



# Monkfrith School

## Summer Term 2024

### Newsletter 3

Monday 6th May - School is closed for the Bank Holiday.

This is just a reminder that if you take holidays, regular or extensive time off during term time, you should expect a fine from the Local Authority. You can check your child's attendance by logging into Arbor.

In **Reception**, the children have been doing some fantastic work inspired by minibeast habitats and going on minibeast hunts!

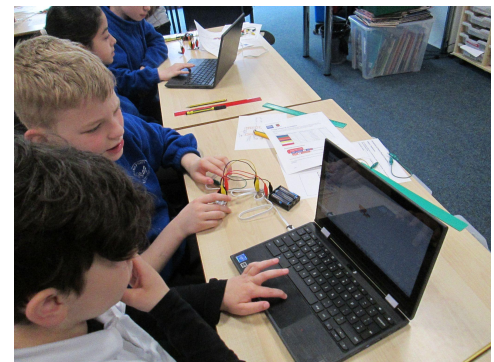
**Year 1** the children have been learning about the emergency services in PSHE. They have also been reading and retelling *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field.

In **Year 2** the children have been finishing their zoo recounts as well as learning about food chains in Science. They are reading the fabulous *Hotel Flamingo*

Mr Filby has been teaching both **Year 3** classes about Blues music and has been impressed by their enthusiasm and engagement. Year 3 also had a virtual visit from the author Marie Basting who has written *My Family and Other Romans*, *Princess BMX* and many more...

In **Year 4** have been finishing their narratives and then finding out about mixing colours in Art.

In **Year 5** the children have had a great day today finishing their modroc flower sculptures and using our new Crumble Kits for their Computing and DT lessons.



In **Year 6** the children have been learning about pointillism and surrealism.

In assembly this morning the children found out that we had won the KS2 Barnet Virtual Skipping Challenge! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the children who took part. The challenge now moves to Key Stage 1...!



## Monkfrith's clothes bank has arrived!

On Tuesday, our Planet Protectors were thrilled to kickstart their project to recycle clothes at Monkfrith. They were very excited to see it arrive and couldn't wait to use it. Congratulations to Mia (3F) for her enticing design that was chosen to decorate the clothes bank. It is situated at the bank of the school car park and you can access it everyday after school through the side gate. Children will need adult supervision in this area. Please see the poster to check what you can and cannot recycle in this bank. We ask our Monkfrith community to be mindful to keep to these guidelines and take care of the recycling bank. If it is full, please do not leave donations on the side. The bank will be emptied regularly. We want to maintain the environment of the school as well as the environment of the planet.

'Kids Just Recycle' is a company that collects used fabrics, organises them and repurposes them. This connects with the core values of the Planet Protectors to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. Additionally, the school receives funds based on the weight of donated fabric (40p per kilogram which is £400 per tonne). Please support our school and the environment by recycling with us.



## FOMS Update

Be a part of creating an unforgettable Summer fete!

The summer term is upon us and with it the opportunity to take part in the summer fete on **Saturday 13th July, 1-4pm**. Every year, we strive to create a truly remarkable event to bring together families, friends, and neighbours for a day filled with fun and community spirit.

We've been working hard planning for the day and we need help to add those special touches. Please have a look at our wishlist to see how you can help. Your generous support will directly contribute to the success of our event! [View wishlist ->](#)

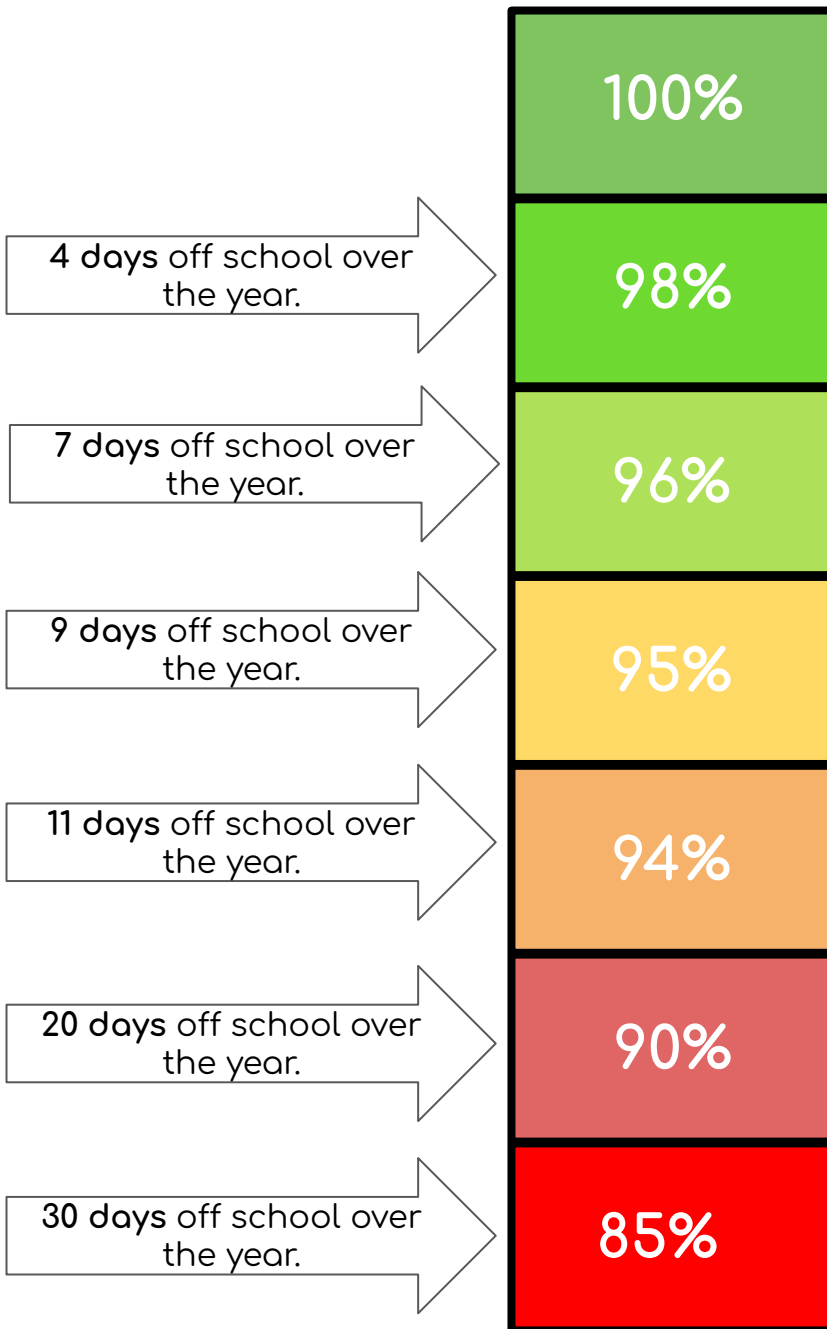


# Attendance and Punctuality

## 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.



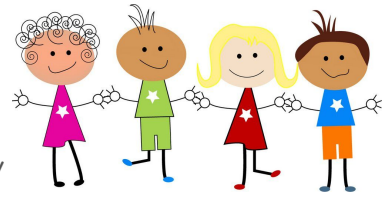
All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

Week commencing:

29th April 2024

Whole School	95%
Oak	97%
Willow	95%
1C	98%
1K	90%
2C	94%
2P	96%
3D	92%
3F	91%
4M	88%
4P	98%
5LD	94%
5S	99%
6K	99%
6S	95%

## Supporting children's emotional wellbeing



Friendships are important to children's social development. They can help children develop their identity and independence and have a positive impact on their emotional wellbeing.

However it is also common and normal for children to have some issues with friends. Friendships help children develop important life skills like getting along with others and resolving problems.

Place to Be have created a resource to help parents support their children::

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-has-friendship-issues>

When Girls Fall Out is a book for adults and explores girls' experiences of friendships as well as offering practical strategies and suggestions.



**WHEN  
GIRLS  
FALL  
OUT**

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF DAUGHTERS  
TOLD FROM THE GIRLS' POINT OF VIEW  
Andrew, Holly and Naomi Hampton

## Secondary School Virtual Transition Meeting - 16th May 2024 (10am to 1pm)

This meeting has been arranged by Barnet for parents who have children in Year 5 and 6 to help them prepare their child for the move to secondary school. Please see the flyer attached to the email.

### ♥ 📌 👕 **Monkfrith Preloved Uniforms**

Selling used uniforms generously donated by parents&carers to raise money for FOMS.



Please contact Delphine 07523266659  
or visit the insta page :

<https://www.instagram.com/monkfrith.preloved.uniforms>

## Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

### May

2nd May - SCHOOL CLOSED - LONDON MAYORAL ELECTIONS

6th May - May BANK HOLIDAY

7th May - KS2 Choir practice for the Barnet Music Festival at Sacred Heart (am)

8th May - Year 3 to Oakhill Park for fieldwork (am)

13th May - Year 6 SATs week

17th May - KS2 Barnet Athletics Competition

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

22nd May - Year 1 Assembly 9am

23rd May - Year 4 to the Southgate Gurdwara (am)

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

### September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back

## June

3rd June - INSET 4

4th to 7th June - Arts Week

5th June - Year 5 to the National Portrait Gallery

6th June - Dress Like A Piece of Art

7th June - Whole Class Photo Day

10th June - Reception to Aldenham

12th June - 4M Class Assembly

12th June - Choir to the Music Festival

13-14th June - Year 4 to Phasels Wood

17th June - SPORTS WEEK

18th June - Year 1 to Capel Manor

19th June - 2C Class Assembly (9am)

24th June - New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 7pm

26th June - 2P Class Assembly ((9am)

27th June - KS2 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent) in Oakhill Park

28th June - Reception Sports (9.15am)

## July

2nd July - KS1 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

3rd July - Year 3 to the National History Museum

5th July - INSET 5

10th July - Reception Class Assembly

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

18th/19th July - Year 6 Show (TBC)

24th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm