Victoria

Year 1 - Emilia

Year 2 - Khalid

Year 3 -

Year 4 - Emily

Year 5 - Bobby, Noah & Gabe

Year 6 - Finn



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do and, just like fire drills, it is important that we practise what to do in the event of an emergency.

During our recent teacher training days, all staff reviewed and practised our school lockdown procedures. This work reflects the expectations of Martyn's Law, which aims to ensure that schools and other public settings are well prepared to keep people safe in the event of a serious incident. As a primary school, we choose to carry out this training with staff only and do not involve pupils in practising lockdown procedures. This approach ensures that adults are fully prepared while avoiding any unnecessary anxiety or worry for our children. By regularly reviewing our procedures, we can be confident that staff know how to respond calmly and effectively should they ever need to do so.

UP COMING EVENTS



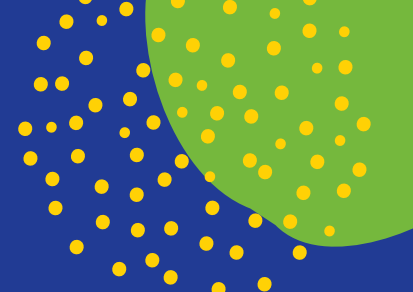
24th June - Welcome Wednesday for Reception parents.

25th June - Nursery-led Collective Worship - Nursery parent and carers welcome. 9am.

30th June - RSE parent information evening - adults only, please. 5.30pm.

3rd July - Reception-led Collective Worship - Reception parent and carers welcome. 9am.

3rd July - Sports Day.



UPTON SPORTS FUN DAY
Ride • Play • Connect
Bring Your Own Bike
(helmets recommended)

Activities:

- British Cycling Breeze – Women & Girls
- Time Trials & Games
- Disability / Adaptive Bikes
- T1 Rugby Taster
- Soft Archery

Also Enjoy:

- Bike Marking by Northamptonshire Police
- Bike Repair
- Face Painting & Balloon Decorating

Saturday 20th June | 11am - 3pm
Upton Country Park NN5 4EQ
Free entry and activities (bike repairs/adjustment at discretion of organisers)
davidwatson@britishcycling.org.uk



MESSAGES AND NEWS

FREEZE POP FRIDAYS



With the weather finally getting a bit brighter, our wonderful PTA will be on hand serving ice pops after school on Friday's, starting 26th June. You can find them on the playground, outside Year 5/6 classrooms.

Lollies are 50p each - cash only, please.



IMPORTANT REMINDER NO DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

We kindly remind all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school site, including the playground and school grounds, at any time. This applies to all dogs, regardless of size or temperament, with the exception of registered assistance dogs. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

FIDGET TOYS IN SCHOOL



Please remember that fidget toys, squishies, Squishmallow teddies and similar items are not permitted in school, as they can be distracting and may pose a safety risk if damaged. Appropriate sensory resources will continue to be provided for children who need them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mia on her fantastic Artistic Swimming achievements! Mia won Silver in both her solo and team events at the Midlands Swim England Artistic Swimming Novice Competition 2026, and has just won Gold in the Warwickshire Under-12s Combo competition! Go Mia!



Summer Term



Monday	Athletics Music & Movement
Tuesday	Gardening (16:30 finish)
Wednesday	Drama
Thursday	Bead & Read
Friday	Netball Go Kart Club (Group 2)

Please note all staff-led clubs finish promptly at 16:15pm unless otherwise stated. Clubs run from w/c 20th April 2026 to w/c 6th July 2026



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YEAR 3 TRIP TO ASTLEY HALL CARE HOME

We are so proud of our Year 3 children during their visit to Astley Hall. They showed outstanding empathy, care and kindness throughout the day, making the residents feel valued and included. The children confidently shared their talents, played games together and enjoyed spending time chatting with the residents. They asked thoughtful questions, listened carefully to the stories and experiences they heard, and showed genuine interest in getting to know the people they met. It was wonderful to see the connections they made across generations, bringing smiles, laughter and joy to everyone involved. Through this experience, the children strengthened their understanding of the wider community and the importance of building positive relationships with people of all ages. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Miss Field

