20TH NOVEMBER 2026

MONKSHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term Time Holidays

Attendance Policy 7.2.1

"Parents are encouraged to avoid taking holidays during term time. However, should a leave of absence be taken during the term, parents are required to complete a Leave of Absence request, providing as much notice as possible".

A Leave of Absence request form is an orange form available from the school office. The expectation is to provide a minimum of 2 weeks' notice to allow school to consider the request & respond formally in writing prior to the first day of absence.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
14th & 15th Dec -	Y6 Christmas Writing Event
15th Dec -	KS1 Christmas Crafting
16th Dec -	Y3-Y6 Christmas Panto Trip
17th Dec -	Y1 & 2 Christmas Panto Trip
17th Dec -	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR 9TH - 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

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

SAFEGUARDING SNIPPET

Com Groups- What Parent's/Carer's need to know

What are Com Groups?

Com Groups are harmful online networks where members—often young males—compete to cause serious harm.

Safeline have produced an information page about Com groups which may be useful for you to read.

https://safeline.org.uk/resources/information-for-family-friends/com-groups-what-parents-need-to-know/

MONKSHOUSE CHRISTMAS TRAIL

We are still looking for families and members of the local community who would be willing to support the event by displaying a Christmas clue in their window over the Christmas period.

If you would be happy to get involved and help us make this year's trail another success, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Mrs Turner at Hannah.turner@uolat.co.uk by Monday 23rd November if you are able to support us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really appreciate it!

SEND COFFEE AFTERNOON

Parent Coffee Afternoon Reminder

26th November | 2:30pm - 3:10pm

Join us for an informal coffee afternoon where we will share information about our Universal Offer, signpost sources of support for families, and gather your ideas and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Name the Bear competition for Children in Need. We received lots of fantastic entries!

Congratulations to our winners:

UKS2-George Mason YEAR 6 with the name 'Cookie'

LKS2- Erika Sanda YEAR 3 with the name 'Ella'

KS1-Molly Sadeq YEAR 2 with the name 'Molly'

Rec-Sofia Kubistova WRENS with the name 'Steve'

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who took part. We are delighted to have raised a fantastic £393 for Children in Need. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - 20TH NOVEMBER

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Elias, Nella, Evie-Rose, Kira, Amelia, Luna, Pragyan, Dawid, Saimirra, Ezekiel, Paula, Ollie, Ayan, Thomas

VALUES

Emma, Olivia, Tyler, Miles, Piper, McKylie, Lena, Alfie, Klara, Alex, Oliver, Owls class, Nojus, Georgia, Macie-Mae

RECEPTION - DUCKLINGS



Our Ducklings have been continuing to enjoy their Forest School adventures! This week, the children collected and carefully chose some beautiful autumn leaves to decorate their very own photo frames. Once their creations were complete, they had great fun posing for photographs with their friends, capturing some lovely memories of their time together in the forest.

It was wonderful to see the children taking such pride in their creations and celebrating the special friendships they are making along the way. We are loving our outdoor adventures and can't wait to see what discoveries next week brings!



YEAR 1 - ROBINS

In maths, we have explored making and continuing patterns using different shapes. We then took our learning outside and got creative, using a variety of natural and everyday objects to make our own patterns, including sticks and leaves.



YEAR 5 - HAWKS

This week, Hawks have been turning their design ideas into their cylindrical or spherical sculptures based on their learning in Term 1 on Greyson Perry and Magdalene Odundo. It was great to see them thinking carefully about how their designs needed to be created and how they could fulfil the brief given back at the start of the Autumn term. The next step is to put the finishes onto these sculptures either by showing a narrative or commentary, just like Perry, or creating a well-smoothed-out surface, just like Odundo.

