

Autumn 9 2024

This is a jam-packed half term! Already this week, Year 5 have started their swimming sessions, 6K treated us to the first class assembly of the year, and we have individual photographs today. We have also had a visit from our Learning Network Inspector from Barnet. She visited some classrooms, looked at the children's books, reviewed our attainment information from last year, and discussed our School Improvement Plan. She was so positive about everything that she saw and was very complimentary about the children's behaviour, their attitude to learning, and the quality of their work.

Reception

The children have been learning about Diwali this week. Thank you so much to Ava's mum who came in to talk to the children who were then inspired to continue with the ideas in their play. The role play area has been transformed into a classroom and the children have become teachers too!



Year 1

The children were sorting words that link to the past, present and future as they begin their **School Days** topic. They have been thinking about their own lives, their personal timeline and drawing self portraits.

After School Club

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

Next week there are Reception Parent Consultations on Monday and Wednesday. Please use the Reception gate on Knoll Drive. If you are picking up from After Club afterwards, please do not try and walk through school but pick up as usual.

Next week, it is Anti-Bullying Week.

This year's theme is Choose Respect. The children will be doing a range of activities including helping to rewrite our AntiBullying Policy.

On Tuesday, we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day. Children should wear odd socks (or tights) with their school uniform to show that it is okay to be different and stand up against bullying and discrimination.

Save
the Date

Dance Club Performance



If your child attends our Dance Club on Tuesday afternoon, they will be starting to prepare their piece for the Barnet Dance Festival. We will be performing at the Arts Depot on Monday 10th March at 6pm. There will be a letter to follow at the start of the Spring Term with more information, but for now, please save the date!



Year 3

The children were exploring different types of forces as they begin their topic, **Mighty Metals**. They have also begun reading Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

Year 2

As part of their **Street Detectives** topic, the children have been reading the book, Paddington. The children then acted out key parts of the story.



Year 4

This half term, the children will be learning about the Romans in their topic, **I am Warrior**. This week they have been using different historical sources to find out about Boudicca. This half term both classes will be reading Alien in the Jam Factory by Chrissie Sains.

Year 5

This week and next week are taken up with a lot of swimming for the children. In Geography they children have started to understanding the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egypt.

Year 6

On Wednesday, Year 6K shared some of their learning from the first half term with their parents (and KS2) in the first class assembly of the year. They showed some of the work that they had done in Science, History, Art and English. This week they have begun their whole class reader for this half term, which is the fabulous Holes by Louis Sachar.



On the Friday we broke up before half term, we took some of the children from the Year 6 boys' and girls' football team to watch England vs Germany at Wembley. It was a long day for the children (and the adults!) but we all had a fantastic time. They were brilliantly behaved throughout what was a really exciting game. Thank you to the staff who took the time to join us: Ms Kontos, Mr Powell, Miss Pierides and Mrs Choudhury.

Update from Barnet Public Health

Get the health care you need

A new campaign has been launched to help local families in north London to get the health care they need this winter.

The 'Your Local Health Team' campaign aims to help everyone find out how to get the right care in the right place - whether that's via your GP practice, high street pharmacy, or by using the NHS App or 111.

You can find lots of useful information about how to keep yourself and your family well at:
nclhealthandcare.org.uk/localhealth

This includes details of the range of health care professionals available in GP practices, tips for staying well, ways to contact your GP and get vaccinations, using the NHS App, and what help on offer from local pharmacies.

You can watch short films featuring a local GP and a pharmacist to find out more.

The campaign is being coordinated by the North Central London Care System which brings together local councils, NHS trusts, and voluntary organisations across Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington. For more information contact Adrian Phelan, adrianphelan@nhs.net



Family Lives offer free online parenting courses on a range of topics. You can find out more about what they may be able to offer your family:
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Music lesson bookings for the Spring term 2025 are now open!

Bookings for music lessons via BEAT for Spring 2025 are now open. **BEAT are doing things a little differently for the Spring term, there is not a deadline to enrol by, instead places will be given on a first come first serve basis.** Therefore if you are interested, please follow the below link to set up an account and enrol asap.

<https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>

If your child already has lessons with BEAT, you do not need to re-enrol, BEAT will be in contact with you directly about how to pay for the next term.

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons with Thady please email the Monkfrith office by Friday 22nd November.

If you would like to sign your child up for ukulele or guitar lessons with Mr Hughes, please contact him via email by Monday 16th December
therosshughes@gmail.com





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Monkfrith Primary School

For quick approval, scan the code by Fri 15 Nov



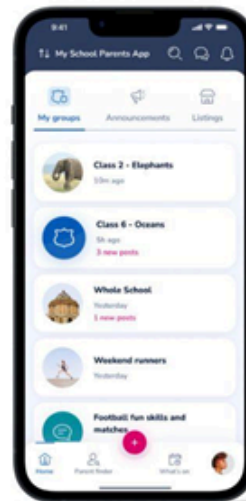
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🎄 Book Your Tickets for the
School Christmas Event! 🎄

We're excited to streamline ticket booking through Classlist! Not only will you be able to book and pay for your tickets quickly, but you'll also stay updated on event information. Create a profile and add your child's details then you're all set to book and pay for your tickets online for all future FOMS events.

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-  Hear what's happening at school and ask questions
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EVERY SCHOOL

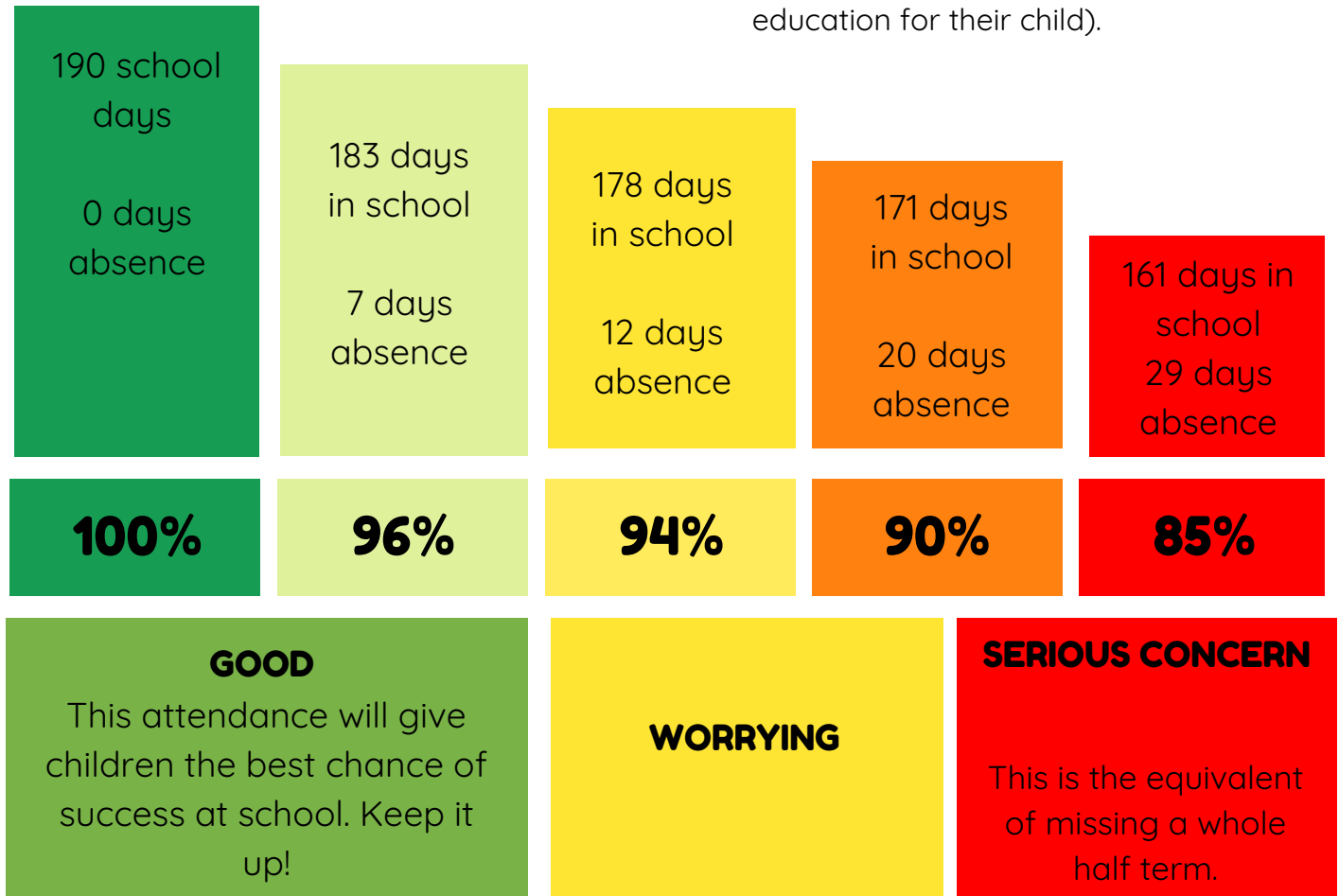
There are 175 non-schol days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

DAY COUNTS

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR

175

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).



Attendance this week

Oak	99%	2M	100%	5S	98%
Willow	91%	3D	96%	5LD	97%
1C	99%	3F	92%	6P	99%
1K	100%	4B	98%	6K	96%
2CW	96%	4P	98%	Whole School	97%

Dates for 2024/5

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

10th December - Flu Vaccination 'Mop Up' Session

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