

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Wow – what a way to start the week!

We kicked things off with fantastic energy and fun thanks to the Skipping Ninja. The day began with a whole-school assembly where the children were completely wowed by his awesome skipping skills. I certainly wasn't expecting to be called upon to demonstrate any skipping skills myself but you do what you have to do!

The assembly was followed by workshops for every class, from Reception upwards, focusing on perseverance, fitness and concentration, all strongly linked to our school value of well-being. A huge thank you to our PTA for funding this brilliant experience and to our PE Lead, Mrs Haywood, for organising such a memorable day.

It's certainly been a week of sport! Mrs Haywood and Mrs George were incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics squad, who spent the morning competing in teams against other local schools. Although the results weren't released before they had to rush back to school, every single child shone and represented us magnificently.

What a fantastic reminder of the enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork our pupils show every day.

Mrs Otway



THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

We were delighted to celebrate the first Monksmoor Way Award winners of 2026 this week. This award recognises children who consistently demonstrate our school values through their learning, behaviour and interactions with others.

Nursery - Dexter

Reception - Ernest

Year 1 - Malachi

Year 2 - River

Year 3 - Whole class

Year 5 - Edward

Year 6 - Milena

COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

During the Christmas holidays, our IT systems were updated and migrated to the Rutland Learning Trust systems. As with any large-scale migration, there have been some initial teething problems; however, we are definitely moving in the right direction and systems are continuing to stabilise.

For your reference, if you have any queries or require support, please contact us using the following email address: monksmooroffice@rltschools.com

If you wish to contact a specific member of staff please email the above email address using the reference: **FAO: [staff name]** in the subject line.

If your message is confidential, please clearly indicate this in your email.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

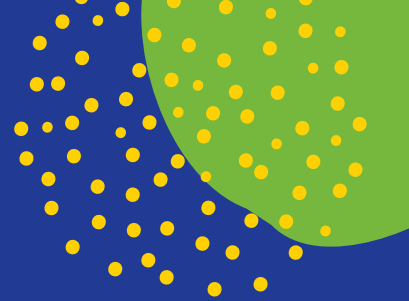
UP COMING EVENTS

28th Jan - Welcome Wednesday - Nursery & Reception only @ 0830/0840 onwards

28th Jan - National Child Measurement Programme - Reception & Y6 only

29th Jan - Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop - School Hall @ 6pm

30th Jan - Year 1 Class Collective Worship - Y1 Parents/Carers Welcome - School Hall @ 9am




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



MESSAGES AND NEWS

A Huge Thank You from Monksmoor Park PTA

We want to share our heartfelt thanks with every parent, grandparent, friend and family member who joined us at last year's Christmas Fayre. Your support, kindness and festive cheer made the event truly magical.

Thanks to your generosity – through raffle ticket sales, tokens, fayre games and the disco – we raised just over **£2,300**. Every penny will be invested back into projects and experiences that benefit all of our children across the school.

We're incredibly grateful to be part of such a supportive community. Keep an eye out for our upcoming events in the new year; we can't wait to share what's next.

✨ Thank you once again for your continued support from Monksmoor Park PTA ✨

Pre-Loved Clothes

The office staff have replenished our pre-loved clothes rail. There are some fantastic items out there so do pop by and pick up anything to replenish your children's uniform supplies at home. Donations welcome to the PTA fund, but if you are in need please do help yourself!



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