



# Monkfrith School

## Spring Term 2022

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#### Children's Mental Health Week

It was lovely to see the children feel free to express their personalities on Dress to Express Day!



Reception were being scientists in the last week of term. They investigated what happened to their gingerbread men when they were placed in different liquids. They made predictions and tested their ideas.

Year 4 completed their digestive system t-shirts. They worked so hard and look fantastic!





As part of our Children's Mental Health Week activities, children in Year 5 and 6 had a workshop with BMX rider, Mike Mullen. In the sessions and the assemblies (which children from Year 3 and 4 also attended) he talked about the importance of a growth mindset.



He showed the children how his resilience has helped achieve his goal of being a professional rider. It was also lovely to see the children who took part in the workshops, conquer some of their worries or fears.

He also showed some fantastic tricks, including jumping over three adults on the playground!



## Key Dates for the rest of the year

Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February - Year 6 Bikeability (children who are taking part should have their bikes and helmets in school every day this week)

Wednesday 23rd February - Year 4 Viking Day (Thank you to the parents who have agreed to help!)

Thursday 24th February - Year 3 trip to Oakhill Park

Wednesday 2nd March - KS1 Show (for Year 2P and 1C parents)

Thursday 3rd March - KS1 Show (for Year 1k and 2K parents)

(Please make sure you have your tickets for the show when you arrive)

Monday 7th March - Friday 18th March - Year 4P swimming every day

Tuesday 8th March - Dance Festival

Wednesday 9th March - SEN Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 11th March - Governor Visit Day

Monday 14th March - Friday 18th March - Science Week

Thursday 17th March - Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Monday 21st March - Friday 1st April - Year 4S swimming every day

Friday 1st April - End of Term (break up 2pm)

### Summer Term 1

Tuesday 19th April - Start of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May - School Closed Local Government Elections

Monday 9th May - KS2 SATS Week

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

### Summer Term 2

Monday 6th June - INSET Day

Monday 20th June - Friday 24th June - Sports Week

Friday 1st July - INSET Day

Thursday 21st July - End of Term 2pm finish

There will be further dates added.

## SEN coffee mornings

We are planning to hold termly coffee mornings for parents with children who have additional needs or SEN. This will be an opportunity for parents to get together informally and also to discuss/think about areas of interest.



Our first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 9 March from 9.15 to 10.30am.

Our Educational Psychologist, Nicole Cara will be giving a talk on promoting emotional well-being and supporting resilience for children with SEN.

Refreshments will be served from 9.15 and Nicole's talk will start at 9.30.

This session is for parents only so please arrange alternative childcare for younger siblings.

Even if your child does not have SEN or additional needs but you feel this would be of value to you, you are very welcome to come.

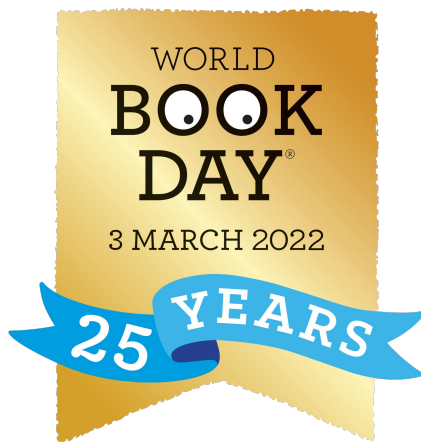
### Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 6 (these will all be face to face, not virtual)

Monday 28th February 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday 1st March 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday 2nd March 4pm - 6pm

If you have not booked already, please log into your arbor account.



### World Book Day - 3rd March 2022

Everyday is the day for a book, but we will be doing some fun things for World Book Day this year.

Our theme on the day will be Book at Bedtime. Your children can wear their pyjamas, onesie, dressing gown etc... to school and bring a favourite bedtime story to school on that day. If they are wearing slippers, they will need to bring trainers or their school shoes for playtime!



Bookings for instrumental music lessons for the Summer term are now open.

Please contact Beat on:

School-Based Music Lessons - Barnet Education Arts Trust ([beatrust.org.uk](http://beatrust.org.uk)) by 10th March if you are interested.

### Group Recorder Lessons

Bookings for group recorder lessons for the Summer term are now open. These will be available for children in Year 2 and above. If your child is interested in having lessons please let the office know by Friday 4th March.

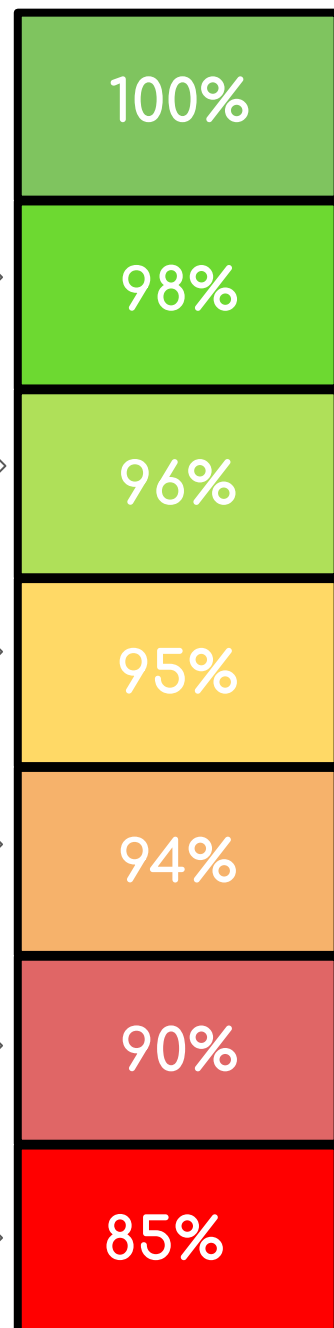
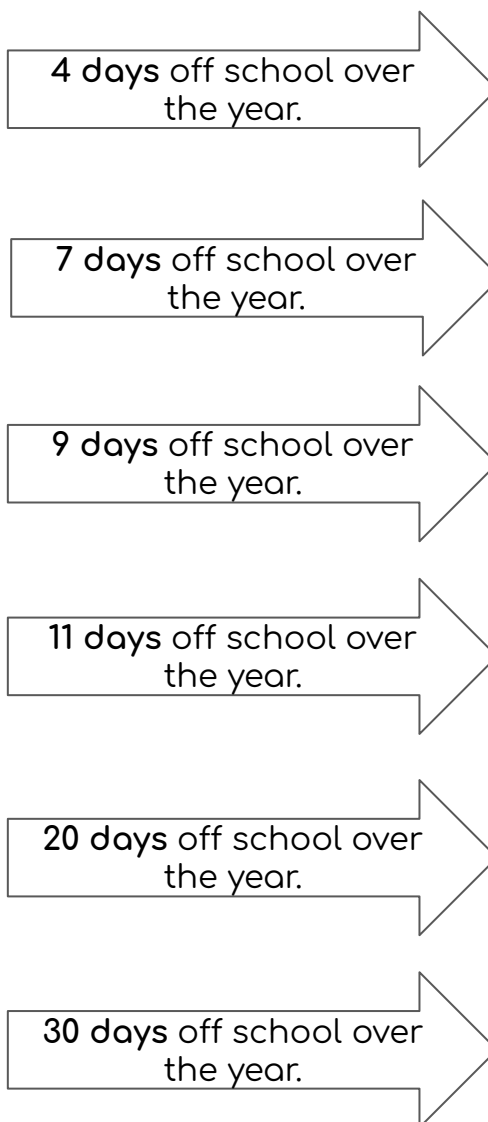




# Attendance

Week commencing:  
7th February 2022

Whole School	97%
Reception	97%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	98%



There are some children with very low attendance at this point in the year. I understand that some of this is because of the mandatory period of isolation following a positive covid test. If this is the only reason for your child's low attendance, please do not worry.

I have started to receive a small number of requests for holiday. I would like to remind parents that holidays abroad do not meet the criteria for Exceptional Term Time Leave. I understand that people are keen to travel after the restriction of the last two years and see family abroad but it is not a reason to request authorised leave during school time. There are 13 weeks of school holiday each year. Click here for further information about how Barnet address unauthorised absences.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance/legal-sanctions>