13TH NOVEMBER 2026

MONKSHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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ATTENDANCE SNIPPET

Reminders: The start of the school day is 8.45am with the gates opening at 8.40am. Any child arriving after 8.50am will be recorded as late (authorised late up to 9.05am, unauthorised late after 9.05am).

Some children are being dropped off in the park before school and are therefore expected to make their own way into school in time for the start of the school day. Unfortunately, some children are not arriving at school promptly and are therefore being recorded as late.

Please be reminded that parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that their children arrive safely at school and are on the school premises by the official start time. Children should not be left in the park with the expectation that they will make their own way into school on time.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the school disco and supported our fundraising efforts. Together, we raised an amazing £672 for the school fund!

THANK YOU

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Owls
23rd Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Falcons
23rd Nov -	Reception/Y3 Indian Cultural Experience
24th Nov -	Film Festival Trip - Hawks
2nd Dec -	Nursery Christmas Performance
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
17th Dec -	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR 2ND - 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

KS1:	MISS MOSCATIELLO	100%
KS2:	MR MCHUGH	99%
OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:		96.2%

ELSA - MRS ELSTON

A quick technique to use if your child get a little anxious whilst waiting to come into school. This is a grounding technique and can be used anywhere at any time.

GROUNDING

5 Things you can SEE 

 4 Things you can TOUCH

3 Things you can HEAR 

 2 Things you can SMELL

1 Deep breathe 

From Mrs Elston

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday 11th November, we came together to mark Remembrance Day. The children respectfully took part in a two-minute silence to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others. We also got creative by making our own poppies, which have been added to our beautiful whole-school display.

We are so proud of the thoughtfulness and respect shown by everyone.









CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 13TH NOVEMBER

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Charlie, Oli, Poppy, Erik, Elsie, Zoya, Charlie, Nikola, Neve, Roman, Alex, Aahana, Julia, Kajus

VALUES

Mieszko, Ducklings class, Darcie, Ottilie, Prince, Owen, Gracie-May, Rebecca, Austin, Amy, George, McSkyler, Olivia, Maya

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET



Staying Safe on Darker Evenings

As the evenings get darker, it's important that we all take extra care when out and about. We would like to remind families of a few simple ways to help keep children safe:

- Be bright, be seen! Wear bright or reflective clothing, and consider using reflective strips on coats, bags and shoes.
- Use safe routes. Stick to well-lit paths and pavements, and avoid taking shortcuts through dark or unfamiliar areas.
- Stay together. Younger children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult when out after dark.
- Be road aware. Stop, look and listen before crossing roads, use pedestrian crossings where possible and avoid distractions such as mobile phones.
- Plan ahead. Make sure children know their journey home and who to contact if they need help.

Stay safe and stay seen!

We would also like to say a big thank you, on behalf of the Year 5 and 6 children, to Councillor Ingrid Sheard who gave each of our Upper Key Stage 2 children a lovely reflective sticker to help keep them safe.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

From 16th-20th November, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026, inspired by this year's theme, "Break the Silence." Throughout the week, children will explore the importance of speaking up, supporting others and knowing where to go for help.

We will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November, celebrating individuality and reminding us that our differences make us unique. Key Stage 2 pupils will also take part in the BBC's live Anti-Bullying Week lesson.

Classes will complete a range of activities linked to the theme, helping children develop confidence in speaking up about worries and supporting their peers.

We are also launching a Buddy Bench Poster Competition. Children are invited to create an A4 or A3 poster at home explaining what the Buddy Bench is, how it can be used and why it helps everyone feel included. The competition is optional, and entries should be brought into school by Friday 20th November. Winners from Years 1-2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 will be announced on Monday 23rd November, with the winning designs displayed near the Buddy Bench.

BAFTA

At BAFTA the children have been playing with some of the newly donated toys and getting creative with firework designs.





YEAR 2 - SKYLARKS

Skylarks have been enjoying their gymnastics lessons and got to practise their skills using the large wall apparatus. It was great to see children gaining confidence in climbing, balancing and moving around at different levels. This is also the term in which Skylarks have their mindfulness sessions on Thursday afternoons with Mrs Elston.





YEAR 3 - SWIFTS

It has been another busy week of learning for the Swifts! In History, we continued our learning about the Stone Age and used the iPads to enjoy a 360° virtual tour of the prehistoric settlement of Skara Brae. In Design and Technology, we have been designing product packaging and have started making our nets. In English, we have been researching unusual animals, taking on the role of zoologists and presenting our findings to the class using our oracy skills. During Outdoor Learning, we continued our Stone Age theme and enjoyed working as a team to build together. It has been lovely to see the children working collaboratively and getting involved in our practical activities this week!



YEAR 5 - OWLS

In PE, Falcons have been developing their dodgeball skills, focusing on selecting the most effective dodging techniques to avoid being hit by the ball. They have been practising how to anticipate the ball's direction, using movements such as jumping, ducking and dodging at the right moment. They have also worked on their throwing and catching techniques, while developing teamwork, communication and fair play through a range of competitive team games. The children have shown great determination and enthusiasm as they put their skills into practice!


