

# MONKFRITH SCHOOL



Spring 5 2025



**This week has been Children's Mental Health Week.** The theme this year is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. It encouraged the children to know the importance of understanding ourselves. By knowing more about our strengths, things we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us unique, what connects us to others, our feelings, hopes and dreams we are more prepared to take on life's inevitable ups and downs.



In **Year 6** they have been learning about how to use a piece of writing to discuss an issue. They have learnt about the different arguments and points of view about veganism and are using this as a basis for their own piece of writing, They have also been exploring the benefits of porridge and how marketing works!

**2M** are at the Transport Museum as I write this newsletter but in **2CW** they have been writing about their experience when they visited a few weeks ago. They have also been learning about the history of different types of transport.

On Wednesday, **5LD** shared the learning that they have done as part of their Alchemy Island topic. We heard some lovely writing, heard about the experiments that they have been carrying out, and what they had discovered about elements. There was also a heated debate about the contributions of Fahrenheit and Celsius to science!



Friday 14th February  
FOMS Non Uniform Day  
Bring £1

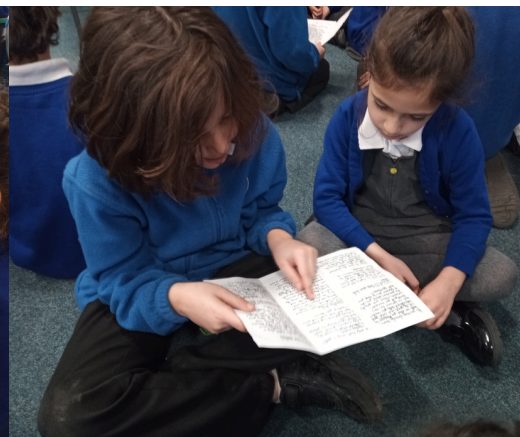
**Wear something you love!**





**Year 3** have been using their drama skills to act out the story of Icarus and Daedalus and using this to help design their storyboards. The children are visiting the Hindu Cultural Centre next week as part of their RE lessons.

**Year 4** have been writing their stories based on their journey through the digestive system. They have also been to Year 1 to share some of the work they have been doing about teeth.



In the first few weeks of this term, they wrote leaflets about teeth and dental hygiene. They published their final work and then went to show **Year 1** who learn about brushing teeth in their PSHE lessons.

The children in **Reception** have had an eventful week. On Monday, they came in to find a mystery - Where had happened to the gingerbread men?



Throughout the week, they have been searching for the elusive fox. On Thursday, they created "WANTED" posters, which are currently displayed throughout the school, in their quest to find the fox that left its fur by the oven.



Zavier in **Year 4** has been learning to play the guitar and decided that he wanted to use his talents to raise money. Over his Christmas holidays, he played to friends and family. **He raised an incredible £140 which he wanted to give to the homeless charity, Crisis.** This is an incredibly kind gesture and we are all very proud of him!

### KS2 Choir

In June our KS2 Choir will perform at the Arts Depot as part of the Barnet Music Festival. We will begin practising for this after half term. If your child would like to take part in the Music Festival, they will need to attend choir regularly (and on time) from after half term. If your child would like to join, they are more than welcome! We practise on Thursday at 8.15am.



## **BELS Autism Parent/Carer Programme (0-6yrs)**

Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed to increase your knowledge and skills with understanding Autism and using practical strategies to support your child.

The criteria for accessing the programme:

- A Barnet Resident
- Child has a diagnosis of Autism
- Child is 0-6 years old

Parents/Carers can join at any time.

For further details, dates and to sign up [please see attached flyer.](#)

## **BEAT**

Alongside the newsletter today, you will be receiving the latest information about the Instrumental and Vocal Tuition for the Summer Term from 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.

## **Household Support Vouchers**

If you are one of the families who receive these via us from Barnet Council we have just been informed that there will not be any issued for February half term. The scheme will continue later in the year.

## **Message from the Public Health Protection Office at Barnet**

It's not too late for your child to get a free flu vaccine.

Flu can be dangerous and cause serious illness. In recent weeks, London has seen an increase in hospitalisations of children and young people becoming extremely ill from flu.

Protect your child and others with the free childhood flu vaccine.

- Vaccinating children protects them against serious illness such as pneumonia
- It also stops them from passing on flu to older relatives and other vulnerable groups, who can suffer from the complications of flu.

There is still time to get a free flu vaccine for your child this flu season which continues until the end of March:

- Children aged 2 or 3 years: Any child aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2024 (which includes those who may have turned 4 since then), can still get a flu vaccine at their GP surgery.
- School aged children (Reception to Year 11): Any primary or secondary school children (reception to Year 11) will usually get the flu vaccine at school. If they missed this, they should book an appointment via Vaccination UK's community catch-up clinics across Barnet.
- Children with certain long-term conditions: Any child aged 6 months to 17 years who have a long-term health condition can receive the flu vaccine at your GP surgery or a community catch up clinic. Please contact their GP surgery if you are unsure regarding eligibility.

The nasal flu vaccine prompts "natural" immunity without making your child ill:

- The nasal flu vaccine contains a live but weakened version of the flu virus. This prompts the immune system to produce its own protection against the influenza virus without giving the child flu or making them ill.

The nasal flu vaccine protects your child against illness from multiple strains of flu for the rest of the flu season:

- The nasal flu vaccine contains several different strains of weakened flu virus. This helps protect the child from catching any of these flu strains for the rest of the flu season.
- In contrast, children who catch the flu "naturally" may catch flu a second time in the season. This is because they have only developed immunity to the single strain of flu that they are infected with and can still get infected with other strains of the flu.

[Learn more about the child flu vaccine.](#)



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"> <li>1. Elise, 6K</li> <li>2. Deniz, 4b</li> <li>3. Ayah, 6K</li> <li>4. Annabel, 5LD</li> <li>5. Alyssa, 6K</li> <li>6. Omid, 4P</li> <li>7. Natalia, 5LD</li> <li>8. Zoe, 5S</li> <li>9. Heidi, 6P</li> <li>10. Noah, 6K</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nami, 6P</li> <li>2. Philip, 6P</li> <li>3. Nina, 6K</li> <li>4. Francesca, 5LD</li> <li>5. Maxon, 4B</li> <li>6. Azara, 4B</li> <li>7. Isla, 4B</li> <li>8. Oscar, 6K</li> <li>9. Noah, 6K</li> <li>10. Astrid, 6K</li> </ol>

Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most accurate answers over the last 7 days
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dominic, 2M</li> <li>2. Krishi, 1K</li> <li>3. Theo, 1K</li> <li>4. Alexandros, 1K</li> <li>5. Ethan, 1K</li> <li>6. Alaz, 1C</li> <li>7. Alteo, 1C</li> <li>8. Sophia, 1K</li> <li>9. Emily, Oak</li> <li>10. Oliver, 1C</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robyn, 2M</li> <li>2. Oliver, 1C</li> <li>3. Ada, 1C</li> <li>4. Kabir, 1K</li> <li>5. Mario, Willow</li> <li>6. Rozelin, Willow</li> <li>7. Andreas, Oak</li> <li>8. Catrin, 1C</li> <li>9. Ethan, 1K</li> <li>10. Nivan, 2M</li> </ol>

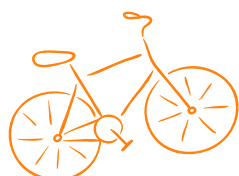


Class Leaderboard (based on the number of children logging in)

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

Dr Bike Sessions

The free Dr Bike service is returning to Barnet. These are the sessions that are being offered if you are interested. The sessions are run by qualified bike mechanics. Any member of the public can take their bicycle for a free, full safety check. and any adjustments made there and then!



Location	Date	Time
Middlesex University (adjacent to the Fire Station)	12.02	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet (Staplyton Road carpark)	19.02	4pm to 7pm
Finchley (Lodge Lane Car Park)	12.03	4pm to 7pm

# Dates for 2025

## Spring Term 2025

3rd February to 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week

3rd February - Dress to Express Day!

5th February - 5LD Class Assembly

7th February - 2M to the London Transport Museum

13th February - Year 3 to the Hindu Cultural Centre

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

3rd March - Year 4 Viking Day

6th March - World Book Day

10th March to 21st March - Year 4 Swimming

10th March - Dance Festival

17th March - Parent Coffee Morning with Dr Madeehah Quereshi

17th and 18th March - Parent Consultations

26th March - Year 3F Class Assmebly

27th/28th March - Year 4 one night residential (letter to follow next week)

31st March/1st April - Level 1 Bikeability

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

## Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term

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

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

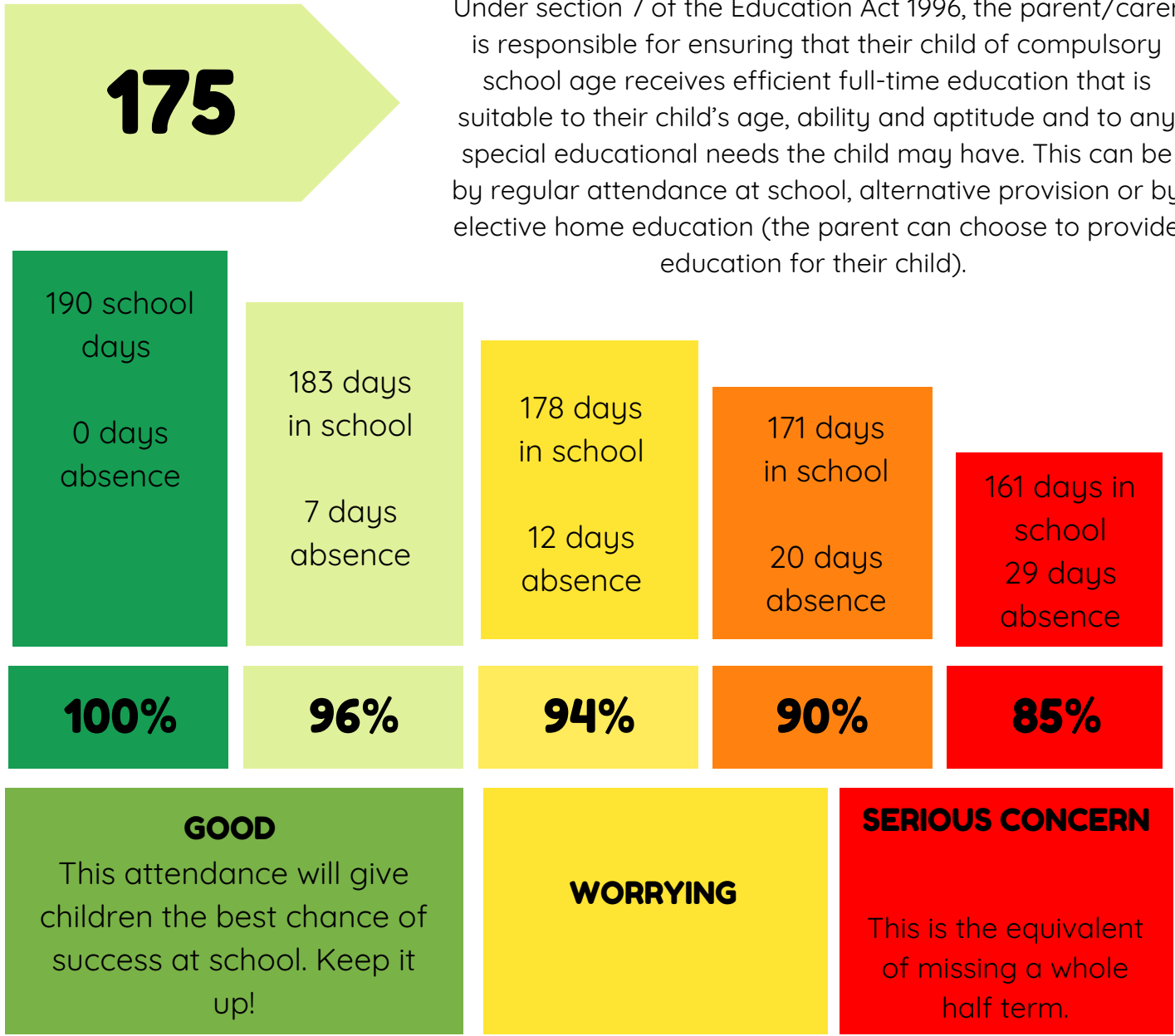
Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July - INSET Days

# 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



## Attendance this week

Oak	96%	2M	97%	5S	97%
Willow	98%	3D	97%	5LD	99%
1C	99%	3F	98%	6P	91%
1K	99%	4B	94%	6K	93%
2CW	99%	4P	97%	Whole School	96%