

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

This week has been another busy and productive one at Monksmoor. Across the school, children have been completing a range of assessments, helping us to celebrate what they know and can do, whilst also identifying any areas where further support may be needed. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes and resilience the children have shown throughout the week.

It was lovely to see the smiling faces of our Nursery and Reception children returning from Mini Meadows on Monday. Despite the soggy weather, they had a fantastic time at the farm, enjoying a range of hands-on experiences and learning more about the animals and the world around them. The trip provided many memorable moments and plenty of muddy fun!



Yesterday, Year 5 benefited from a visit by Julie Bull from the Naseby Battlefield Project. Through a range of fascinating artefacts, including examples of clothing and equipment, the children were able to deepen their understanding of this important local historical event. The children asked insightful questions, some of which even made Julie think in new ways. These enrichment opportunities help bring learning to life, spark curiosity and create memorable experiences for our children.

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 - Tommy & Khivi

Year 1 - Ibrahim

Year 2 - Armani-Rose

Year 3 - Alice

Year 4 - Iris

Year 5 - Sienna

Year 6 - Bella

THANK YOU

THANKYOU

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our recent survey. The results will be shared with both staff and governors, and we will carefully consider your views as we continue to look for ways to improve while also celebrating our successes.

I am incredibly proud of our school team and all that we have achieved together, but we also recognise the importance of continually striving to be even better for the children and families we serve.

Please find overleaf a summary of some of the main findings from the survey.
Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with the school.



UP COMING EVENTS



17th June - Nursery Open Evening (for current Nursery students). 3.30pm - 5pm.

24th June - Welcome Wednesday for Reception parents.

30th June - RSE parent information evening - adults only. 5.30pm.

3rd July - Sports Day. More info will be sent on ParentMail next week!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS 2026 *Adverts*

Important changes for families receiving Universal Credit



FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households receiving Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).



TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS



TARGETED FSM

Universal Credit + household earnings £7,400 or less



Free school meal every school day



Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays



School receives Pupil Premium funding for additional educational support



EXPANDED FSM

Universal Credit households above the £7,400 earnings threshold



Free school meal every school day



No HAF eligibility



No Pupil Premium funding



TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION IS ENDING

From 31 July 2026, previous FSM protection arrangements will end.



Eligibility will be checked annually



Some families may become eligible for the first time



Some families currently receiving FSM may no longer qualify



ACTION REQUIRED

All families must check their eligibility from:

1 JULY 2026

to receive Free School Meals from SEPTEMBER 2026.

Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible.



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

The Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme is not changing.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals as usual and low-income families can still apply for additional support through Key Stage 1 Pupil Premium.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications and re-checks of eligibility can be made from now via Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council. We recommend applying as soon as possible, as this will give more time for applications to be processed, ensuring that eligible children receive free school meals from the September start of the September term.



Apply online via Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council

Summer Term



Monday	Athletics Music & Movement
Tuesday	Gardening (16:30 finish)
Wednesday	Drama
Thursday	Bead & Read
Friday	Netball Go Kart Club (Group 1)

Please note all staff-led clubs finish promptly at 16:15pm unless otherwise stated. Clubs run from w/c 20th April 2026 to w/c 6th July 2026



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MESSAGES AND NEWS



PEBBLE PAINTING



We are still looking for more painted pebble fruits and vegetables for our Early Years mud kitchen! Thank-you to those who have already brought in some fantastic examples. Parents and carers are welcome to collect pebbles from school or donate their own creations. Please varnish if possible so they can withstand outdoor play. Thank you for your support!



RSE POLICY INFORMATION EVENING

All parents and carers are invited to an RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) information evening on 30th June at 5.30pm. We will be sharing details of our proposed updated curriculum for next year, in line with current statutory guidance. This will be an opportunity to explain the content and approach, as well as to answer any questions and discuss how we support children's learning in this important











All Aboard

Are you autistic and enjoy trains, stations or railway environments?

The All Aboard project at the University of Warwick is looking to hear from autistic children and young people and their families about:

-  what they enjoy about trains and railways
-  experiences of railway environments
-  ideas for making rail travel more inclusive and welcoming

Participation is flexible and entirely online. Young people can contribute through:

-  email
-  online conversations
-  drawings, writing or other creative activities

The findings will help develop recommendations for rail organisations and improve understanding of autistic experiences within railway environments.

Participants will receive a £25 shopping voucher as a thank you for taking part.

To find out more or express interest, please contact AllAboard@warwick.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



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PARENT SURVEY SUMMARY

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FAMILIES

Thank you to all parents and carers who shared your views.

Governors will review the full survey in more detail, but here are the key highlights to share with families.



OUR CHILDREN...



96%

of parents said **their child is proud to be part of the school**



92%

of parents said **their child is happy at school**
(42% Strongly Agree)



92%

of parents said **their child feels safe at school**
(53% Strongly Agree – 4% didn't know)



92%

of parents said **their child does well at school**
(33% Strongly Agree – 4% didn't know)



An overwhelming majority of parents would recommend this school to another parent or family.



ALMOST ALL PARENTS AGREED THAT...



The school's ethos enables good learning and progress



When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school



My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school



The school supports my child's wider personal development and wellbeing



WHAT PARENTS TOLD US

“ A great school – you are all awesome!



“ The staff are one of a kind. They do so much for the children and the ethos of the school is unique. It genuinely nurtures every child. Different teachers, all the way up to the Headteacher, seem to know each child by name and engage with them in a nurturing way.”
I feel so lucky to have found a collection of people who care as much as the Monksmoor team do about each and every child.”



“ Really happy with school leadership – visible, interactive, engaging and really positive for the children. They actively listen to concerns.



WHAT OUR SCHOOL DOES WELL



Themes

- Child centred
- Friendly staff
- Strong relationships
- Extracurricular activities
- Welcoming, nurturing, inclusive
- Well-being
- School staff
- Success for all
- Forest School



WHAT WE NEED TO GET BETTER AT



- Behaviour
- Curriculum information – how well my child is doing?
- Communication from the school so that it is effective and timely
- School calendar – a year ahead
- Lunch options

TO THINK ABOUT



Please could you consider making a pedestrian entrance/walkway for the car park gate so that children do not need to walk through the car park?



THANK YOU!

Your feedback is valued and will help governors and school leaders continue to strengthen our school for all children.

