‘Nurturing all to flourish and aspire.’

# SCHOOL NEWS

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I know I say this a lot but what another wonderful week it has been at Monksmoor, filled with reflection, creativity, generosity and, most importantly, **joy**, our Christian value for this half term!

On Wednesday, we came together for our Remembrance Collective Worship. It was lovely to see so many children proudly wearing their Scouts, Guides and other club uniforms, and we were incredibly proud of the respect and thoughtfulness shown by all our children. A huge thank you also goes to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. Whilst we don't yet know how much we've raised, the collection pot was certainly very weighty! Your generosity is so very much appreciated. A big thank you to our Year 6 children who have done a grand job selling the poppy appeal items in school over the past few weeks.



Our Nursery and Reception children also brought plenty of smiles to school this week with their fantastic outfits for World Nursery Rhyme Week! Nursery even had a special wedding which I was privileged to officiate - congratulations to the newlyweds, Harry O’Hay and Betty O’Barly!

Today has been another real highlight, with our Children in Need celebrations and whole-school signing challenge. It has filled me with such joy to see the enthusiasm with which our children have embraced the Pudsey Sign the Alphabet and Song Challenge. Seeing and hearing the different songs performed today, and watching the children take part with such confidence and excitement brought me goosebumps! A huge thank you to our families and staff for encouraging the children and helping make this such an inclusive celebration, with everyone able to play their part.

We must also say a particularly heartfelt thank you for your generous Children in Need donations today. The kindness and generosity of our Monksmoor families never ceases to amaze us, and we are so grateful for the continued support you show, not just for our school, but for the wider community and the causes that mean so much to us all.

What a lovely reminder of the caring and thoughtful community we are so fortunate to be part of. Thank you, as always, for everything you do to make Monksmoor such a special place!

- Mrs Otway

### THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

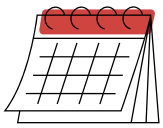
**The whole school are winners this week for taking part in the BSL Song Challenge. Well done everyone!**




## ODD SOCKS DAY 16TH NOVEMBER



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme, 'Break the Silence', encouraging everyone to speak up, listen and take action against bullying. We're kicking things off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November! Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. No donations needed - it's all about raising awareness!



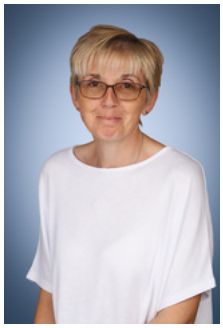
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**16th November** - Odd Sock Day *(Whole School)*
**17th/18th & 19th November** - Parents Evening
**25th November** - Welcome Wednesday *(Nursery/Reception only)*
**26th November** - Together Thursday *(Y1 - Y6)*

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## FAREWELL TO MRS PRENTICE



On Friday 20th November, after many years at Monksmoor, Mrs Prentice will be moving on to pastures new.

Mrs Prentice has provided invaluable support to so many of our children and been a real constant within the school. Her care, commitment and positive impact on the children (and staff!) will be greatly missed.

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to say a **huge** thank you to Mrs Prentice for all she has contributed. We wish her every success and happiness as she begins this new chapter

## MESSAGES AND NEWS

### PARENTS EVENING

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at Parents Evening next week. If you haven't already, you can book your meeting in Arbor.

### SCHOOL TOURS

Due to popular demand, we've added two more school tours for families with children due to start Reception in 2027. Book a tour here.

### LOCAL SUPPORT AND EVENTS

Please follow the link below to find see what's on in your local area:

**West Northamptonshire Stay Connected Newsletter - November 2026**

## CLUBS

### Autumn Term 2026

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| **Monday** | Multi-Sports (KS1)<br>Chess (KS2) |
| **Tuesday** | Knitting (KS2)<br>Music & Movement (KS1) |
| **Wednesday** | Choir (Y1 - Y6) |
| **Thursday** | Art (Y3 & Y4) |
| **Friday** | No clubs |

Some clubs still have spaces, and you are welcome to sign up for more than one.
See Arbor for more details.

## PTA UPDATE

Hi everyone!

We're back in the swing of one of our busiest fundraising terms. Here's where you'll find the PTA over the next few weeks...

### Parents' Evening

We'll be selling hot drinks and sweet treats. Pop over for a cuppa and a chat about our fundraising plans for the year and how you can get involved.

### Pre-loved Clothing Sale

Our first sale will take place at parents' evening. Come and browse Christmas jumpers, outfits and school uniform. Thank you to everyone who's already donated clothes. More donations are very welcome!

### Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 5 December, 1–4pm**

Pop the date in your diary! More info to follow next week.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON...
# Monday clubs!



## MULTI SPORTS

KS1 have been keeping active and having lots of fun this term! Here they are enjoying some outdoor football, practising their skills, working together as a team and showing great sportsmanship. It's been lovely to see so much enthusiasm and energy!







## CHESS

Our budding chess players have been busy learning new moves, developing their strategies and putting their skills to the test in friendly matches this term. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing – we may have some future chess champions in the making!

