



Monkfrith School

Autumn Term 2023

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This point in the year is so busy in school. The children are still doing lots of learning as well as rehearsing for shows and watching dress rehearsals.

In **Reception** the children were learning about Space. They created Mission Control and used this as a base to create rockets and spaceships.

In **Year 1** the children were writing letters and learning about the Chanukah.

In **Year 2** the children were using wonderful text, The Street Beneath My Feet as inspiration for their own story maps. They acted out the story, looked at images from the text and then began planning their own. The author, Charlotte Guillain has written a series of really interesting non fiction books if you are looking for a good Christmas present! Year 2 will be visiting Christ Church this week to find out about the Christmas Story and the history of the church.

In **Year 3** the children were learning about electricity and making and testing their own circuits.

In **Year 5** the children were discussing what historians have learnt about the Egyptians from their tombs.

In **Year 6** the children have been writing their own diary entries in the style of Robert Falcon Scott.

In **Year 4** the children were learning about the differences between Italy and the UK. There must also be a mention for the amazing Roman shields that have been coming in as homeworks - thank you so much for your support!

Last Wednesday they also performed for their parents. Since September, the children have been learning the recorder as part of the Barnet Educational Arts Trust Wider Opportunities Music Project. This is part funded through the school budget, but also supported by **FOMS** who pay for one terms worth of lessons. The children performed brilliantly. They will continue their lessons next term. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to watch them!





Christmas poem written by Costa in 1K

Merry Christmas everyone
Wake up having fun
See the snow outside
Ring ring ring goes the bells
Christmas trees glowing bright
Merry Christmas everyone

Last Friday, it was lovely to see so many of the children dressed in their Christmas jumpers and other accessories.

This Wednesday, the KS2 Choir are going to sing for the residents at the Hasluck Trust on Parkside Gardens. The children performing can wear their Christmas jumpers and accessories on this day too.

On Tuesday 19th December all the children can wear their Christmas jumpers and/or accessories (alongside their usual school uniform) for our Christmas lunch!



Every year we have a whole school Christmas project. This year we have created a rainbow Christmas tree forest.

Each class designed and made a different tree (Reception provided the stars!). From left to the right, 5S, 2C, 3F, 1K, 3DW, 2P, 5LD, 4P, 1C, 6S, 4M, 6K)

They look fantastic and I hope you enjoy them if you are sat in the hall over the next two weeks.

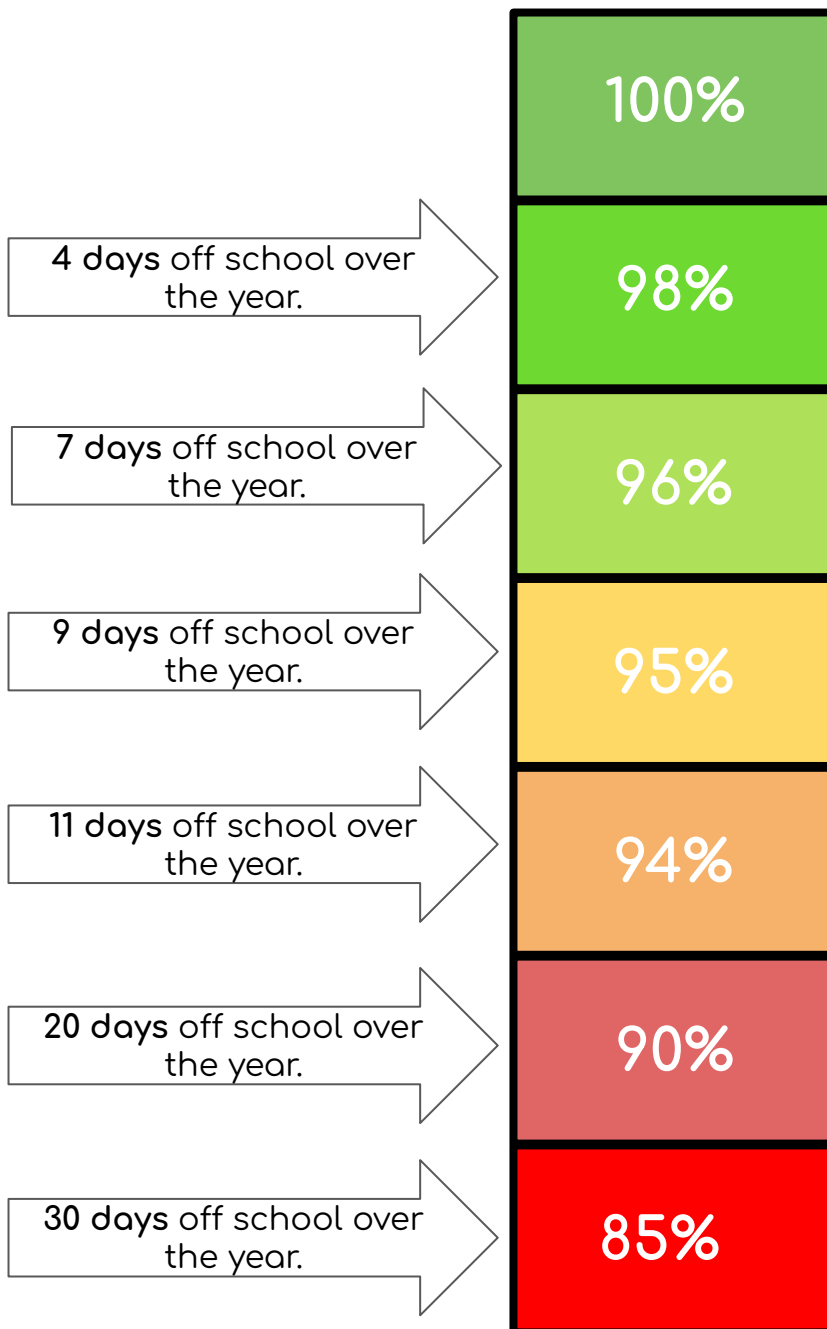


Attendance and Punctuality

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:

27th November 2023

Whole School	95%
Oak	100%
Willow	95%
1C	91%
1K	92%
2C	96%
2P	93%
3DW	97%
3F	96%
4M	93%
4P	96%
5LD	97%
5S	90%
6K	95%
6S	95%

Dates for the Term

Tuesday 12th December - Year 2 to visit Christ Church

13th December at 9.30am - Reception Nativity

KS2 Choir to sing at Hasluck Trust

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

8th January - First Day Back of Spring Term

10th January - Year 4P to the British Library

11th and 12th January - Year 4 Bikeability

17th January - Year 4M to the British Library

22nd January - Year 6S to the Royal Institute

24th January - Year 6K to the Royal Institute

24th January - 5S Class Assembly (9am)

31st January - 4P Class Assembly (9am)

7th February - 3F Class Assembly (9am)

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