

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

At Monksmoor Park E Primary School, we place a huge focus on respect for all. It is not only one of our core Christian values but also one of our three school rules: Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful.

Following on from our focus on Friendship Week last week, this week we have turned our attention to our value of Respect. In Collective Worship, we have been discussing different moments in the day when we can show respect to others. These include greeting people with a friendly "good morning" at the gate, giving someone who may be upset the time and space to calm down, using good manners at lunchtime, and communicating respectfully with adults when we are unsure about our work—using our words to ask for help rather than distracting ourselves or others.

At Monksmoor, we believe that these small acts of respect help us to build a stronger, kinder, and more supportive school community.

Welcome back to our Year 5s! It was such a joy to see them return from their one-night Everdon residential, full of stories and smiles. They had a wonderful time hiking, bug hunting, exploring nature, sharing bunk beds and throwing themselves into all the fun activities that make a residential so special.

A huge thank you goes to the fantastic team of staff who organised and accompanied the trip, and who spent their evenings with 30 very excited Year 5s! Something tells me the children will sleep well tonight... and the adults might just sleep even better!

Mrs Otway

SHINE AWARDS

There was a clear theme running through this week's SHINE awards – pupils consistently demonstrating The Monksmoor Way. A big well done to everyone, and thank you!

Year 1 - Bonnie

Year 2 - Charlie

Year 3 - Hollie

Year 4 - Lilly Mae

Year 5 - on residential

Year 6 - Xavier



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!

HELP

WANTED



Our EYFS team have been busy enhancing the outdoor play area, with a special focus on the mud kitchen. To really bring it to life, we would still love donations of utensils (wooden spoons, ladles, etc.), as well as jugs, measuring cups, washing-up bowls, and watering cans. A big thank you to those who have already donated—we are very grateful—but we would still welcome any more contributions!



Mr Margieson is excited to be starting Chess Club next week. However, we would love a few more chess sets. If you happen to see one in a charity shop, have a spare set at home, or know someone who no longer uses theirs, we'd be very grateful.



Finally, a note about fancy dress: it is wonderful to see the children role-playing at break and lunchtime, but our supply is currently very low. If your child has grown out of any costumes, we would love to give them a new home here at school.

—thankyou—





Travelling Book Fair

@ Monksmoor Park CE Primary School

Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October

Cashless Payment Only

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 Mrs Ellison's History Club KS2 Mr Wyness' 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 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



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MESSAGES

Walking to School and Mobile Phones



When pupils are in Year 5 or 6, they may walk to and from school unaccompanied if we have signed parental permission. For added peace of mind, many of these pupils carry mobile phones. However, in line with our Mobile Phone Policy, all phones **must be switched off** before pupils enter the school grounds. **Phones should not be used on site.** At the start of the day, phones are handed to the class teacher, locked away securely, and returned at home time. Pupils may then switch them back on once they have left the school grounds. Please could you kindly remind your child of these rules if they walk to school independently.



Bike Safety

We are delighted to see so many pupils choosing to cycle to and from school. This is a healthy, eco-friendly way to travel—but it's also important to stay safe. Please ensure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet when riding their bike. A helmet can make all the difference in protecting them from serious injury should they fall or be involved in an accident. Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

School Admissions

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 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



Wednesday 24th September

6:30pm

in the School Hall

You are warmly invited to...



***Reception Parents'
Phonics meeting***