

SCHOOL NEWS

11TH SEPTEMBER
2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Wow, what a first week back!



It has been so lovely to see all of the children back in school and, of course, to meet all of our new faces.

We have made such a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have been busy settling into their new classes, getting to know their new teachers, forming new relationships and making new friends. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces around school and to watch those new connections beginning to grow.

We even had a little unexpected excitement with a power cut! Despite the interruption, everyone adapted brilliantly. It certainly made for a memorable first week and was lovely to see the children and staff taking it all in their stride.

We also had a fabulous Meet the Parents event for Years 1–6. Thank you to everyone who came along and took the time to meet the teachers and find out a little more about the year ahead. We hope you found it useful and reassuring as we begin this new chapter together. If you weren't able to join us on the evening, please do take a look at your emails, where you'll find the slides shared from the session.

As always, please remember that if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to chat about at any time, you can catch your child's teacher at the door, or drop an email to the school office and they will make sure your message is passed on.

Here's to a brilliant year ahead — we're off to a great start!

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.

Year 1	Alex
Year 2	Michael
Year 3	Khalid
Year 4	Eva
Year 5	Olivia
Year 6	Ethan

HEALTHY BREAK-TIME SNACKS

Following feedback from parents whose children do not eat fruit or vegetables, we have put together a list of alternative healthy snacks that children can enjoy at break time.

Healthy alternatives include: low-sugar yoghurt, low-fat cheese or cheese portions, oatcakes or wholegrain crackers, rice cakes, wholegrain breadsticks and plain popcorn.

We will continue to encourage healthy choices & discourage snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote **healthy eating** across the school.



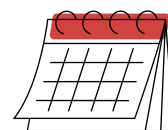
UP COMING EVENTS



24th September - 6pm - PTA Meeting [School Hall]

25th September - 3:30pm onwards - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon [School Hall]

28th September to 1st October - Time TBC - Book Fair [School Hall]





PTA Meet Up 24th September @6pm

Please join us in the School Hall
for our next PTA meeting.

We would love to build on the fantastic legacy
left by our outgoing team and continue working
together to make a positive difference for our
school and children.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you want to join
the committee or simply have some ideas to
share for future events, we welcome you.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**We're busy putting together an
exciting programme of clubs for
the new academic year.**

**Information about the clubs on
offer and how to book places will
be shared with families next
week.**



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MESSAGES AND NEWS

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING



Our pre-loved clothes rail at the school office has
been restocked, so please come and have a look
if there is anything you need. Donations towards
our PTA are always very much appreciated, but
are absolutely not compulsory.



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bin has already had a few items
added this week. If you are missing something,
please do take a look. Please do make sure
everything being sent in to school is labelled -
from water bottles to shoes to cardigans. It
makes such a difference and helps us make sure
that every lost item finds its way back home.

LOCAL SUPPORT AND EVENTS

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

[West Northamptonshire Stay Connected Newsletter
September 2026](#)

*This is a live document and lots of free and cheap
activities and events are advertised.*



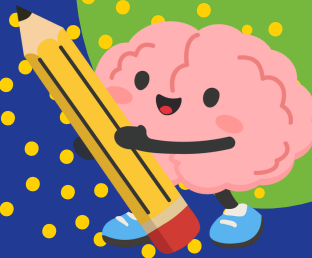
SAFETY UPDATES

SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Thank you for using the main gate for drop-
offs. This helps reduce children walking
across the car park and keeps everyone safer.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Please remind children **not to use** play or
fixed equipment **before or after school**, as
staff are not available to supervise.
Thank you for your continued support in
keeping our school safe and welcoming.



This week, Years 1–6 have been placing a strong focus on developing their handwriting and sentence composition across all subjects. They have been working hard to improve presentation, sentence structure and the quality of their written work.

I think you'll agree that we have some very impressive writers at Monksmoor!

