

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

This week, we thoroughly enjoyed the opening of our Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many parents coming into school to read alongside their children. As this year is the National Year of Reading, we were especially pleased to welcome families into school to share the joy of reading together. Reading as a family helps children develop confidence, comprehension and a lifelong love of books – as the saying goes,

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents".



Next week, our focus turns to Children's Mental Health Week, highlighting the importance of well-being and emotional resilience. We will then finish the week with an exciting maths focus as we celebrate our TT Rockstars Day. Pupils and staff are invited to come dressed as rock stars while spending lots of time practising their number bonds and times tables facts.

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 - Nicholas
Year 1 - Arthur E
Year 2 - Laila
Year 3 - Natalia
Year 4 - Luke & Orla
Year 6 - Leo

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on Tuesday 10 February and this year's theme is "Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."

Children are increasingly using smart technologies and AI in their everyday lives – from search tools and games to apps and online learning platforms. This year's theme encourages pupils and families to think about how these tools can be used positively, while also understanding potential risks and how to stay safe online.

In school, we will be supporting children to:

- Understand what AI is and where they might encounter it online
- Make safe and responsible choices when using technology
- Talk openly about online experiences and concerns



We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides excellent advice and support for families through their Thinkuknow website, which includes age-appropriate guidance, videos and conversation starters.

UP COMING EVENTS

5th-10th Feb - Book Fair - after school in the hall

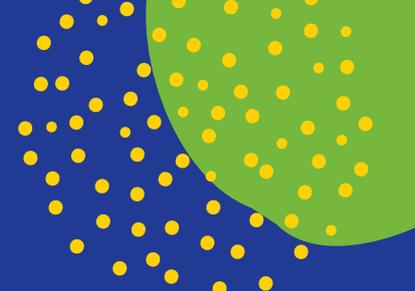
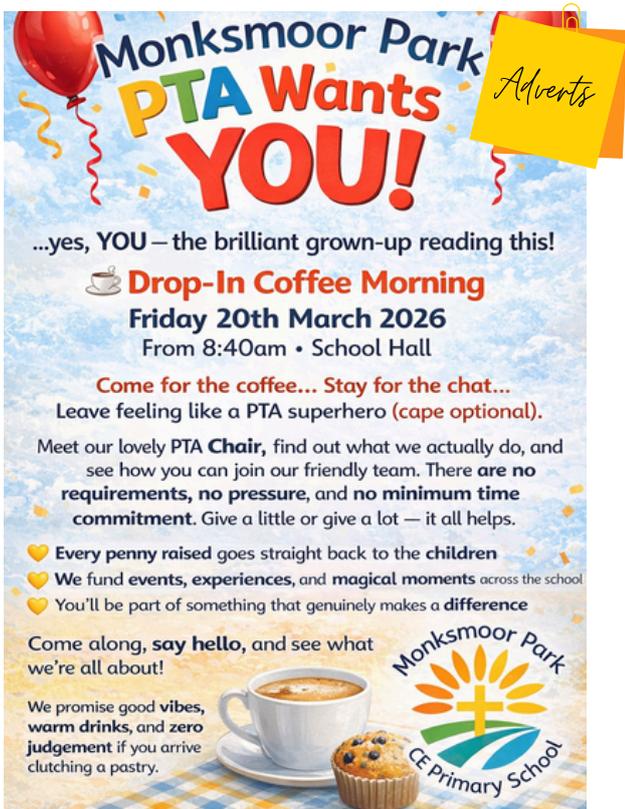
9-13th Feb - Children Mental Health week focusing on 'belonging'

11th Feb - Safer Internet Day

13th Feb - TT Rock Stars Relaunch - Children are encouraged to come dressed as a rock star

16th-20th Feb - Half term - School Closed

23rd Feb - School reopens for Term 4 - Promptly at 08:40 am

Monksmoor Park PTA Wants YOU!

...yes, YOU – the brilliant grown-up reading this!

Drop-In Coffee Morning
Friday 20th March 2026
From 8:40am • School Hall

Come for the coffee... Stay for the chat...
Leave feeling like a PTA superhero (cape optional).

Meet our lovely PTA **Chair**, find out what we actually do, and see how you can join our friendly team. There **are no requirements, no pressure, and no minimum time commitment**. Give a little or give a lot – it all helps.

- ♥ Every penny raised goes straight back to the children
- ♥ We fund events, experiences, and magical moments across the school
- ♥ You'll be part of something that genuinely makes a difference

Come along, **say hello**, and see what we're all about!

We promise good vibes, warm drinks, and zero judgement if you arrive clutching a pastry.

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)
Tuesday	Knitting Club (KS2) History Club (KS2) Craft Club (Yr1-2)
Thursday	Choir (YrR-6) Chess Club (KS2) Read then Bead Club (Yr2-4)
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

Voting for Youth Advisory Council

Following his successful commitment to the school council, Finley has been chosen as one of the candidates to stand for Daventry on the Youth Advisory Council.

If you have a member of your family aged 11–19 who lives in, works or volunteers in, or attends school or college in West Northamptonshire, please encourage them to vote for Finley. Please see the flyer with the QR code below.

World Book Day PTA Competition

Please see below for an exciting competition from the PTA

This year we are celebrating our Year of Reading, and we're so grateful for the continued support from parents and carers in nurturing a love of books at home. Reading together, talking about stories, and celebrating books through events like World Book Day all help children to grow in confidence, imagination and enjoyment of reading.

For ideas and support at home, families may find these websites helpful (*click to visit*):

- [World Book Day](#)
- [BookTrust](#)
- [Oxford Owl](#)



Clubs

Reminder. If you are attending a club this term, this will continue into the next term too.

End of the day

Please remember the school day finishes promptly at 3:30pm. If you have commitments please ensure you have arranged childcare well in advance incase you should need it.



West Northamptonshire Youth Advisory Council

Powered by **Youth** – Driven by **Change**



Scan here to read the Manifestos for the West Northamptonshire Youth Advisory Council 2026 elections



Vote for your next Youth Advisory Council



You can help shape West Northamptonshire by voting for who you would like to see elected as part of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

West Northamptonshire Youth Advisory Council Member Elections - Voting Form

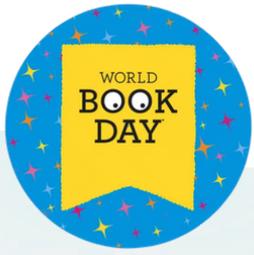


You must be **11-19** and live in, work/volunteer or attend school/college in **West Northamptonshire** to vote in the elections.

Scan the above QR code to be taken to the Microsoft Form to place your vote. Each person may **only vote once**.

Voting ends **Monday 16th February**.





PTA EVENT: Decorate A Wooden Spoon For World Book Day

To celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March 2026**, the PTA invites all children to choose a character from a book and decorate a wooden spoon to bring them to life.

Be as creative as you like - use paint, fabric, paper, wool, or card (no food items, please!).

Prizes will be awarded for the Best Character Spoons in the following categories:
FS (Foundation Stage), KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2

Wooden spoons will be provided by the school for a **£1 fee** - with all proceeds going to the PTA to continue providing excellent opportunities and extras for our children.

Please bring your £1 in to swap for a spoon anytime between now and Tuesday 3rd March.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 4th March, with winners being announced Thursday 5th March.

GOOD LUCK!

