



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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HARVEST FESTIVAL REMINDER

A reminder that our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Friday 2nd October.

This year we are once again supporting Agape Care Foodbank, a local charity that provides emergency food support to individuals and families across the Spalding and South Holland area.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it into school with your child on the morning of Friday 2nd October. The foodbank is currently in need of the following non-perishable items:

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| • UHT Milk | • Tinned Fruit |
| • Pasta Sauce | • Rice Pudding |
| • Cereal | • Custard |
| • Pasta | • Biscuits |
| • Rice | • Squash |
| • Spaghetti | • Tea |
| • Packet/Pot Noodles | • Tinned Fish |
| • Baked Beans | • Tinned Vegetables |
| • Spaghetti Hoops | • Deodorant |
| • Tinned Soup | • Toothpaste |
| • Tinned Meat | • Shower Gel |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 29 th Sept - | Reception Phonics & Reading Workshop 6pm |
| 30 th Sept - | Reception Phonics & Reading Workshop 9am |
| 2 nd Oct - | Harvest Festival |
| 6 th Oct - | Y4 - Rainforest Workshop |
| 8 th -12 th Oct - | Travelling Book Fair |
| 14 th Oct - | Individual School Photos |
| 22 nd Oct - | End of Term 1 |
| 2 nd Nov - | Start of Term 2 |
| 10 th Nov - | Film Festival Trip - Ospreys |
| 18 th Nov - | Film Festival Trip - Owls |
| 23 rd Nov - | Film Festival Trip - Falcons |
| 24 th Nov - | Film Festival Trip - Hawks |



ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR
14TH - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

KS1: MRS WOODS	100%
KS2: MISS TAWN	98.3%
OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:	95.2%





AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

At Monkshouse Primary Academy, we believe that children's learning and development extends far beyond the classroom. Our playtime and lunchtime extra-curricular activities provide pupils with opportunities to discover new interests, develop talents and build important skills that support their personal development.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff who give their time and expertise to provide an extensive range of free clubs and activities for our pupils. These opportunities are complemented by a selection of paid clubs, allowing us to offer an even broader range of experiences throughout the school year.

We are committed to giving all children the opportunity to take part in clubs during the year. As places can be limited, we organise our programme across the year so that pupils have opportunities to access different activities over time.

For our Reception pupils, we introduce clubs during the summer term. This gives our youngest children time to settle into school, become familiar with routines and feel comfortable and confident in their new environment before taking part in additional activities.

We are proud of the range of opportunities we are able to provide and grateful to the staff who make so many of these clubs possible. We hope that every child will have the opportunity to discover a new interest, develop a new skill or simply have fun with friends through our extra-curricular programme.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to represent their class as a School Councillor. Congratulations to all pupils who were elected.

Year 1 - Robins - Olivia & Alex

Year 2 - Kingfishers - Noah & Indie-Rose

Year 3 - Swifts - Nikita & Amaani

Year 4 - Doves - Saimirra & Lia

Year 5 - Hawks - Finley & Ellie

Year 6 - Falcons - Haiden & Mijis

Year 1 - Finches - Ruairi & Helena

Year 2 - Skylarks - Sidney & Connor

Year 3 - Puffins - Teddie & Paulina

Year 4 - Curlews - Franklyn & Alexa

Year 5 - Owls - Kuba & Callie

Year 6 - Ospreys- Darcey & Freddie

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 25TH SEPTEMBER

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ PUPIL OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Haleesi, David, Eva, Thea, Lacey, Ava, Wojciech, Aronas, Molly, Alexa, Luca, Emilija, Laine, Darcey

VALUES

Gloria, Hailey, Isabella, Mason, Ronnie, Teddy, Paulina, Rory, Patryk, Franklyn, Millie, Callie, Maddie, Rokas, Joshua



SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

On Friday 9th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day in school. On this day we are going to ask children to 'Wear yellow and say hello'. Please do not rush out to buy anything yellow specifically, it could be as simple as wearing a yellow bow in their hair or wearing a pair of socks that have a hint of yellow on them. The day is intended to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. During the day, we will also be completing some activities in school to promote positive mental health. If you would like to complete some activities at home with child, below are some suggestions:

Gratitude Jar

Decorate a jar and add one thing you're grateful for each day. Read them together at the end of the week.

Positive thinking, appreciation

Three Good Things

At bedtime, each person shares three good things from their day.

Reflection, optimism

Mood Weather

Ask, "If your feelings were today's weather, what would they be?" Talk about why.

Family Walk & Talk

Go for a walk together and take turns answering fun questions.

Connection, physical activity

Worry Monster

Make a "worry monster" from a box or paper. Children can write/draw worries and put them inside. Talk about worries together.

Managing worries, communication

My Happy Box

Fill a decorated box with things that make your child feel happy, calm or safe—photos, drawings, notes or small objects.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bethany participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at Spalding Library and was entered into a prize draw. She visited the library to collect her prize and it was this lovely book, signed by the author!



BOOK FAIR



We're excited to share that the travelling book fair will be running from Thursday 8th October - Monday 12th October in school. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore a wide range of books and develop their love of reading. There will be something for every age and interest, and every purchase helps support our school's reading resources.



I ♥ BOOKS



NURSERY

What a fantastic start our new Monkshouse Minis have had! It has been wonderful to welcome the children to nursery for the very first time and watch them begin to settle into their new surroundings, routines and relationships. We have also been delighted to welcome back some of our children who joined us last year. It has been lovely to see their familiar faces again and watch them confidently settle back into nursery life, as well as helping our new children to feel at home.

The children have already been busy exploring and discovering everything our nursery has to offer. They have particularly enjoyed spending time in our water area, where they have been pouring, filling, splashing and experimenting with different containers. It has been lovely to see their curiosity as they explore what happens when they move and combine water in different ways, while developing their coordination and confidence.

The children have also enjoyed creating their very own self-portraits. Looking carefully in the mirror, they thought about their individual features, including the colour of their hair and how many eyes they have. They then used their observations to create their portraits. We have been so proud to see how carefully the children have looked at themselves and how pleased they have been with their finished creations.

As the children continue to become familiar with nursery, we are looking forward to providing lots more opportunities for them to explore, investigate, create and learn through play. It has been a pleasure getting to know our new Monkshouse Minis, reconnecting with our returning children, and seeing our nursery family grow together.



YEAR 2 - KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers went on an exciting trip to Lincoln castle, where they enjoyed a fantastic day of activities. They took part in a medieval banquet and learnt how to become skilled archers. They designed and made their very own shields and also walked along the castle walls whilst trying not to disturb the dragons! Everyone had a brilliant day and enjoyed stepping back in time to experience life in a castle!



YEAR 3 - PUFFINS

We had a brilliant session with Debbie learning all about E-Safety. We designed our own superhero with massive cloaks which hold all of the information that we will keep safe and never share. We also discussed what is appropriate to discuss and what we can do if people are not being kind online.

