

It was lovely to see so many parents come into school for parent consultations this week and what a great way to end this half term. We return from the break on Monday 4th November. for a very busy seven weeks. More information about concerts, tickets and Christmas plans will follow shortly after we are back.



On Monday, Year 3 had their Predator and Prey Workshop. The children dissected owl pellets and applied their understanding of food chains to practical work. Workshops like this are so valuable to enrich the learning and give the children opportunities to do things that might not be possible in the classroom.

Thank you so much to the parents who gave up the day to come along and help in the session.

**After half term, the children's topic will be Mighty Metals. They will be reading the children's classic, The Iron Man and learning about materials and forces in Science.**

### **After School Club**

Mrs Costas does a fantastic job of organising After School Club, but the very last-minute change of plans is making it quite tricky. Just a reminder that if you are cancelling your place, please can you confirm by 10 am in the morning at the very latest. Mrs Costas does not work during the middle of the day and does not pick up messages until later. This also means that we can offer the places to other families who may need one. **Cancellations after 10 am on the day will be charged for the session.**

### **Reception Parent Consultations**

The dates for these are Monday, 11th November and Wednesday, 13th November. Booking is done via Arbor. The window will open on Wednesday, 23rd October at 7 am.

### **Class Assemblies**

The dates for class assemblies are on the website. These usually start at about 9.05am and last (approximately 30 minutes) They are an opportunity for the children to share some of their learning with their families.

**6K will be first up this year on Wednesday 6th November.**

# Monkfrith

## Planet Protector

On Wednesday 23rd October, India, Mike and Lizzy from the North London Waste Agency led an assembly for the whole school about a project at Monkfrith; to reduce our waste. The children enjoyed deciding whether items needed to be recycled, reused or repaired. Our brave planet protectors and our visitors spent the morning with their sleeves rolled up, conducting a thorough audit of our waste which included weighing and examining all the rubbish we throw away. They discovered that we are recycling well in the classrooms but they discovered many recyclable items in the playground waste bins. Over the next two terms, the planet protectors will develop some new exciting initiatives for our school.



### Reception

The children have been learning about Autumn this week. They have been reading Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. On Wednesday, they went on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Autumn. If you have not booked your parent consultation yet, you can do this via Arbor.



### Year 1

Miss Shah will be starting her maternity leave today - we wish her the very best of luck and hope that she will bring in the baby to say hello at some point. In the classroom the children have been writing about their aliens.

**After half term, they will be learning about some of the differences in schools and children now and in the past.**

### Year 2

On Friday last week, the children made and then tasted their healthy muffins. This week they have continued to write their explanation texts of how bananas get to the supermarket.

**After half term, the children will be learning about the local area in their topic, Street Detectives.**



## School Photographs

On Friday 8th November the children will be having their individual and sibling school photos.

We only have the capacity to do these photos and no cousins or close friends.

Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform on this day, ideally with a jumper or a cardigan.

The fleeces do not photograph well.

We will make sure that the children who are going swimming will be done before they go!

## Show Racism the Red Card Day



### Year 5

This week the children have been writing up their butterfly observations and doing some fantastic sculpture work in Art - photos to follow after half term!

**Next half term, the children will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt. They will also begin their swimming sessions on Monday 4th November so please make sure they have their kits in school.**

### Year 4

The children came to the end of their Potions topic by carrying out their own investigations into the viscosity of different liquids in Science. In Maths, the children have been learning how to find the area and perimeter of rectangles.

**Next half term, the children will be learning about the Romans.**



### Year 6

This week the children have been finishing their Black History Month work on Fanny Eaton. In maths they have been working on refining their long division methods of calculation.

**After half term, the children will be starting their topic, The Frozen Kingdom and learning about all things polar related!**

## Remembrance Day - 11th November 2024

Until 8th November (or when we sell out) we will be selling poppies (and other assorted items) at the gate on Monkfrith Way in the morning. Items are priced between £1 and £2. We have no facility to give change.





## Penny Jars

We're excited to announce that our new Penny Jars initiative has officially launched! Please send spare change in with your children to support. The goal of Penny Jars is to create a fun and engaging way for children to raise funds for various school projects and contribute to the school community. The jars will be collected and counted at the end of each term. Funds raised through the Penny Jars initiative will directly support our school's FOMS-sponsored events, enrichment and educational resources.

We look forward to sharing updates on the impact of the Penny Jars initiative!



### Let's Glow Monkfrith 🎉

If you have booked a ticket, don't forget to send money to the school office by end of Monday 4th November, in order to secure your child's space. We're in the process of issuing tickets with information about pick up/drop off so keep an eye out!

### Save the Date: 6th December Monkfrith School Christmas Celebration 🎄

It's not long to go until our annual Christmas celebration! Mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with holiday cheer, festive treats, and magical moments for the whole family. Join us for activities in Santa's workshop, festive games in our frosty fun fair, delicious treats in the Holly Jolly market and meet Santa himself in Santa's Grotto!

Stay tuned for more details.

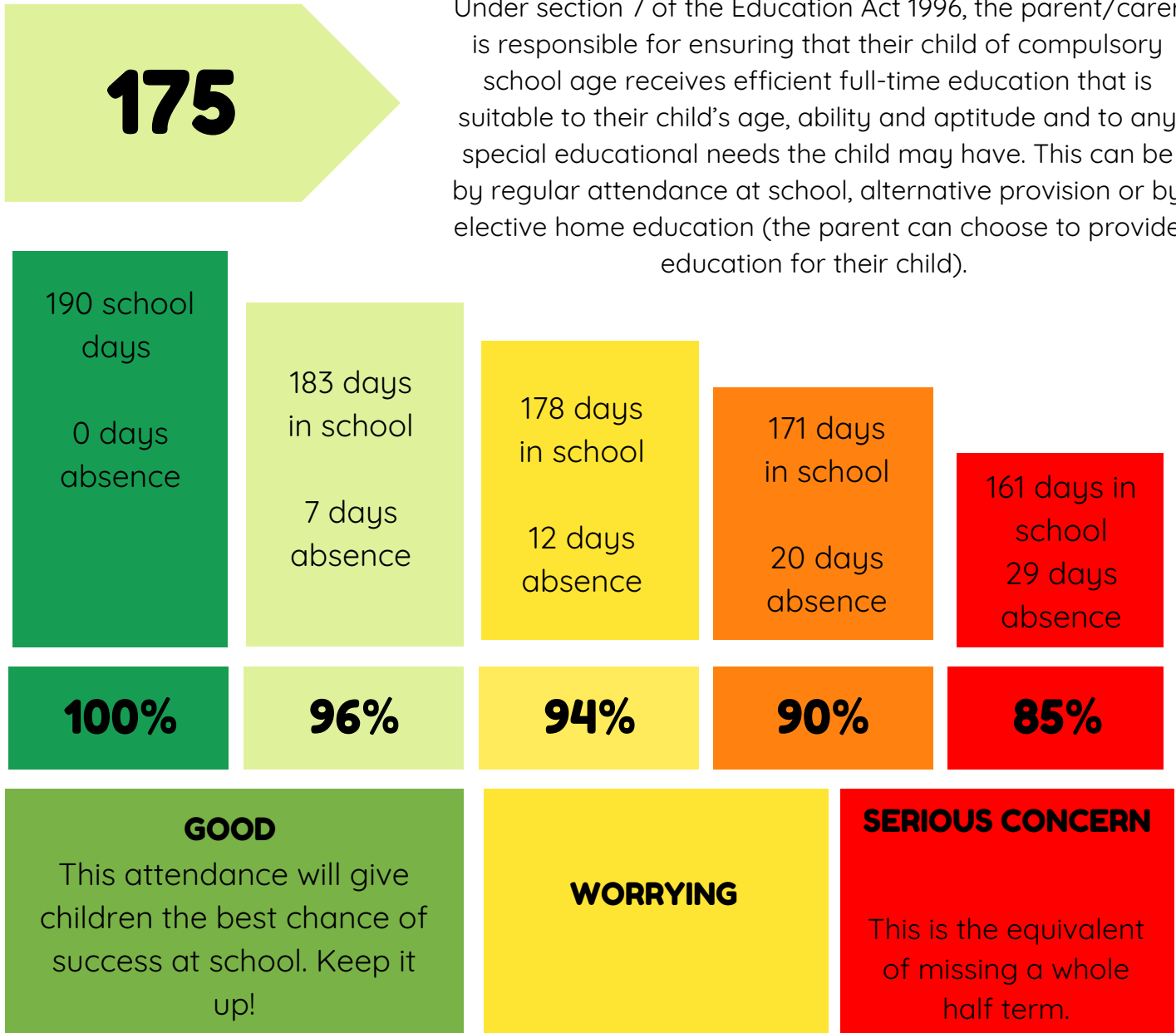
# EVERY SCHOOL

There are 175 non-schol days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

# DAY COUNTS

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, the parent/carer is responsible for ensuring that their child of compulsory school age receives efficient full-time education that is suitable to their child's age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs the child may have. This can be by regular attendance at school, alternative provision or by elective home education (the parent can choose to provide education for their child).

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR



## Attendance this week

Oak	85%	2M	93%	5S	97%
Willow	98%	3D	97%	5LD	95%
1C	98%	3F	89%	6P	97%
1K	97%	4B	99%	6K	96%
2CW	92%	4P	97%	Whole School	95%

# Dates for 2024/5

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November  
- HALF TERM

Monday 4th November - First Day back

4th November to 15th November - Year 5  
Swimming Block

6th November - 6K Class Assembly

8th November - Individual/Sibling Photos

11th November - AntiBullying Week

12th November - Odd Sock Day

11th and 13th November - Reception Parent  
Consultations



19th November - Year 1 Victorian Workshop,  
Year 2 to the Infant Music Festival

20th November - Year 6P class Assembly

23rd November - FOMS Disco

25th November - Year 5 to the British Museum

27th November - 3D Class Assembly

29th November - Year 4 to the British Museum

12th and 13th December - Reception Nativity  
(9.30am)

16th December - Year 2 to Christ Church

17th December - Year 1 to 6 Christmas Concert  
9.30am

18th December - Year 1 to 6 Christmas  
Concert 9.30am

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Autumn  
Term (2pm finish)

## Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January - First Day back of  
Spring Term

Friday 14th February - Last Day of Spring 2  
(normal finish time)

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st  
February - HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - First Day back of  
Spring 2

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term  
(2pm finish)

## Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer  
Term

Thursday 8th May to 9th May - Year 4 to  
Phasels Wood

12th May - Year 6 SATS week

18th May - 23rd May - Year 6 to the Isle of  
Wight

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Summer 1  
(normal finish)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF  
TERM

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June - First Day of Summer 2

Friday 4th July - INSET Day

Friday 18th July - Last Day of Term for pupils  
2pm finish

Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July -  
INSET Days