

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is Thursday 6th March. In school we will be doing a range of book based activities throughout the week but on the day, if your child would like to dress up as a character from a book, then they are more than welcome! If your child does not like dressing up, then they can wear their school uniform as usual. There is no need to buy a new costume, there are lots of ideas about how you can just repurpose things that you already have at home.

We will be distributing the World Book Day tokens on the first day back next half term.

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This week's newsletter has two school trips to share. 2M went to the Transport Museum last Friday. The children were really enthusiastic and engaged. Last Thursday, Year 3 went to the Hindu Cultural Society in Friern Barnet to find out more about the Hindu faith. Ms Donaghy and Mr Filby were really pleased with how interested and inquisitive the children were but also how they were able to share the learning that they had already done in school as part of the RE curriculum.

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to take the time out to accompany the children on these trips, but also the others that have taken place this year. Without this help, we would really struggle to be able to offer these enrichment activities which are invaluable to the children's learning.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. The theme of this year's day was 'Too good to be true?'. The children thought about how we can stay safe by not sharing personal information, how to ask for help from a trusted adult when things seem 'too good to be true,' and, in KS2, types of online scams that they may be targeted by. There are resources for parents and carers on the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) and on the [BBC Teach website](#).



As part of their Design and Technology lessons, the children in **Year 4** have been practicing their sewing skills. They then applied these skills, and their knowledge of the digestive system from their Science lessons, to create their Digestive System T-shirt.



Year 6 have been conducting porridge taste testing as part of their DT lessons. They thought about how different audiences might prefer different toppings and how they would be advertised to their target market. In **Reception**, the children have been inspired by their visit from the gingerbread men last week to make their own. They have also been using the gingerbread men to carry out their own science experiments. On Friday, they designed and made boats for the gingerbread men. In their Music lesson this week, **Year 1** were listening to Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Spring Competition

Calling all young artists at Monkfrith!

This year's Spring Competition is all about **creativity and imagination**.

The theme is "**Showing Change in the World**", and we're inviting you to explore the big and small ways the world changes around us. From the changing seasons to the exciting ways people, animals, and places grow and transform, let your art tell the story!

Whether it's a colorful painting, a clever sculpture, or something totally unique, we want to see your ideas come to life!

Let's see how you show change in the world – grab your paints, brushes, clay, and ideas, and get started!

Deadline: Friday 21st March 2025

Submit your masterpiece with your name and class to your class teacher. Please do not bring in before 11th March.

It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and creativity that the children have had when telling me about their ideas for the Spring Competition. The different ways that children are interpreting 'change' is brilliant.

Just a reminder that children can start bringing their entries from 17th March.

Parent Consultations

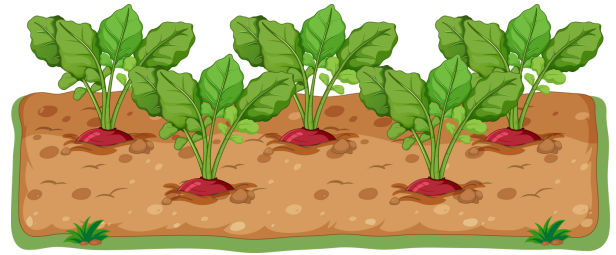
Parent Consultations for all children (from Reception to Year 6) will be on Monday 17th March and Tuesday 18th March 2025.

You can book your slots from Wednesday 26th February at 7am.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SPRING 2...

Reception

The learning will focus being healthy in their mind and body. They will be focusing on food and growing



Year 1

Their topic is called Bright Lights, Big City. The children will be finding out the countries that make up the United Kingdom. If you have a child in Year 1 are a parent from Scotland, Wales or Ireland, then we would love for you to come and talk to the children about this.

Year 2

The children will continue their Big Dreams and Changemakers topic. They will be learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and the impact that they have made on hospital care. They will also be learning about Greta Thunberg using the book Greta and the Giants.



Year 3

Their topic is called Through the Ages. The children will be looking at the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. They will look at how life in Britain changed throughout these periods. In their art lessons, they will look at the work of the first artists and the Bell Beaker people.

Year 4

This is a busy half term for Year 4. Viking Day is on the 3rd March. Swimming begins (for two weeks) on 10th March. Their residential trip is from 27th to 28th March. Then if your child did get a place on Bikeability, then that is on 31st March to 1st April.



Year 5

Their topic this half term is called Allotment. The children will be learning about the science of growing. In Art, they will be comparing the styles of two very different artists, Yayoi Kusama and Georgia O'Keeffe.



Year 6

The children will be learning about the 20th Century in Britain with a focus on WW1 and WW2. They will be learning about how these conflicts started and how they impacted life in Britain. In DT, they will be practising their sewing skills in a Make Do and Mend project. The book they will be reading is Letters from the Lighthouse.





Overall Leaderboard (all time)

1. Saaiyuri, 6P
2. Mara, 6P
3. Nina, 6K
4. Hayaan, 3D
5. Spohie, 6P



Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improve corrected answers in the last 7 days
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lara, 6K 2. Lilly, 5LD 3. Saanvi, 4B 4. Amelia, 4B 5. Ruby, 6P 6. Ozzy, 4P 7. Mara, 6P 8. Isla, 4B 9. Sophia, 6K 10. Noah, 6K 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sophie, 6P 2. Jaiden, 6P 3. Lillya, 6K 4. Nina, 6K 5. Kaya, 5LD 6. Maxon, 4B 7. Mara, 6P 8. Naomi, 6P 9. Oscar, 6K 10. Noah, 6K

Most correct answers in the last 7 days

1. Dominic, 2M
2. Nivan, 2M
3. Alexandros, 1K
4. Krishi, 1K
5. Sophia, 1K
6. Georgia, 1C
7. Roman, 1K
8. Kabir, 1K
9. Fianna, 1K
10. Theodore, 1K

Most accurate answers over the last 7 days

1. Aria, 1C
2. Ada, 1C
3. Eva, 1K
4. Ethan, 1C
5. Theodore, 1K
6. Zach, 1K
7. Leonardo, 2M
8. Artemis, 1K
9. Georgia, 1C
10. Carmela, 1K



Class Leaderboard (based on the number of children logging in)

1. 1K
2. 1C
3. 2M
4. 2CW
5. Willow
6. Oak

Parent Coffee Morning Monday 17th March at 9.15am

On Monday 17th March we will be holding a Parent Coffee morning in the hall. It will start at 9.15am. We will be welcoming our Educational Psychologist, Dr Madeehah Quereshi who will be talking about children's emotional regulation and strategies to support your child at home when they are worried, upset or angry. **We hope you can find time to come along.**

BEAT

New parents to: <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>
Here you can register for an account and apply for lessons.

Existing parents should wait until you receive information from BEAT notifying you about how to pay for next term via email. They do not need to re-enrol.

Group Recorder deadline: Friday 7th March

Dates for 2025

Spring Term 2025

Wednesday 26th February - KS2 Cross Country Meeting (Round 2)

6pm - Year 4 Residential Meeting (online)

Monday 24th February - First Day back of Spring 2

3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

6th March - World Book Day

10th March to 21st March - Year 4 Swimming

10th March - Dance Festival

11th March - Year 1 to visit the Synagogue

17th March to 21st March - Neurodiversity Week

17th March - Parent Coffee Morning with Dr Madeehah Quereshi

17th and 18th March - Parent Consultations

26th March - Year 3F Class Assembly

27th/28th March - Year 4 one night residential

Wednesday 2nd April and Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am - KS1 Show (information about tickets for parents will be shared after half term)

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

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term

Friday 25th April - FOMS Crazy Hair Day

Monday 28th April - Year 3 to the Natural History Museum

5th May - BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)

7th May - Year 1 Class Assembly (2.30pm)

12th May - Year 6 SATS week

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

21st May - 5S Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 4th June - Just One Tree Day

Wednesday 5th June - Year 5 Trip

Friday 6th June - Class Photo Day

Wednesday 18th June - 2CW Class Assembly

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

EVERY SCHOOL

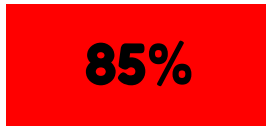
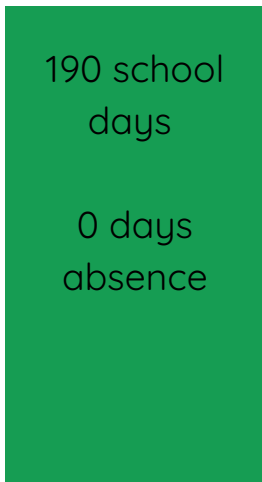
There are 175 non-schol days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and appointments.

DAY COUNTS

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR



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).



GOOD
This attendance will give children the best chance of success at school. Keep it up!

WORRYING

SERIOUS CONCERN
This is the equivalent of missing a whole half term.

Attendance this week

Oak	93%	2M	93%	5S	98%
Willow	95%	3D	93%	5LD	93%
1C	93%	3F	93%	6P	100%
1K	96%	4B	93%	6K	97%
2CW	96%	4P	95%	Whole School	96%