



# Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

Newsletter 5



This week, **Year 6** have been sitting their SATs. To help have a positive start to the day, the children came in a little bit earlier for some breakfast and to play.

All the children were focused and tried their hardest - we are very proud of all of them! On Sunday, Year 6 children need to be in school by 8.30am as we depart for the Isle of Wight!

Next week's newsletter may not be ready by Friday afternoon. I will be with Year 6 so it depends how much sleep the children get!

Next week is also **Year 1's** sharing assembly and they have been practising hard this week. Parents are welcome to come along and watch on Wednesday 22nd May at 9am. Please outside the Office. The children have been writing their own song in the style of Old MacDonald, which they will be performing in their assembly.

In **Year 2** the children have been learning about how to mix different shades and tones by adding white or black. They have been exploring how to use different brushes with control to make different lines. The work the children have produced so far is fantastic!

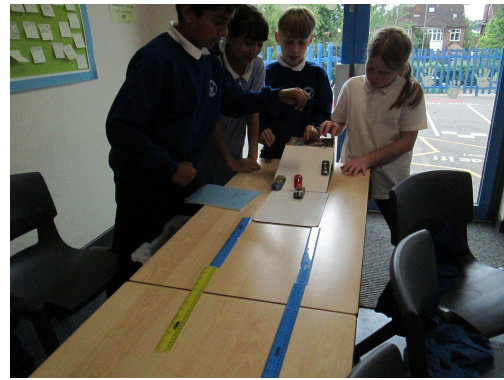
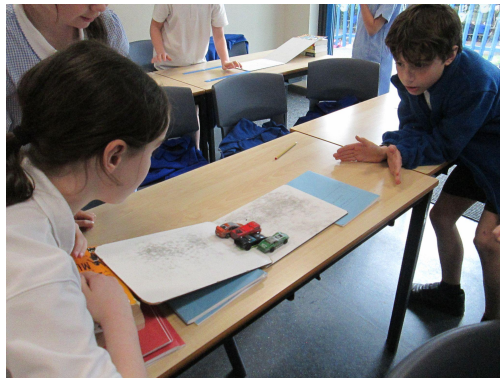
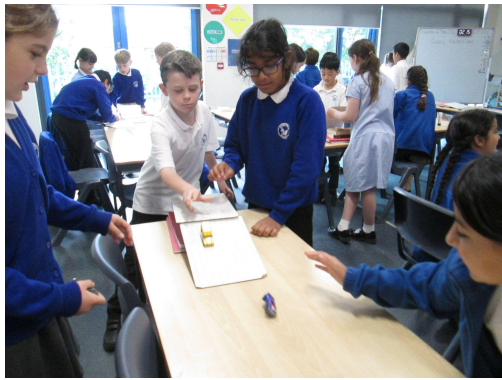


## After School Club

After School Club is full or nearly full most days now. Ms Costas does a great job of being as flexible as possible, but we are getting an increasing number of very last minute changes to bookings. This is causing some issues in organising staffing and activities as well as being able to offer places to those families who are on the waiting list.

Just a reminder that if you have not cancelled your After School Club place by 10am on the day, you will be charged for the session.





**Year 5** have been investigating Newton's Laws of Motion in their Science lessons. They have also been reading more of their book, the Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho Yen. In art this afternoon the children were revisiting their pencil drawing skills as they prepare for their portraiture unit after half term.



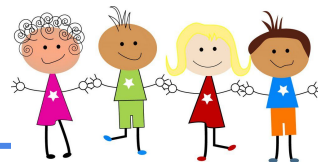
In **Reception** the children have been exploring the habits of snails as they continue their work on minibeasts. The children have been creating fact posters and diagrams of a minibeast sandwich.

In **Year 3** the children have been writing their reports about rivers. They have also been using maps and atlases to look at rivers and settlements. Their whole class reading text this term is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo.

In **Year 4** they have been learning about different musicians like Evelyn Glennie and Louis Armstrong. The children have also been learning about the functions of the parts of the ear and how sound travels through different states of matter. Parents with children in Year 4 should have received the next letter about Phasels Wood today, which includes information about the medical forms and the all important kit list.

Just a reminder that children in Year 4 will also be taking the multiplication screening check in June. This is a computerised assessment that all children in Year 4 across the country take to check in on how well they know their times tables. By the end of Year 4 it is expected that children should have fairly quick recall of all their times tables up to and including 12x12. We teach this as part of our maths curriculum, but I know lots of children also practice at home to help build their confidence.

## Supporting children's emotional wellbeing



[Nip in the Bud](https://nipinthebud.org/podcasts) is now producing a monthly Podcast freely available on the website:  
<https://nipinthebud.org/podcasts>

Our Podcast with Professor Barry Carpenter is over one hour long as it covers many fascinating topics. Here is the link to the full podcast as well as two links to "Nuggets" which are shorter excerpts.

- [Mental Health in Education Podcast with Prof Barry Carpenter](#)
- [Podcast on Complex Needs - Engagement is Key Prof Barry Carpenter](#)
- [Podcast on Spotting the Signs of Autism in Girls - Prof Barry Carpenter](#)

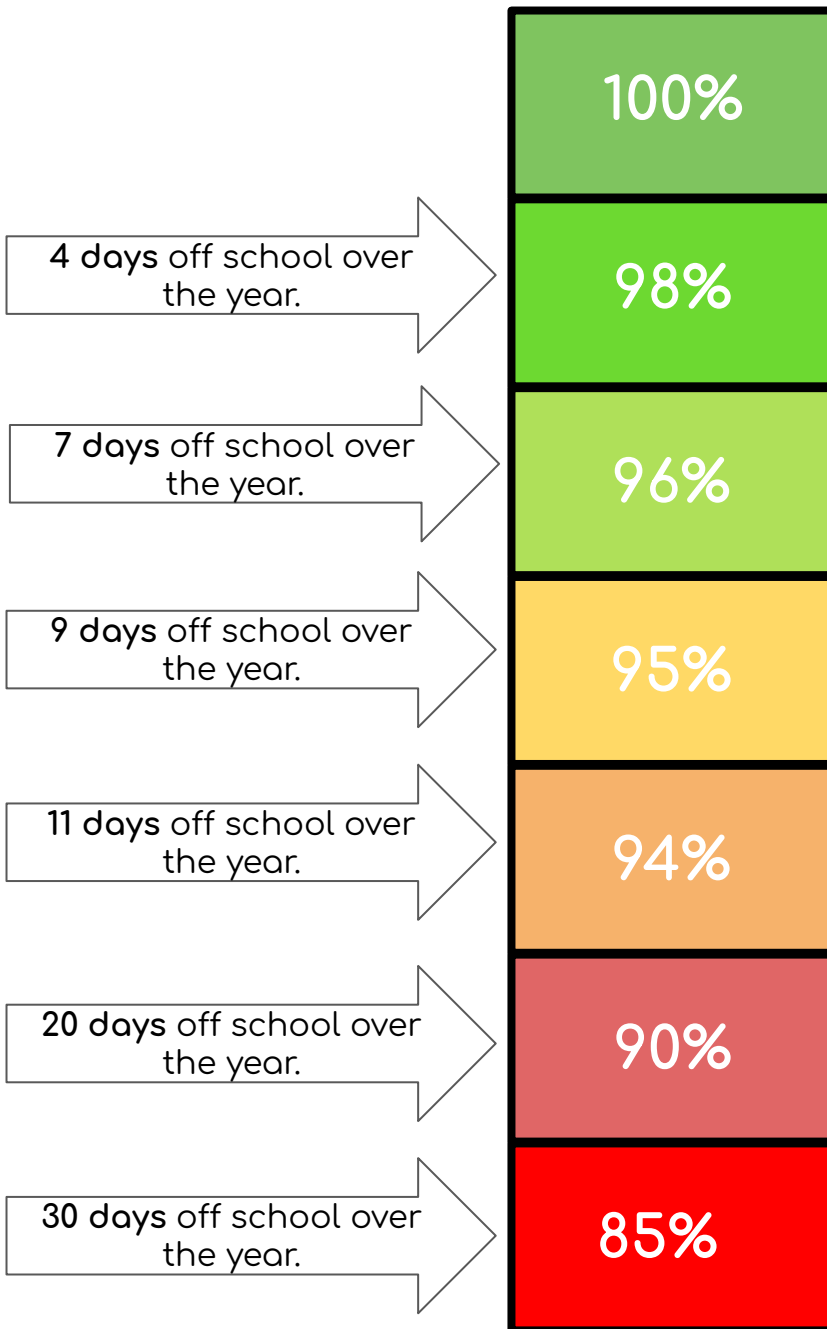
Blog on: [Verbal Abuse - More than just Sticks and Stones](#)

# 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 May 2024

Whole School	97%
Oak	100%
Willow	93%
1C	94%
1K	99%
2C	96%
2P	92%
3D	96%
3F	92%
4M	95%
4P	98%
5LD	98%
5S	97%
6K	100%
6S	98%

## Dates for the Year

Here are the term dates for this year so far:

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

### 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

### September 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back