



# Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2024

Newsletter 12

This will be the last newsletter of this year (almost!) - it feels like it has gone so quickly. On Thursday and Friday, Year 6 performed in their end of term show and as I was watching them, I felt really proud of the way they have grown over the last 7 years. I could (just about!) remember their nativity in Reception and then their KS1 show that never was - spoiled by Covid the week before the performance. All the children have done so well. We will have a final leavers' assembly for the children on Wednesday morning at 9.15am where they will be sharing their reflections on their time with us.



I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff across school who have worked hard and done their best for our children. From teachers, support staff in classrooms and the office, the mealtime supervisors, out cleaners and the staff in the kitchen, we are a team that work together in the best interests of the children.

Our governing body has also demonstrated unwavering commitment throughout the year, often dedicating their evenings to support and challenge me in my role. Their voluntary contributions are essential to our success.

A special thank you goes out to the parents and carers who have worked in partnership over the last year. This is integral to our children doing well.

And finally, and most importantly, to the children who come into school every day enthusiastic and keen to learn.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer that involves some fun and some rest. I look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready on Tuesday 3rd September (Breakfast Club as usual).



## September 2024 - Meet the Teacher

In September we will be holding Meet the Teacher sessions. These are 30 minutes and give you a chance to find out more about the curriculum that your child will be studying and how you can support your child at home.

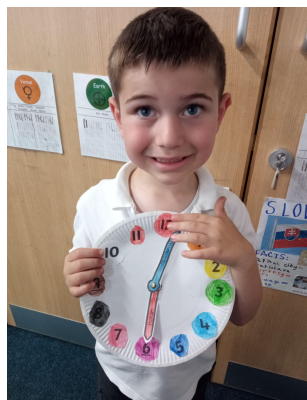
These are aimed at parents and are not for children so please try and make alternative arrangements on that evening. Please use the entrance on Office entrance on Knoll Drive.

If you are not able to attend, then information will be shared afterwards via email.

	6pm	6.30pm
Monday 9th September	Year 3	Year 4
Tuesday 10th September	Year 1	Year 6
Wednesday 11th September	Year 2	Year 5



**Reception** are currently enjoying their Teddy Bears' Picnic in the shade as part of their learning about the Anywhere Bear. They have brought in their bears from home and made their own sandwiches to eat! The children in **Year 1** have been playing different musical instruments this week as well as making their own clocks! In **Year 2** the children have designed their own fantasy garden and then written a description using all the fantastic writing skills they have developed this year. **Year 3** have been making and painting their own volcanoes as part of their DT and Art lessons. They have also written their own poem based on a volcano. **Year 4** have been exploring our school grounds as they find out about compass points and directions. **Year 5** are continuing with their self portraits. These are almost finish and look amazing!



Thank you so much to those of you who supported the Summer Fair in some way, either by donating a raffle prize, securing match funding from your employer, organising or running a stall or just coming along on the day. A particular thank you to the FOMS Committee and Clare Oatham Vitale (in what will be her last one at Monkfrith). Clare has led on organising our last three Summer Fairs and done a fantastic job supporting our school this way. If you would like to get involved in helping on an event, FOMS are always looking for new volunteers who are keen to get involved. You can email: [friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com).

We also wanted to say a particular well done to the children who helped out or ran their own stalls selling things that they had made.



We are still finalising the final profit but it looks to be over £4500, which is fantastic!  
Thank you!

## Summer Reading Challenge

Barnet Libraries in collaboration with The Reading Agency are excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge: **Marvellous Makers!**

Developed in partnership with Create, this year's challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading between July and September.

Children aged between 4 and 12 can sign up at any Barnet library or online from 6 July. Find out everything you need to know about the challenge [here](#)



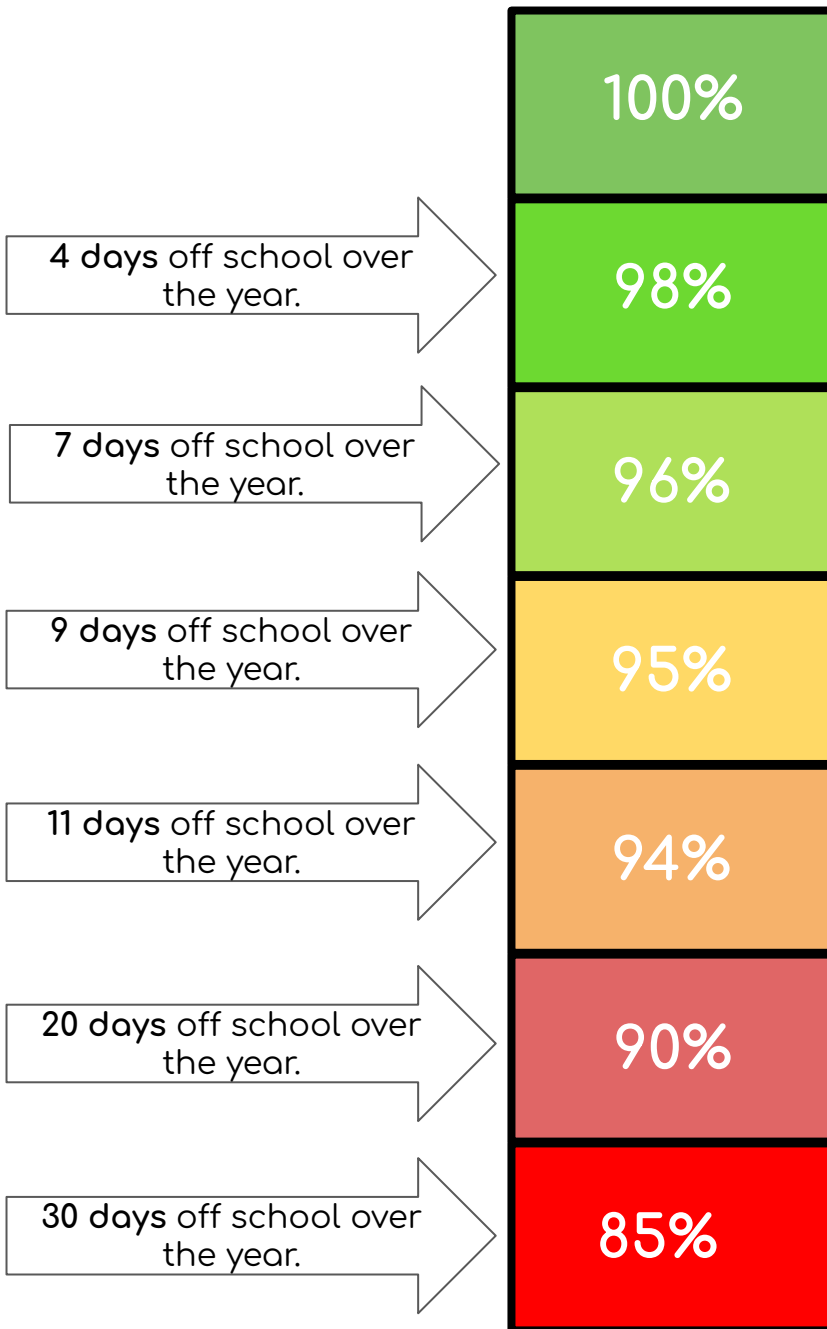
A polite reminder not to bring your dog on to the playground at the end of the day.

# 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:

15th July 2024

Whole School	95%
Oak	95%
Willow	90%
1C	96%
1K	98%
2C	93%
2P	95%
3D	96%
3F	97%
4M	90%
4P	98%
5LD	95%
5S	95%
6K	99%
6S	97%

## Dates for the Year

### July

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

18th September - Year 6 to the Royal Gunpowder Mills (details to follow shortly)

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

7th October - Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow in September)

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

4th November to 15th November - Year 5 Swimming Block

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