16TH OCTOBER 2026

MONKSHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

This week's online safety poster highlights the growing use of AI companion apps and chatbots by young people. It explains the potential risks, including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, privacy concerns and misleading advice, while offering practical tips for parents on supporting safe and healthy technology use. For further information and guidance, please see the poster.

ATTENDANCE SNIPPET

Medical/dental appointments (7.2.2 Trust Attendance Policy)

Wherever possible parents are encouraged to make medical or dental appointments outside of the school day to not impact learning. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, we ask that school is notified in advance of the appointment. Your child should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. In most circumstances a child should not miss a whole day at school.

Attending a medical or dental appointment will only be recorded as authorised if:-

- school is notified in advance and
- supporting evidence is provided such as an appointment card, hospital letter or text from GP/Hospital/Dentist

UPCOMING EVENTS

22nd Oct -	End of Term 1
2nd Nov -	Start of Term 2
10th Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Ospreys
11th Nov -	Autumn Disco (details to follow)
18th Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Owls
23rd Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Falcons
24th Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Hawks
9th Dec -	Y1 Christmas Performance (pm)
9th Dec -	Y2 Christmas Performance (eve)
10th Dec -	Y1 Christmas Performance (eve)
10th Dec -	Y2 Christmas Performance (pm)
10th Dec -	Whole School Christmas Dinner
16th Dec -	Y3-Y6 Christmas Panto Trip
17th Dec -	Y1 & 2 Christmas Panto Trip

ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR 5TH - 9TH OCTOBER 2026

KS1:	MRS WOODS	97.4%
KS2:	MISS TAWN	100%
OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:		95.9%

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 16TH OCTOBER

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Eli, Ava, Margot, Maisie, Conor, Oakley, Charlie, Erika, Kasper, Brunon, Esmae, Marcus, Eric, Zahra

VALUES

Ronnie, Arliyah,Kevin, Indiana, Erica, Eva, David, Dev, Betsy, Matei, Xanthe-Blossom, Malachy, Jacob, George, Mikolaj

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies and other items (ranging in price from £1 - £1.50) will be available to purchase in school at lunchtimes and in the mornings on the playground, the first week after half term. There are a limited amount of items available so, purchase will be on a first come, first served basis. Please allow your child to bring in a small amount of money if they wish to make a purchase. Please note we are unable to give any change because the money goes straight into the supplied donation boxes.

CHRISTMAS DESIGN PROJECT

Children have been busy creating festive artwork as part of the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Design Project. Families can order personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper, notebooks and mugs featuring their child's design.

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code on your child's order form. Completed artwork and order forms must be returned to school by Thursday 22nd October. Products will be delivered at the beginning of December, making them perfect for Christmas gifts and greetings while also helping to raise funds for our school.



RECEPTION - DUCKLINGS

An Autumn Adventure!

Ducklings enjoyed a lovely autumn walk around our forest and field this week! We explored our outdoor environment, looked for signs of autumn and began getting ready for our Forest Adventures learning next term. The children had lots of opportunities to explore, observe, and talk about the changes happening around them. We can't wait to start our outdoor adventures and discover what else we can find in nature next term!





BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much to those who supported us with our travelling book fair. We are excited to share that we will be able to buy £274.38 worth of new books for our school library!

THANK YOU!

YEAR 1 - ROBINS

This term, we have loved exploring Curious Quest in English, writing codes for Professor Klunk to feed into his Story Dream Machine. We have recently enjoyed reading Greta and the Giants, using our imaginations to invent our own ideas before writing sentences. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine through their writing!

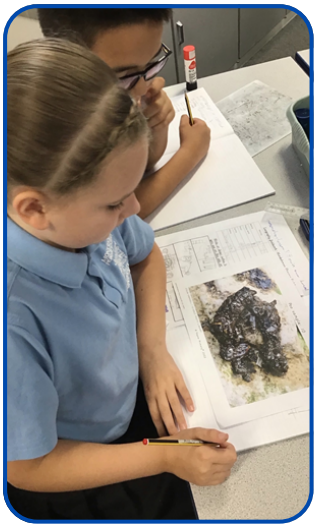


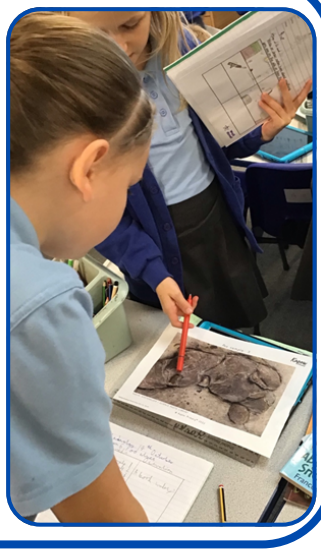




YEAR 4 - CURLEWS

This week, during our science lesson, we were poo investigators. Much to the disgust and horror of some of the children, we investigated 10 different poos from different animals. We used our knowledge and understanding of food chains, different teeth and the digestive system to predict which poo belonged to which animal. Although a bit gruesome, it showed the children had brilliant understanding from our digestion and food topic and I was really proud of their fantastic knowledge and understanding. Well done Curlews.





YEAR 6 - FALCONS

Falcons have been putting their geography skills to the test by heading out into the local area to conduct fieldwork as part of our enquiry into Why does population change? The children investigated how population can impact our environment, focusing on traffic, noise pollution and litter. Armed with clipboards and data collection sheets, they followed a pre-planned route, comparing a busier, more populated area with a quieter location. Working collaboratively, they used tally charts to count passing vehicles, observed the amount of litter, recorded noise levels and rated opinions about the local environment. This hands-on experience allowed Falcons to collect both quantitative data (facts and figures) and qualitative data (descriptions and opinions). Well done, Falcons!







