

12th September 2025 Issue

Together Everyone Achieves More



16th Sept	Year 3 Tennis Development Day
25th Sept	Year 1 Wildlife Park Visit
2nd Oct	LKS2 Reading Breakfast
15th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
23rd October	Last day of Term 1
3rd November	Start of Term 2

### A note from Mr Clarke

Welcome back! It has been fantastic to see all the new smiling faces on the gate every morning after a long summer break. A huge thank you from me for making me feel so welcome. The children have settled back into the new routines exceptionally well, especially our new Nursery and Reception children. We have managed to squeeze in a school trip into the first full week back. I'm really looking to the new academic year.



### Attendance



Class attendance for  
4th - 5th September



KS1: Miss Moscatiello 98.28%

KS2: Mrs Gilbert 99.19%

Overall school attendance: 92.81%

### No Outsiders

This year we are proud to announce that we are a 'No Outsiders school.' No Outsiders is an educational programme aimed at promoting inclusive education and fostering a sense of belonging among our children. It uses picture books to teach about diversity, tolerance and acceptance emphasising that everyone belongs in school and that there are no outsiders. The programme encourages the children to understand their differences and to feel confident in their identities, preparing them for life as global citizens. We have already begun our No Outsiders journey with some assemblies beginning at the end of the last academic year and we cannot wait to get started with our activities and to share our learning with you.

### Updating Contact Details

If your contact details change or you move house, please let the school know as soon as possible or update Arbor directly. We use the contact details you provide us in case of emergencies to get in touch with you. If we are unable to contact you, this can raise a safeguarding concern. Thank you.

### Safeguarding Snippet

Welcome back after, what I hope was a fun and safe summer. Each week we have a section on our newsletter, known as the 'Safeguarding Snippet' through which we aim to share information that will help to inform and keep the members of our community safe from harm. This week's snippet is all about enabling restricted mode on YouTube on a variety of devices.

As many of you will be aware, the autoplay feature on YouTube makes it easier to decide what to watch next. When Autoplay is on, another related video will automatically play after a video ends. This sometimes leads to children seeing content with mature themes, includes inappropriate language or harmful ideas. By changing your YouTube settings to restricted, you will help create natural breaks for your child, protecting them from unsuitable content and encouraging healthier online habits. Please see the poster attached for a step by step guide to enabling restricted mode on different devices.

### Home/School Agreement

Over the next few days, pupils in Years 1 - 6 will be coming home with their home/school agreements. In school the children have read through the agreement with their teachers. When the agreement comes home, please take the time to read through the Parent/Carer section of the agreement. These agreements do not need to be returned to school. We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year.

### Uniform Swap Shop

Many thanks for all of the recent donations to our uniform swap shop which can be found in the school entrance lobby. Please do come and have a browse and take any items that you may need. Currently we are unable to accept any more donations due to lack of storage space.

### Yr 1 Mrs Jensen

This week Finches have begun their 'Curious Quests' in English and have been given the story 'Superworm' as their inventing stimulus. Professor Klunk has asked the children to design a cape for Superworm, invent a Superworm theme park and make a thank you gift for him. The children have enjoyed dressing up as superheroes, rolling plasticine to make Superworms and of course we have seen some fabulous writing too! It has been a great start to Year 1!

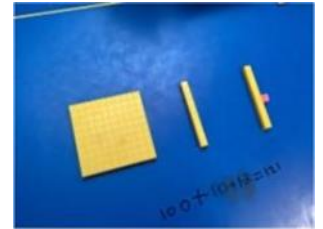


### Yr 3 Miss Tawn



This week, we have enjoyed reading 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. We recreated scenes from the story using adjectives and we will move on to writing our own

versions of the story. In Maths, we have continued learning more about place value and partitioned numbers in a variety of ways.



We also enjoyed listening to a traditional tale from Norway with the storyteller. It was great fun joining in with the actions!

### Yr 5 Mrs Roberts

The children in Owls enjoyed their first Science lesson of year 5 learning about gravity. They used Newton metres to measure the force on different objects ranging from chairs in the classroom, to water bottles, to pencil pots. They also enjoyed a visit from the storyteller this week!



### Mrs Elston

**Who is Mrs Elston and what is her role in school?**

I have worked at Monkhouse school for eighteen years and during this time my role has changed. Having previously supported class teachers and SEND children, I am now the schools Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and Senior Mental Health Lead.

**What do I do?**

I support children that may be going through difficult times at home, in school or struggling with their emotions.

These could be due to anxiety, anger, behaviour, bereavement, low self-esteem and any other emotion based difficulty.

I support children 1-1 or within groups. Sessions are tailor made and specifically suited to their needs. The interventions can last between 6-12 weeks and parents are contacted if I feel they need my support. Resources and strategies will be provided to help them through their difficult times.

Alongside my ELSA role I am also trained to deliver drawing & talking intervention, feelings detective and many other emotion based interventions.

If you would like more information or need support with your child, please call into the office for a leaflet or ask to speak to me.

Mrs Elston.



### BAFTA

This week in BAFTA the children settled back in extremely well with lots of new faces joining us. The older ones have enjoyed using recycling to design and make homes for toys and using mirrors to draw self-portraits. The younger children have enjoyed playing outside and painting pictures of things they have done during their summer holidays.





# YOUTUBE: TURN OFF AUTOPLAY

## + ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

Step by step guide for different devices



**Autoplay:** When a video finishes, YouTube automatically plays another one. This feature can encourage children to watch for hours and may expose them to inappropriate content.

**Restricted Mode:** This is a filter designed to hide numerous videos that are flagged as mature or inappropriate, creating a safer browsing experience.

### Autoplay on mobile (iOS/Android):



- OPEN YOUTUBE ➔ TAP YOUR PROFILE PHOTO
- SETTINGS ➔ AUTOPLAY ➔ TOGGLE OFF
- Or in any video's watch screen: tap the AUTOPLAY switch to off

### Autoplay on desk top:



- OPEN YOUTUBE.COM ➔ WATCH ANY VIDEO
- AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PLAYER, CLICK THE AUTOPLAY SWITCH TO OFF

### Restricted Mode:



- MOBILE: CLICK THE PROFILE PHOTO ➔ RESTRICTED MODE ON
- COMPUTER: CLICK PROFILE PHOTO ➔ SETTINGS ➔ GENERAL ➔ RESTRICTED MODE ➔ TURN ON

