



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered their time to help with visits this term. Your support and involvement make these opportunities possible for our pupils, and we are truly grateful for the difference you make.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm
- 9th Dec - Year 2 Christmas Performance 6.15pm
- 10th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Performance 6.15pm
- 10th Dec - Year 2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm
- 10th Dec - Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am
- 10th Dec - KS2 Panto
- 11th Dec - Christmas Dinner
- 11th Dec - Reception Christmas Performance 2pm
- 12th Dec - KS1 Panto
- 17th Dec - KS1 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- 18th Dec - KS2 Christmas Celebration 6pm
- 19th Dec - Last Day of Term 2
- 6th Jan - First Day of Term 3



REMINDERS

Christmas Card Post Box

Our Christmas Card Post Box is open for children to send festive cards to their friends.

To help us deliver them smoothly, please ensure each envelope clearly includes the recipient's name and class.



Before & After School Club Bookings

Please remember that all Bafta Club sessions must be booked at least 48 hours in advance of the session start time. Late bookings through the school office should only be made in cases of absolute emergency.

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

Christmas and Mental Health

Visit mind.org.uk for support and guidance around mental health at Christmas. From coping tips to supporting others who find Christmas hard, the Mind website holds a wealth of information that you might find useful over Christmas and the year to come.

ATTENDANCE



CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR 24TH - 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

KS1: MRS JENSEN 98.9%

KS2: MISS DOUBLEDAY 98.6%

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 94.53%

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents

At Monkshouse Primary Academy we strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment, where our children can learn not only about academic subjects but also about the diverse cultures that make up our community.

I am writing to invite you to come into school and share some of your cultural traditions and experiences with the children. We would love for you to lead an activity that highlights an aspect of your culture, whether that be through storytelling, music, art, food, or any other meaningful activity that you would be comfortable sharing.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with and learn about different cultures in a fun and interactive way, and it would also help promote understanding and respect for diversity.

If you are interested and available, please let us know a time that would work best for you, and we can discuss further details to ensure your visit is a memorable one for the children.

Thank you so much for considering this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Daisy Elves Year 5

Every December, Daisy and her mum take part in a very special tradition that embodies the true spirit of Christmas. Together, they prepare a parcel filled with treats, warm socks, and supplies for a remarkable lady in Romania who dedicates her life to rescuing cats and dogs. With nearly 200 animals in her care, this lady puts all her resources into feeding and sheltering them, so Daisy's family makes sure she receives a little extra comfort during the cold winter months.

The parcel is packed with love—and plenty of dog toys, vitamins, and essentials to help the animals thrive. Daisy especially enjoys helping her mum carry the heavy box, showing off her “elf strength” as she calls it. After all, elves are experts at spreading Christmas cheer!

One of the highlights for Daisy is tracking the parcel's journey across Europe. Watching it travel from country to country brings excitement and joy, knowing that each mile brings her gift closer to the animals in need.

This annual tradition is a wonderful reminder that Christmas is not only about receiving, but about giving—sharing kindness with those who need it most.

Daisy's efforts show how even small acts of generosity can make a big difference, and her story inspires us all to think about how we can help others this festive season.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 28TH NOVEMBER

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ PUPIL OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Iris, Miles, Elsie, Kyla, Olivia, Arthur, Louie, Austin, Maddie, Dominik, Olivia, Zachary, Rae, Danika

VALUES

★ ★ Henry, Ruairi, Kajus, Charlie, Evie, Charlie, Ethan, Alexa, Jacob, Daria, Tamir, Atene, Frankie, Matas, George

NURSERY

This week our Monkshouse Minis took part in their much-anticipated Nativity, and we couldn't be prouder of them. They sang beautifully and showed just how hard they've been practicing over the past few weeks. Their confidence and enthusiasm truly shone through.

After the Nativity, it was lovely to welcome the families to our Christmas craft morning. Children and adults enjoyed creating together, sharing festive fun, and getting into the Christmas spirit. The room was filled with sparkle, laughter, and lots of wonderful handmade creations!

A huge thank-you to everyone for your support and for joining us at these special events. Your presence helps make these moments so memorable for the children.

Wishing you all a magical start to the festive season! 🎄✨



YEAR 2

Skylarks class joined Kingfishers class on Wednesday to walk to St John's Church in order to learn all about Advent. They discovered that Advent is all about waiting for something special to arrive...in this case, the arrival of the son of God, Jesus! They

listened to a special talk about the significance of Advent and Christmas to Christians, got to test their wits against Mr Addison in a 'The Chase' style quiz all about the run up to Christmas, and examined an advent candle and learned about the significance of each candle as well as the wreath. They then got some time to explore the whole church, which was superb for us as we were able to spot some of the features of a church that we had learned in our RE lessons this term! The children were very polite and well behaved during the whole trip and we had so many questions to ask that we had to send them as a separate e-mail!



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a lovely morning at the Broad Street Methodist Church. We learnt all about the church building and saw the organ, the font, the lectern and pulpit. We took part in a special word search with a secret code and created Christmas angels for our Christmas trees.



YEAR 6

Our Y6 designers have had an exciting week in DT as they moved from planning to making their textile products. After carefully exploring and evaluating different design ideas, pupils began bringing their chosen concepts to life using a range of sewing techniques and materials. They demonstrated fantastic creativity, problem-solving and perseverance as they started to cut, stitch and assemble their pieces. We can't wait to see their finished products in the coming weeks!

