



7th November 2025 Issue

Together Everyone Achieves More



10th Nov	Anti-bullying – odd socks day
12th Nov	Nursery and Reception Open Day
12th Nov	Autumn Disco Yrs 1, 2 & 3 (4.30–5.45pm)
12th Nov	Autumn Disco Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (6–7.15pm)
14th Nov	Children in Need – dress sporty
19th Nov	Individual school photos
2nd Dec	Flu vaccinations (top-up session)
10th Dec	KS2 Panto
11th Dec	Christmas dinner
12th Dec	KS1 Panto
19th Dec	Last day of Term 2

Christmas Card Competition

This year we have been invited to take part in the Chairlady's Christmas Card Competition!

This year's theme is: "Community – What Christmas Means to You"

Children are being encouraged to reflect on what they love doing at Christmas time, who they enjoy spending it with, and what makes the festive season special to them and the winning design will be featured on the Chairlady's official Christmas card, sent out across the district.

If your child would like to enter they should create their entry on an A4 piece of paper and return to the school office no later than Thursday 13th November.

Attendance



Class attendance for
20th – 23rd October



KS1: Miss Moscatiello 97.2%

KS2: Mr Bullock 98.3%

Overall school attendance: 92.53%

Nursery

Is your child turning 3 between September and December 2025, or have they already celebrated their 3rd birthday during this time?

We're excited to announce that Monkshouse Minis Nursery has spaces available starting January 2026! Our nursery is an incredible place to learn, play, and develop key early skills in a warm and nurturing environment. Come and see what makes us special at our Open Day on 12th November – we'd love to meet you and your little one!

Book your place by calling 01775 722006

Monkshouse Minis – where every little learner thrives!

Safeguarding Snippet

This week some of our pupils have been taking part in road safety workshops to help keep them safe whilst out and about. Here are some key safety messages to share with your child to help keep them safe:

- Understand the Difference: Help children understand the difference between a footpath and a road, and know to walk with an adult when near a road.
- Stop, Look, Listen, Think: Introduce the "Stop, Look, Listen, Think" sequence to ensure children know to stop and wait before crossing the road.
- Green Cross Code: Teach the Green Cross Code, which includes recognising safe crossing places on the roadside.
- Pedestrian Safety: Emphasise the importance of holding hands with grown-ups when crossing roads and the significance of wearing seatbelts in cars.
- Cycle Safety: Encourage children to cycle safely, using resources that provide tips and activities to help them learn.

Cost of Living Support for Eligible Families

Funding has been provided to schools and early years providers to offer 'cost of living' support for families eligible for Free School Meals and the Early Years Pupil Premium.

Families who are eligible **do not need to apply** for this support. A voucher will be sent directly to them by Friday 28th November.

Autumn Discos Wednesday 12th November

There are still a few spaces available for the Yr 4, 5 & 6 Autumn Disco if your child would like to attend.

Nursery

This week the Monkshouse Minis have been learning all about **Bonfire Night!** We talked about why people celebrate it and, most importantly, how to stay safe near bonfires and fireworks.



The children shared their thoughts about the loud sounds they might hear and came up with some fantastic words to describe them – "whizz," "pop," "bang," and "fizz!" We also talked about the beautiful colours we can see lighting up the night sky.

To bring our learning to life, we have been busy getting creative! The children have painted their own bonfires, experimenting with fiery reds, oranges, and yellows, and have enjoyed exploring a range of craft materials to design their very own firework artwork.



We're so proud of their creativity and enthusiasm – it's been a sparkling week of learning!

Yr 2 - Mr Addison



On the first day of term, Skylarks class read the story 'Little Red' by Bethan Woollvin. They thought about how the story differed from the original fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood. The children freeze framed the different stages of the story to help them remember each part - I wonder what you think is happening in the story based on the photos we collected? Later this week we will be altering the story to write our own version as a class before the children

draft their very own versions of the story to share with parents during the upcoming Publishing Day this term! I'm really looking forward to seeing what amazing writing Skylarks will produce!



Yr 6 - Mr McHugh

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the world of coding with BBC Microbits. Pupils learned how to write programs to make their Microbits display icons, scroll messages, and respond to button presses. They showed great creativity and problem-solving as they tested and debugged their code. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they brought their ideas to life through programming!



Yr 4 - Mrs Gilbert

This term we started with our new spelling scheme, Spelling Shed. We have been busy completing our baseline assessments and we love using the computers and iPads to complete them. We are looking forward to playing spelling games in the coming weeks to help us get even better with our spelling.



Thursday 23rd October

Outstanding

Bridie, Esmae, Maja, Freddy, Charlie, Eva, Millie, Zachary, Esmae, Ellie, Emily, Ava, Edith, Tabitha,

Book Tokens

Eliots, Indiana, Charlie, Davids, Tyler, James, Bethany, Patryk, Daniella, Jakub, Charlie, Eric, Olivia, Isabella

Always Child

Matylda, Ada, Anisia, Sofia, Dawid, Arthur, Brunon, Saimirra, Gabriela, Daria, Maisie, Maya, Smilte, Lacey,

Well done!