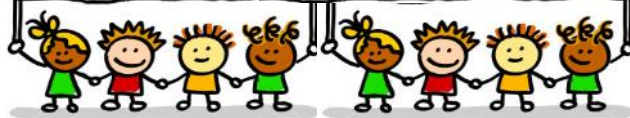


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Together Everyone Achieves More



1st-8th Oct	Book Fair
10th Oct	Year 4 Rainforest Explorer
15th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
16th Oct	Drama club - Starlight Express Trip
21st Oct	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8pm
22nd Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
23rd October	Last day of Term 1
3rd November	Start of Term 2
4th Nov	Yr 5 Space Centre Trip

Reading Champions

Well done to our amazing new reading champions who blew Mrs Jarvis away with their outstanding applications. With over 100 applications, it was a tough job to choose just one per class but the decision has now been made and they have been appointed. Well done to Rebecca (Y2), Jessica (Y2), Bethany (Y3), Charlie (Y3), Olek (Y4), Lacey (Y4), Molly (Y5), Darcey (Y5), Aairah (Y6) and Elizabeth (Y6). They have already been set to work this week supporting Mrs Jarvis with the reading breakfast and are loving their new roles (and their shiny badges too!)



Attendance



Class attendance for
22nd - 26th September



KS1: Mrs Jensen 99.26%

KS2: Mr Bullock 97.33%
Mr McHugh 97.33%

Overall school attendance: 95.81%

MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan cake sales. We are proud to announce that we collected an outstanding £260. Well done Monkhouse- a tremendous effort once again!

A Reminder About Bikes and Scooters

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that **bikes and scooters are not ridden on the school site**. Children (and adults!) should dismount before entering the gates and walk their bikes or scooters to the racks/designated areas.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe and calm for all.

Safeguarding Snippet

Child Protection In Sport

NSPCC have released a pack for Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport week (6-12 October 2025). The resources available are there to support parents and carers to understand their part in what support their child needs before, during and after activities.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents/keeping-your-child-safe-in-sport-2025-for-parents/>

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations towards our Harvest Festival collection for Agape Care food bank. The volunteer who came to collect our donations today was thrilled.

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KAPLA Workshops



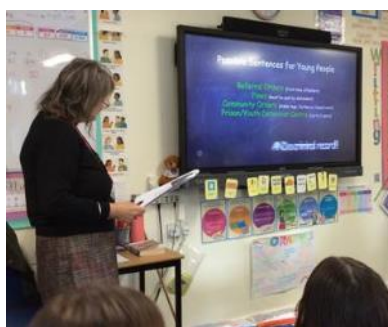
This week the children have had enormous fun working collaboratively to fill our school hall full of magnificent structures using KAPLA building bricks. It was fantastic to see the display develop hour by hour and to see teamwork, perseverance and responsibility come to the fore as the children worked tirelessly on their structures alongside the workshop leader,



Jennifer. It was so lovely that so many parents came to view our stunning work on Wednesday afternoon, just before the great demolition took place! It is safe to say that the three classes involved in raising our structures down to the ground (Robins, Kingfishers and Owls) had an absolute blast and were incredible at packing up all of the bricks. I would just like to extend a huge thank you to the parents and carers who came into school to support us with this project - without your help this would have not been possible.



Year 6 Magistrates in the Community



Year 6 were privileged to participate in an enriching session delivered by a serving magistrate, who explained how laws are made and how courts and magistrates operate. They learnt about the penalties for offences such as using a mobile phone while driving and shoplifting, gaining a valuable understanding of how everyday actions can carry serious legal consequences. The pupils then took part in a mock youth-court

hearing, taking on roles including the victim, the accused, the magistrates,

the legal adviser, and the prosecution and defence solicitors. The experience was highly informative – particularly in revealing that, in the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is as young as ten.



Nursery



The Monkshouse Minis have settled in so well, and they are becoming familiar with the daily layout and routines. Last week the children enjoyed creating self-portraits. They looked in the mirror, to consider questions like, the

colour of their hair and how many eyes they have. The portraits the children have produced are wonderful; it has been lovely to see them so proud of their finished creations.

We were very excited to welcome our new market shop. The children enjoyed taking turns being the shopkeeper and the customer. It has been lovely to see them beginning to build friendships through play.

Our new outdoor climbing equipment has been a huge hit with the children. It has prompted lots of skills which are brilliant for the children's physical development.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Nikola's parents for the wonderful donation of plants for us to grow. We have been planting them around the nursery outside area. They look beautiful.



Yr 2 - Mr Addison



On Monday, Skylarks class put into practice the learning they have been doing in music lessons about 'call and response'. They had already learned previously

that a call and response song has a phrase that is performed first by one group and is then answered with a different phrase by another group. The children had to think of a suitable answer to a question about different safari animals to build their call and response song. They then had to use a percussion instrument of their choice to beat along with the rhythm of the words in their call and response performance. It was great to see the children working in teams of four to construct their performance.

All the groups performed their call and responses confidently in front of the class - I was so impressed!. Well done, Skylarks!



Yr 6 - Mr McHugh

This week, Ospreys became designers! We started by carefully taking apart fabric tote bags to see exactly how they were made. The children were fascinated to discover how just a few simple pieces of fabric could be joined together to create a strong, useful product. They then drew and measured their own pattern pieces for the bags, just like real designers would.

With this experience, they moved on to creating pattern pieces for waistcoats of their own design. They thought carefully about size, shape and how the different pieces would fit together. There was lots of excitement as they imagined how their finished waistcoats might look.



Yr 4 - Mrs Gilbert

This week we had a great time at the Kapla workshop. We worked together using the wooden planks to make an amazing bridge that worked its way across the length of the hall. We were really proud of our efforts and amazed with what we achieved.



Friday 26th September

Pupil of the Week

Miles, Ruairi, Oscar, Teddy, Gabriel, Harrison, Isabella, Eliza, Esmae, Evelyn, Eric, Maisie, Isabella, Edith, Olivia

Values

Poppy, Bridie, Myla, Luna, Dev, Nikola, Xanthe-Blossom, Zachary, Elliot, Alex, David, Ayan, Joshua, Smilte

Well done!