

SHINE AWARDS

This week's SHINE awards had a strong theme – pupils living out The Monksmoor Way in all they do. Congratulations to everyone recognised, and thank you for being such wonderful examples of how our school values are acted out in your actions.

Year 1 - Emilia

Year 2 - Violet

Year 3 - Taye

Year 4 - Arianna

Year 5 - Eloise

Year 6 - Sebastian

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

First choir performance of the year!

The highlight of the week has most certainly been the school choir's wonderful performance at the Daventry Mayor's Civic Service. One of our school's five areas for development is fostering a sense of belonging—both within school and in our wider community—so being invited to take part in such a special local event was truly rewarding.

Each child had the privilege of witnessing our new Mayor, Katie Thurston, who is also our Chair of Governors, speak passionately about the values and charities she hopes to champion during her time in office. We wish her and her council every success in the year ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to our choir and their families for their time, support, and commitment in representing our school so proudly.

This week, I was kindly invited to attend the Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools and New Headteacher Commissioning at Peterborough Cathedral. During the service, I was blessed and presented with a Bible to guide me as I continue to live out our school's values in my role as Headteacher. The service, enriched by beautiful music and joyful voices, was a wonderful celebration of faith, community, and education across the dioceses.

Mrs Otway



SAFEGUARDING - TERM TIME ABSENCES

Requests for ALL term time absences must be done as follows:

•Term time absence authorisation form •In advance •Submitted to the School Office

(Regrettably, forms not submitted in this manner are unable to be considered for authorisation)

UP COMING EVENTS...

Tuesday 14th October Year 6 Young Citizens scheme on at The Deco Theatre, Northampton

Thursday 16th October Year 5/6 Cross country competition at Catmose College, Oakham

Friday 17th October 9:00am PTA cuppa and a cake morning - all parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

Thursday 23rd October **DISCO** More details to follow



A safety message from
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue...

Adverts

SAFETY MATTERS:

The Halloween and Bonfire Night edition

Welcome to our seasonal safety newsletter which is designed to help keep families safe across Northamptonshire as they celebrate Halloween and Bonfire Night. We want you all to have lots of fun, but please don't forget about safety as you get swept along with the excitement of the season. Here are our top tips...

Don't let fire creep up on you this Halloween

Candles and flames

Candles can be popular for use in pumpkins and homes at Halloween, but unfortunately, candles also cause many fires and can be a hazard to families and properties. Opt for artificial candles instead. They are safer and also emit the same glow for those creepy decorations.

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.



Monday	Running Club KS2 History Club KS2 (SPACES) Multi-sports Yr1&2
Tuesday	Lego Construction (SuperStarSport) Art and Craft Club Yr1,2&3 Knitting Club KS2
Thursday	Choir Yr1-6 (SPACES) Chess Club Yr4,5&6 (SPACES) Bead and Read Club Yr3&4
Friday	Super Hero Training (SuperStarSport) Mrs Otway's Football Yr5&6 (SPACES)



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MESSAGES AND NEWS

Stay Connected Magazine

Please take a look at the latest edition of Stay Connected [HERE](#). It offers a huge amount of free and cheap, events and activities, that may also be of interest for you for the school holidays.

Illnesses

Sometimes it can be hard deciding whether your child should or shouldn't come into school.

Coughs&Colds - In School

Sore throats - In School

Headache - In School

Diarrhea/sickness - Off for minimum 48 hours

High Temperature - Off until it goes down naturally

Please check out the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' information [HERE](#).

Music Lessons

Please ensure your child remembers their books; this will help lessons be as productive as possible.

Safeguarding Alert - Spy Dog Series

We have been made aware that several titles in the **Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series** by **Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. The book asks children to explore the website to find out more about the characters, however the website (identified on the back or inside page) has been compromised and leads to inappropriate and unsafe material.

If your child has any *Spy Dog, Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove and dispose of the page in the book with the link on immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them.



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The PTA needs You!



Join us on October 17th
at 9:00am in the school
hall for a cuppa and cake;
to find out how you can
support your child by
joining the PTA

Please let us know if you are planning to attend, or if you would like to express an interest in supporting the PTA, but are unable to make the meeting by emailing the address below. We really need to build up our numbers to maximise both the experiences and fundraising opportunities we can offer our school community.

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