



Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

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School will be closed on the 4th July as we are a Polling Station for the election. We will also be closed on 5th July for our planned INSET.

We only have a few weeks left of term but there is still so much happening in school. Next week you will find out which teachers will be teaching which classes next year. The children's end of year reports will be shared on Friday 12th July (it is a little later because we send out the Year 6 SATs results at the same time and these are not published until 9th July).

On Wednesday 10th July Reception will be performing in their first sharing assembly. Parents and family members are welcome along to watch. We aim to start at 9.10am. Please use the main office entrance.

This week we have had two of the three Sports Days. On Thursday, KS2 went down to Oakhill Park to take part in a mix of sporting activities followed by a race to earn points for their housegroup. The children did so well, not only pushing themselves to do their best but also supporting and encouraging each other. The Year 6 house captains did a fantastic job leading their teams. It was so lovely to see so many parents and other family members come along and get involved.

A huge thank you to all the staff but in particular to Miss Pierides who spent so long planning and organising the event so everything ran smoothly.



This morning we had the **Reception** Sports Morning. Thank you to all the families who came along to watch.



Year 1 have been writing the recount of their trip to Capel Manor and learning about writing in the past tense. In Computing the children have been programming simple animations on Scratch. On Wednesday, **2P** performed in their class assembly. It was lovely to see the learning journey that they have been on this year. The children in **Year 2** have also been planting their seeds as part of their Scented Garden topic.

Year 3 have been classifying rocks as part of their Rocks, Relics and Rumbles topic and have been making vegetable soup today. The children will be visiting the Natural History Museum next Wednesday. It is helpful if you child wears their trainers on this day. **Year 4** have been thinking about what it means to budget in PSHE. As adults, we all know that this is such an important skill! **Year 5** have been writing persuasive letters to Henry VIII as if they were Anne Boleyn. I popped into the music lessons this week where they were learning the song Someone You Loved by Lewis Capaldi. All the children were playing an instrument in a ensemble piece. It required huge concentration to play and sing, but they all did really well. It was lovely to see their talent and enthusiasm! They will continue to refine their performance next week. **Year 6** are still working hard as they write an essay about the slave trade. They have also begun rehearsals for their end of year 6 show.



The Spelling Bee class heats have happened this week. Each class were tested on 20 words that they will have been taught or encountered throughout the year across the subjects that they have learnt. The top four then go through to the year group heats before the finals in the week of Monday 8th July. It has been lovely to see all the children try hard and support each other to do well.



Sports Days

KS1 - Tuesday 2nd July

KS1 Sports morning will start at 9.15am. The gate on Monkfrith Way will be opened just after 9am. Please sit on the grass or on the edge of the playground (there will be some Year 6 children there to direct you). It will last approximately an hour and 15 minutes.



Preloved Uniforms will have a stall at the Summer Fair



We'll be **selling used uniforms** generously donated by parents&carers to raise money for FOMS.

We are looking for donations of cardigans and winter dresses 🙏

Please contact Delphine : 075 232 666 59



A polite reminder not to bring your dog on to the playground at the end of the day.

Last weekend, **Seamus** in **Year 2** took part in Cancer Research UK's Race of Life in Trent Park.

You may remember last weekend was very warm but Seamus still managed to run 5K in 30 minutes - an incredible achievement.

Well done Seamus!



Year 6 Leavers' Arrangements

We like to give our Year 6 children the best ending to their time at Monkfrith.

Thursday 18th July at 9.30am - Goodbye Arnold (with 6S taking the lead roles) Children in 6S will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Friday 19th July at 9.30am Goodbye Arnold (with 6K taking the lead roles) Children in 6K will each have 4 tickets for this performance)

Wednesday 24th July at 9.10am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 6 families welcome)

Wednesday 24th July at 7pm to 9pm - Year 6 Leavers Disco



FOMS Update



2 weeks until the FOMS Summer Fair!

Running stalls and activities

We are still trying to roundup the help we need in order to keep all the stalls we have planned. There are a number of stalls that need to be covered. Please please please reach out to your class reps or email

friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com if you're able to support for an hour on the day. We will only be able to run all the activities we have in place for the children with your help.

Donations: Soft toys and sweets

If you have any good quality soft toys and sweets to donate for our teddy and sweets tombolas, please bring in sweets (vegetarian if possible) by Monday 8th July, and soft toys by Thursday 11th July.

👏 Does your company or employer want to sponsor a stall or activity?

In return, they can be advertised on the day and in the school newsletter. Get in touch with your class rep or email friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com for more information.

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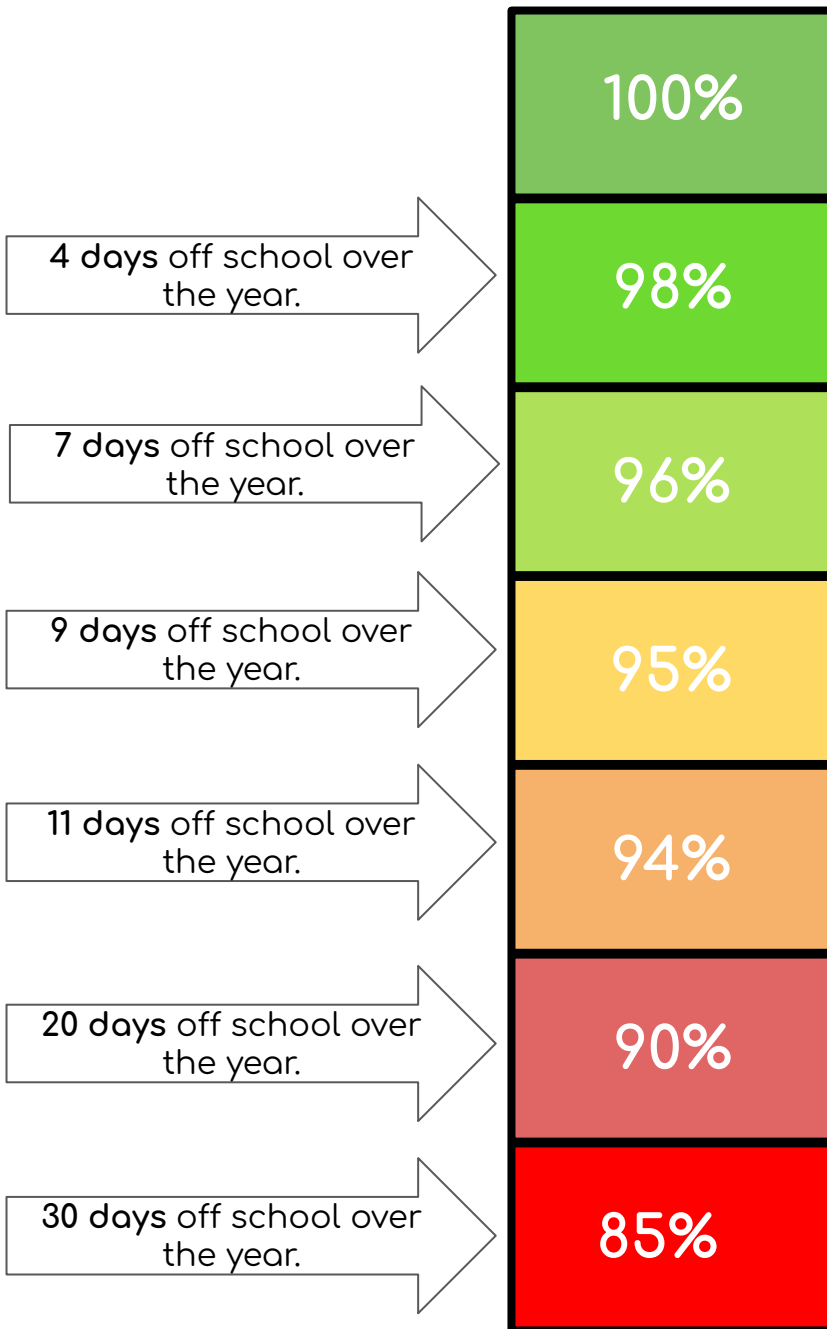
Many companies have a match funding policy which means that any money we raise at the fair can be matched by your employer. Please check the policies at your workplace to help us double the impact of our efforts. If you'd like more information, please reach out to any FOMS member or send a message to friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com.

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:

24th June 2024

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

Dates for the Year

July

July - Spelling Bee

2nd July - KS1 Sports 9.15am (weather dependent)

3rd July - Year 3 to the National History Museum

4th July - School Closed for General Election

5th July - INSET 5

8th July - Non Uniform for FOMS (please bring £1)

10th July - Reception Class Assembly

12th July - Non Uniform Day for FOMS (Bring a bottle - details to follow)

13th July - FOMS Summer Fair

18th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6S with main parts)

19th July - 9.30am Year 6 End of Year Show (6K with main parts)

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

24th July - Last Day of Term 2pm

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September - INSET Day

3rd September - First Day back

2nd October to 4th October - Year 5 to Kingswood

Friday 25th - Last Day of Autumn 1 (normal finish time)

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - HALF TERM

Monday 4th November - First Day back

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Autumn Term (2pm finish)

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January - First Day back of Spring Term

Friday 14th February - Last Day of Spring 2 (normal finish time)

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - First Day back of Spring 2

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term (2pm finish)

Summer Term 2025

Spring 2

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term

12th May - Year 6 SATS week

18th May - 23rd May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Summer 1 (normal finish)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd June - First Day of Summer 2

Tuesday 22nd July - Last Day of Term