

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back to Monksmoor Park!

As we complete our first full week back at school, it has been wonderful to see routines being embedded and the children settling so quickly into their learning. It was lovely to see so many parents at our Meet the Teacher event. Working in partnership with you, and having your continued support, ensures that your child – our pupils – have every opportunity to flourish and aspire to be the best they can be.



This week, our collective worship has centred on the school value of Friendship. It has been heart-warming to see the children being inclusive, finding joy, and showing forgiveness both in the classroom and during playtimes. The highlight of my week was meeting the randomly selected 'Spotlight Children.' Over hot chocolate, I shared all the wonderful things staff had noticed about them. The joy on their faces as I read their teachers' comments was truly special.

This week, we welcomed expert colleagues from RLT, who support us in striving for continued improvement in teaching and curriculum. They commented on the school's calm atmosphere and how wonderfully the children were demonstrating 'The Monksmoor Way'. As we remind the children – teamwork makes the dream work! Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Otway



SAFEGUARDING

Reporting Absences - A quick guide

If your child will be absent, arriving late or has an appointment, please let us know as soon as possible by calling the office by 8:45am on:



01327 493112

Please do not report absences directly to class teachers.

Thank-you for keeping our attendance records up to date!



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations Years 2,5
and 6 with 99.58 %
attendance this week!



WANTED



Our EYFS team have been busy enhancing the outdoor play area, especially the mud kitchen. To bring it to life, we'd love donations of utensils (wooden spoons, ladles etc) as well as jugs, measuring cups, washing-up bowls and watering cans.

thankyou

SHINE AWARDS

Congratulations to our SHINE award winners who have demonstrated our school values in action.



Year 1 - Michael

Year 2 - Alina

Year 3 - Dylan

Year 4 - Sajan

Year 5 - Lola

Year 6 - Ava



MESSAGES

School admissions are now open for the next academic year. If your child was born between 1 Sept 2021 and 31 Aug 2022, you need to apply for a place in reception class by 15 January 2026.

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026, you must apply by 31 October 2025. Details here:

<https://eduweb.westnorthants.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

Please see local school's websites for local school open evening events.

School uniform

Our children are looking very smart in their school uniforms, proudly wearing their Monksmoor badge and school colours. For safety reasons, children should not wear necklaces or bracelets, unless these are for religious reasons. Earrings should be small studs only. We also kindly ask that long hair is tied back each day for school.

As part of an RFU initiative, Daventry RFC will be running a Girls-only Activity Day on Sunday 14th September for girls aged 6-12 years old.



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.

Adverts



The first club of the term began this week – Choir! We started by practising two songs in preparation for a special performance we have been invited to take part in. More details about this exciting opportunity will be shared next week.

Hopefully, you have all received feedback about booking into clubs. We are looking into a fair system that ensures the maximum number of children have the opportunity to take part in these activities.

Once again, I would like to thank all members of staff who have kindly volunteered their time to run these exciting clubs.



Monday	Running Club - KS2 Mrs Ellison's History Club KS2 Mr Wyness's Multi-sports Yr1/2
Tuesday	Lego Construction (SuperStarSport) Mrs Griggs' Art and Craft Club Yr1/2 Mrs Brock's Knitting KS2
Thursday	Choir Yr1- 6 Miss Mr Margieson's Chess Club Yr4,5,6 Miss Field's Bead and Read club
Friday	Super Hero Training (SuperStarSport) Mrs Otway's Football - Years 5 and 6



Travelling Book Fair

@ Monksmoor Park CE Primary School

Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October

Cashless Payment Only



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

If there are any changes or additional events we will update the list in the next newsletters.

Pop it on the fridge



Date	Year group*	Event
Thursday 25 th September		Community lunch <i>Members of the Holy Cross Church community are invited into school to have roast dinner with the children</i>
Friday 26 th September		Macmillan coffee afternoon 3:30pm-4:40pm <i>Donations of cake are requested at morning drop-off. Parents are encouraged to attend after school with children.</i>
29th Sept-3rd October		Scholastic School Book Fair
Thursday 2 nd October	Y1-6	National Poetry Day
Saturday 4 th October	School Choir	The Mayor's Civic Service at Holy Cross Church 1pm – Choir invited
Monday 6 th October	R	Phonics Parent workshop – 6:30pm
Tuesday 7 th October	R-6	Flu vaccination
Thursday 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd Oct		Open mornings for prospective Reception parents (2026/27 intake) 9:30 – 10:15 session and 10:45 – 11:30 session
7 th – 13 th October		British Dyslexia week
Friday 10 th October	Y5	Year 5 Class Collective Worship <i>Y5 parents are invited to attend collective worship 9:00 – 9:30</i>
Tuesday 14 th October (TBC)	Y6	Young Citizens Event ran by West Northants 10:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 15 th October	Nursery	'Importance of Talk' workshop for Nursery Parents/Carers 6:00pm
Wednesday 22 nd October (TBC)		Harvest Collective Worship led by Rev Dawn and Children contribute – artwork, prayers etc.
Wednesday 22 nd October	N & R	Welcome Wednesday Nursery and Reception parents are encouraged to stay after drop-off to share their children's learning
Thursday 23 rd October	Y1 – Y6	Pupils' Art showcase - parents are encouraged to stay at pick-up to share their children's art learning
Thursday 23 rd October		Community lunch <i>Members of the Holy Cross Church community are invited into school to have roast dinner with the children</i>
27 th Oct – 31 st October		Half term





Useful to Know

Children should feel safe at all times, including when they are online. Staying safe in the digital world is regularly discussed in class to help them develop responsible online habits.

TOP TIPS FOR HOME

One of the first things children often want to do with any device is play games and explore apps. Before allowing them to download or install a new console game, it is important to check its age rating. Many popular games and apps contain content that is not suitable for younger children.

The safest long-term approach is to adjust the device's settings so that children can only download and use games appropriate for their age.

For your reference and guidance, below are the recommended age ratings for popular apps.



Facebook (minimum age 13) – lets users create their own profiles, share status updates, pictures, videos and chat with other users and also has a messenger app.



Instagram (minimum age 13) – allows users to alter photos, upload them and share to other social networking sites. Photos and videos can be sent directly to specific users.



Snapchat (minimum age 13) – a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to take screenshots of messages and download other apps designed to capture and save Snapchat content.



TikTok (minimum age 13) – TikTok users can make their own short videos on the mobile app and often like to have music accompany these. The users have creative control over the videos. Other TikTok users can 'react' to videos they see by filming their responses alongside the original video, or 'duet' by making a video alongside another video.



X (minimum age 13) – a social network that lets users send and read messages limited to 280 characters.



WhatsApp (minimum age 13) – a free-of-charge, real-time messaging service. Users can share images and videos, take part in 'group chats' and share locations. As it's based on knowing the user's phone number, you can only message users if you already have this information.



YouTube (minimum age 13) – allows users to watch, create and comment on videos. The dislike button can create insecurities with content posted even if comments are turned off for the video.

