



# Monkfrith School

## Autumn Term 2023

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In **Reception** last week, the children were reading the book, *This is Our House* by Michael Rosen. They looked at the structure of the story and used this to create their own story maps.

**Year 1** has a special visitor on Monday for their Victorian workshop. They had to line up in rows just like the children would have done in a Victorian school and learnt about the types of lessons that they would have had. Mrs Kotwani and Ms Czuprynska were so impressed with the children's interest and level of participation.

On Friday afternoon we welcome nearly 270 children from Ashmole,, Danegrove and Osidge to take part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival. This event is run by the Barnet Educational Arts Trust.

For the last few weeks the children in **Year 2** have been learning a range of songs on the theme of friendship, in addition to this they had to learn a scarf dance and a song to perform to everyone else.

Mrs Choudhury and Mr Powell, along with the help of Mr Filby have been working really hard to prepare the children. It was such a lovely afternoon - as you would expect our children listened well, gave their all to the performance and were beautifully behaved throughout! Year 2 will be taking the lead in KS1 Show next term so there is lots to look forward to!

### London and our Local Community

One of our display boards in school is a map of London. We are gradually adding places of significance in our local area over the year. We would like to fill it with places that the children might like to go and visit or find out about.

If you are out and about in London over the next few months, you might like to take a photo of your child in front of a famous landmark or building and it can be added to the board.

If you would like to get involved, you can just email your photo to the office. Thank you for the photos we have had already!

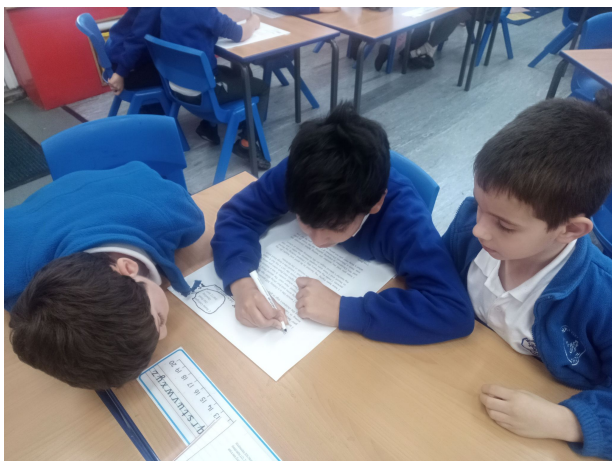


**GET  
INVOLVED!**



Every year Chickenshed put on a Christmas performance and this year we have several children taking part.

If you are interested in getting into the Christmas spirit between 22nd November and 13th January, then go to <https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/events/the-toy-makers-child>

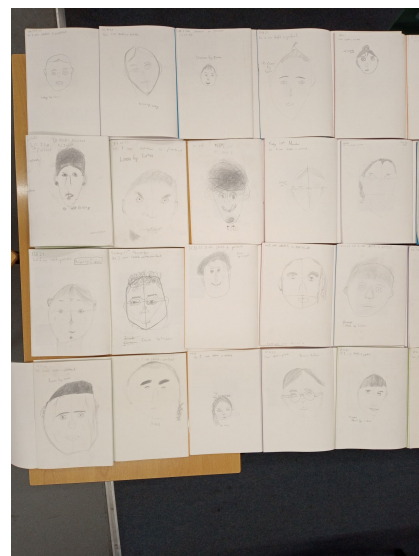


**Year 2** were looking at the features of a letter this week. They then used what they had learnt to write to Aunt Lucy in role as Paddington.

**Year 3** were also writing in character as they took on the role of Hogarth seeing the Iron Man for the first time. The children also made parachutes and investigated magnetic forces. 3DW began preparations for their class assembly which is in two weeks (Wednesday 29th November at 9am).

As you can see, **Year 4** became Boudicca last week! In art, they developed their portraiture skills using sketching pencils.

**Year 5** are visiting the British Museum today to look at the Egyptian galleries. Last week, they looked at how the Egyptian timeline fits into the history they have studied so far. They also began their Design and Technology project in which they will be designing a throne for Pharaoh.



## Lateness

Good punctuality is important for lots of reasons. Arriving after the gates close at 8.55am, should not be a regular occurrence. In most classes, as the register is being taken, the learning is already starting. Children might be reviewing their teacher's marking from the previous lesson or revisiting the learning ready for the lesson they are about to have. Lessons start straight afterwards, so if your child arrives after this, they are missing out on what is being taught.

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

Registers close at 9.15am, and so if your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as an unauthorised absence without a satisfactory reason.



In **Year 6** the children have been using historical sources to find out passengers on the Titanic as well as the failed trip of Scott to Antarctica.

Well done to **6K** who treated us to a fabulous class assembly last Wednesday about their learning from last half term. This week **6S** will be taking centre stage!

Last week was also Anti Bullying Week. The children took part in Odd Sock Day on Monday and then did lots of PSHE lessons about kindness, friendship, bullying and speaking out when you see something happening to someone else.

### Music lesson bookings for the Spring term 2024 are now open

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons with Ms Boden please email the Monkfrith office by **Monday 27th November**.

If you would like to sign your child up for ukulele or guitar lessons with Mr Hughes, please contact him by **Friday 8th December** [therosshughes@gmail.com](mailto:therosshughes@gmail.com)  
Leaflet attached.

For music lessons via BEAT please follow the below link to set up an account and enrol, by **midnight on Monday 4th December**.

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

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.

### Year 6 Football Tournament

What a day we had! Chelsea ran the mixed Year 6 tournament this year and we loved it. The children showed how well they can work as a team and what great supportive sportspeople they are.

In the group stages, we won one match, drew two and lost two matches, which meant we went through to the Plate Competition. We drew the quarter final so we had a penalty shootout. After Kaya saved two of the penalties and we scored ours, we went through to the semi final. We won the semi final 1-0. The final was once again a very close match which we drew; once again facing a penalty shoot out. Unfortunately, we lost but we were so proud of the children who represented our school showing respect and determination.

A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport and to Miss Pierides and Ms Holmes.



# Monkfrith's Magical Moments

## Get ready for Christmas with Monkfrith's Santa's Grotto

We're delighted that this year, FOMS, will be bringing you a special Santa's Grotto experience, Monkfrith's Magical Moments. Whilst we have not been able to organise a Christmas fair like previous years due to limited number of volunteers, we plan to bring some special activities to the children of Monkfrith.

Children will have a special ticket that takes them around different Christmas-themed activities like writing a letter to Santa, decorating a Christmas gingerbread, creating some reindeer food and play some elfy-games, whilst grown-ups can get a hot-drink and cakes.

This ticketed event will be on Friday 8th December from 3:15-6. Please look out for a poster with details on how you can book your slot with Santa and get your ticker.

Tickets will be £10 to cover all activities at Monkfrith's Magical Moment.

We still need your help to make this possible. Here's how you can help:

- Are you a Santa in disguise? We need one more Santa to fill those boots.
- Help create our magical Grottos.
- Help set up activities and help clear away at the end
- Bake a cake for the cake stall.
- Help with an activity – cake stall, bar, letter writing or games.

If you would like to help FOMS and help create more magical moments and enriching experiences for our children, please email: [friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com)

Dear Parents & Carers, if you wish to purchase preloved uniforms you can now use the following link :

<https://instagram.com/monkfrith.preloved.uniforms?igshid=MzM yNGUyNmU2YQ==>

All proceeds of the sale go to FOMS. If you wish to donate items, information will also be available there.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM



Improving  
children's mental  
health

If you have any concerns about your child, please come and talk to us about it. You can email the office to arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher.

Over the course of the two nights of Parent Consultations I had lots of conversations about the challenges of being a parent or guardian whether it be supporting your child's understanding of the news, helping your child manage their friendships or getting your child to listen at the right times.

Whilst there is not a one size fits all solution, Place 2 Be have made a series of videos and short reads for parents on different topics that might be helpful.

You can find them here:

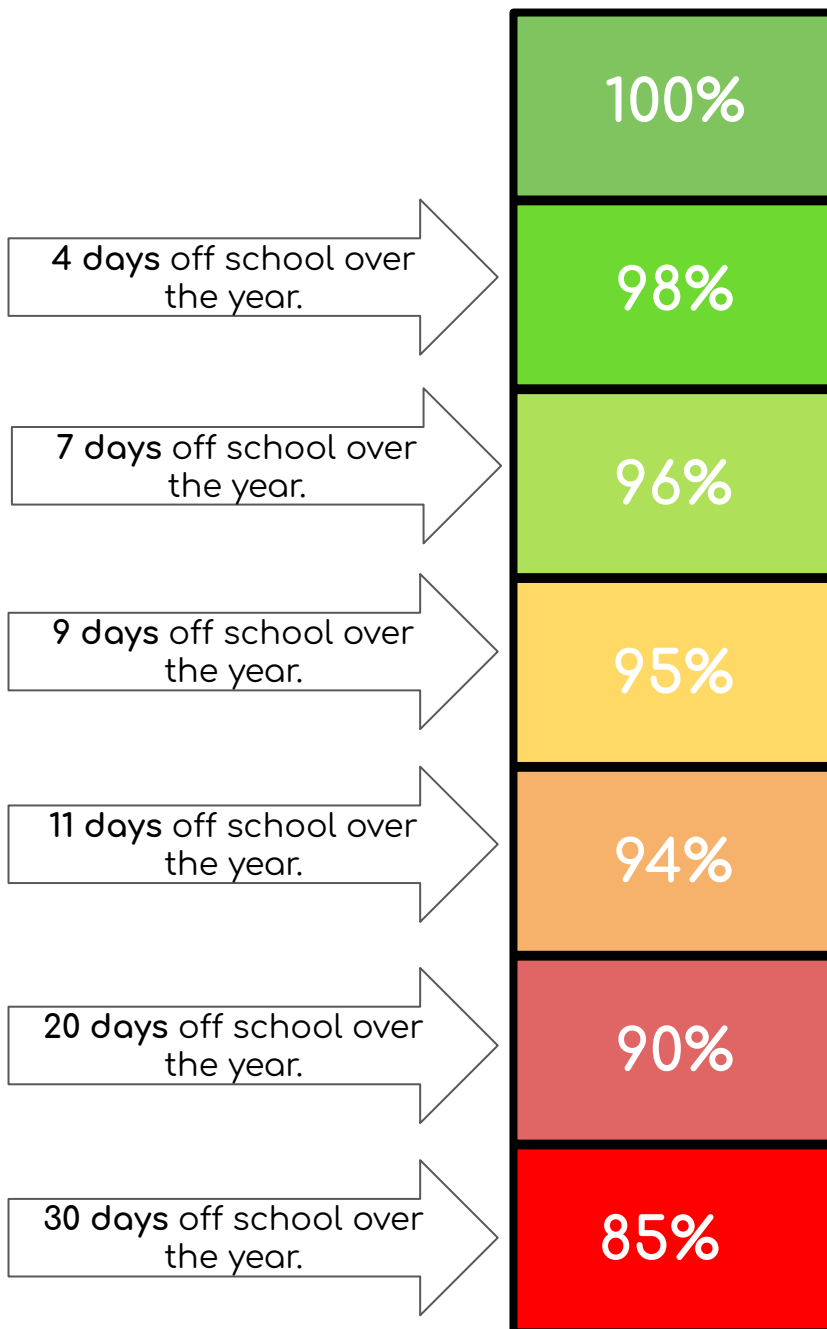
<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

# Attendance and Punctuality

## Requesting Exceptional Term Time Leave

When you make a request, you should expect that it will not be authorised. There are only 190 days in the school year which is only 52% of the year.

I understand that holidays during term time are less expensive, however this does not mean that a request is exceptional.



All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

Week commencing:

13th November 2023

Whole School	95%
Oak	97%
Willow	95%
1C	93%
1K	94%
2C	96%
2P	96%
3DW	94%
3F	95%
4M	89%
4P	95%
5LD	98%
5S	93%
6K	95%
6S	95%

# Numbots Times Tables Rockstars Weekly Leaderboard



Most accurate in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins earned in the last 7 days
Ayda, 1C Ella, 1 Luna, 1C Maros, 1C Ruhan, 1K Lukas, 1C Oliver, 1C Alice, 1K Bade, 1 Sumeyra, 2P	Alice, 1K Artin, 2P Naya, 1C Aiylah, 1K George, 1C Reva, 2C Dominic, 1K Bade, 1C Oliver, 1C Luna, 1K	Artin, 2P Naya, 1C George, 1C ALice, 1K Luna, 1K Aiylah, 1K Dominic, 1K Oliver, 1C Reva, 2C Bade, 1C

If you have an issue with your child's log-in information for either Numbots or TTRS then please let us know.



## Overall School Leaderboard

1. Cos, 6S
2. Daniyal, 6S
3. Deeyar, 6S
4. Adam, 6S
5. George, 6S
6. Khloe, 6S

Most improved accuracy in the last 7 days	Most improved speed in the Studio in the last 7 days	Most correct answers in the last 7 days	Most coins in the last 7 days
Veronica, 3DW Maxon, 3DW Leyla, 3F Isaiah, 4P Alicia, 6S Ellie, 3DW Freddy, 3F Daniel, 4P Tino, 4P Ella, 3F	Aadam, 3DW Akshara, 4P Mia, 6K	George, 3F Ibrohim, 3DW Joshua, 3DW Josh, 3F Akshara, 4P Lorenzo, 3DW Alex, 3F Lucy, 3DW Ruby T, 5LD Nikin, 3DW	George, 3F Ibrohim, 3DW Joshua, 3DW Josh, 3F Lorenzo, 3DW Alex, 3F Ayaan, 4P Dhevan, 3F Lucy, 3DW Martin, 3DW



## Dates for the Term

20th November - Year 5 to the British Museum

22nd November - 6S Class Assembly (9am)

24th November - Year 2 to the Transport Museum

28th November - Year 3DW Class Assembly (9am)

29th November - Year 4 to the British Museum

4th December - INSET 2

6th December - Year 4 Recorder Concert for Parents (3pm)

8th December - Monkfrith's Magical Moments

Tuesday 12th December - Year 2 to visit Christ Church

13th December at 9.30am - Reception Nativity

14th December at 2pm - Reception Nativity

15th December - FOMS Christmas Raffle Draw

18th and 19th December at 9.30am - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Concert

19th December - Christmas Lunch!

21st December - Break Up 2pm

There has been a slight delay to the Christmas bonus newsletter but it should be sent out later this week.

## Dates for the Year

The calendar on the website is now being updated more frequently and has lots of dates for the year ahead already including term dates, INSET Days and trips that have been organised.

Here are the term dates for this year:

8th January - First Day of Spring Term

12th to 16th February - Half Term

19th February - INSET 3

28th March - Break up 2pm

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holidays

15th April - First Day of Summer Term

2nd May - SCHOOL CLOSED - LONDON MAYORAL ELECTIONS

13th May - Year 6 SATs week

19th May to 24th May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

3rd June - INSET 4

5th July - INSET 5

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm