

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We've started the week by revisiting our school values – Respect, Hope, Acceptance, Friendship, Joy, and Well-being – and discussing how we can live these out every day by showing the Monksmoor Way: Be Safe, Be Ready, and Be Respectful!

As the children were introduced to their new English fiction books, it was wonderful to see their awe and wonder and inquisitive nature, reflecting our values of Joy and Hope in learning. In Year 2, pupils described a picture using expanded noun phrases to help Mrs Haywood recreate it through drawing. The result was remarkable – her picture looked just like the book's illustration, showing how the children's respect for detail and friendship in working together brought the task to life!

Our values have also been evident across other subjects this week. Year 6 pupils showed Joy and Acceptance while trying a new sport, handball; Year 4 embraced their Well-being during yoga; and today, I saw Joy and Friendship as Poppy, our guinea pig, was being handled and fed. What a great first week!

We are really looking forward to the rest of Term 2 and can't wait to see all the exciting learning, challenges, and achievements ahead.

Mrs Otway

THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

We are excited to continue celebrating our pupils' achievements through the Monksmoor Way Awards. These awards recognise children who demonstrate our school values – in their learning, behaviour, and interactions with others...

Reception- Harry
Year 1 - Arthur
Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 - Phoebe
Year 5 Sofia
Year 6 - Noah

SAFEGUARDING - ATTENDANCE

As part of our commitment to helping every child flourish, we will be reviewing attendance across the school over the next few weeks, following our Trust's Attendance Policy (available on our school website).

Letters may be sent to parents of children whose attendance falls below 96% or is at risk of doing so. These will outline your child's current attendance and offer support where needed.

We recognise that attendance may appear lower at this early stage of the year, but by working together now, we can help your child reach the government's recommended 96% or above.

In line with Trust and Local Authority guidance, letters will also explain the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) procedures that may apply if attendance does not improve. Our aim is always to work in partnership with families to prevent this.



Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance and punctuality.

UP COMING EVENTS

10th Nov: Odd Sock Day (awareness day - no donations)

12th Nov: Nursery 'Importance of Talk' Event @ 6:30pm

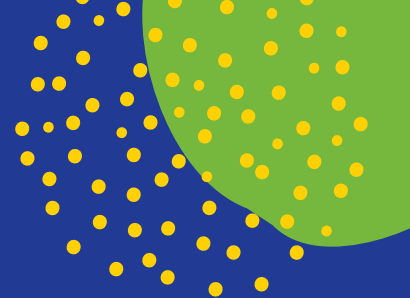
13th Nov: MUFTI (N&R only) Nursery Rhyme Day - home made outfits encouraged

14th Nov: MUFTI Children In Need

14th Nov: Year 3 Class Collective Worship @ 9:00am - Families welcome.

19th & 20th November: Parents Evening - Nursery to Year 6 - Book via ParentMail






Great Bear
10th Annual
SANTA DASH
Sunday 7th December

Start: 10.30am Daventry Country Park
You can run, jog or walk the 5km around the park.

All pre registered Santa's & Elves
will receive a Santa Suit or Elf Hat & Finisher's medal

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When you wish upon a Star 35th
Dream making for sick children

★ Adults £10
★ Children £5

IF YOU CAN'T JOIN US, PLEASE
HELP BY DONATING AT

Register you place today email
Sue.norris@greatbear.co.uk

T&C apply: you can register and pay on the day to take part, but you won't be guaranteed a Santa suit or elf hat & medal

www.justgiving.com/page/susan-norris10thanniversarydash2025

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 Multi-sports Yr1&2
Tuesday	Lego Construction (SuperStarSport) Art and Craft Club Yr1&2 Knitting Club KS2
Thursday	Choir Yr1-6 Chess Club KS2 Bead and Read Club Yr2,3&4
Friday	Gymnastics (SuperStarSport) Mrs Otway's Football Yr5&6



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MESSAGES AND NEWS

Car Park Safety.

We have had reports from drivers using the car park that there has been an increase of pedestrians cutting through the car park.

A reminder that we actively encourage those walking to school or parking nearby to **not** enter via the car park and to **only** enter via the main gate.

Sports Kits - help needed

We are looking for anyone with a company who would be interested in sponsoring a school sports kit for the children. With a significant increase in inter-school competitions we would love the children to have this resource available to them. We would like to begin with running vests and netball bibs. Please get in touch with Mrs Otway.

Christmas Fair

We are looking for stall holders to showcase their offerings at our much loved Christmas Fair on 12th December 2025 times TBC.

Please get in touch with the PTA to book on:
monksmoorparkpta@gmail.com



THE IMPORTANCE OF TALK:
“**IN THE EARLY YEARS**”

NURSERY PARENTS & CARERS
YOU ARE INVITED:

12TH NOVEMBER 2025
18:30 - 19:30

BEING HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL:
PLEASE ENTER VIA THE SCHOOL HALL SIDE DOOR

Hello!
I'm Christian
Bear.



Before half term, Year 1 explored Christian baptism in their RE lessons with Rev Dawn, who had the special honour of baptising our new "Christian Bear." His experience was recorded in his very own special book, as seen above. He will be accompanying the children on their class visits to different Places of Worship .



We would also love for him to have adventures with families! If you are going to a special festival, celebration, or visiting a place of worship, please take him with you – he loves adventures! Email the office to let us know, and we will get him all ready for the trip. Don't forget to take some pictures of him while he's there. When you return, you can make a record in his book to show what you discovered together.

He can't wait to learn about the wonderful ways people show faith, hope, and love all around the world!



Autumn/Winter Reminder: Coats and Warm Clothing



As the weather is getting cooler and more unpredictable, please ensure that your children bring a coat to school every day. Even on dry days, it's important for children to have a coat in case of sudden rain, wind, or chilly temperatures.

We also recommend sending your child with hats and gloves so they can stay warm and comfortable during outdoor play, lessons, and any other activities throughout the school day.

Being prepared for all weathers helps your child enjoy their time at school safely and comfortably.

