

MONKFRITH SCHOOL

Autumn 4 2025



Shana Tovah to all the families across the school who were celebrating Rosh Hashanah this week. It has been lovely to talk to the children about the different ways they celebrated.



In school this week, the children have been very busy. **Year 3** went to visit the Barnet Environmental Centre as part of their topic. They learnt all about germination and pollination. Luckily, the weather was good and that meant they were able to explore the nature reserve and the wildlife that they are taking care of there. Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to help out - these trips are only possible with your support.

In **Reception**, their topic at the moment is 'All About Me!'. The children have been using mirrors to look at their own faces and drawing self-portraits. They have been reading [The Colour Monster](#) and [Welcome to the World](#) and talking about the family photos that have been sent in (thank you!). As is always the case in Reception, the children have been outside playing with our new water play equipment. The new resources that we purchased (with the help of FOMS) have meant that more children can be involved in being creative, curious and collaborative.



Reception Curriculum Meeting - Reminder

Reception parents are invited to a Curriculum Evening on Tuesday, 7th October 2025 at 7pm. We'll share how we teach early reading, phonics, and maths at Monkfrith, and give tips on supporting learning at home. The session will last about an hour, followed by drinks and nibbles from FOMS.

This event is for adults only, but information will be sent home if you're unable to attend.



Year 5 have been looking at the drawings done by Charles Darwin with a focus on minibeasts. They have been combining these detailed drawings with zentangles (focusing on the artist Rosalind Monk).

The children head out on their trip to Kingswood on Wednesday and will be back on Friday afternoon (all being well by the usual pick-up time). Please make sure that you have checked the kit list so that they have everything they need for the trip.

Year 1 have been reading the **Tiger Who Came To Tea** by Judith Kerr this week. They have been roleplaying the story and sequencing the events. In Art, they have been using graphite pencils and charcoal to draw their own tigers!



Year 6 have been learning about the artist William Morris and his influence on the Arts and Crafts movement during the Victorian era. They will be heading to Christ Church in Southgate at the start of next week to look at the original William Morris stained glass designs in the church.

Year 2 have been learning about the journey of a banana from plantation to supermarket. In their PSHE lessons, they have been finding out where some different foods come from around the world and the importance of buying ethically and fairly. **Year 4** have been making and testing predictions about melting and cooling in their science lessons. They are also making their jam tart design ready for next week!

A message from the Reception Team

Thank you for bringing in a storybook to help us celebrate your 5th birthday. The class really enjoyed sharing it. We have added it to our special birthday book box so everyone can enjoy it again.



Parent Consultation Information

Parent Consultations for Year 1 to 6 will take place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October from 3.50pm.

There will be a separate Parents Consultation for Reception parents on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November from 3.40pm.

We book slots for parent consultations via Arbor. Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 will be able to book their slots from 3rd October at 7am. Information for reception parents about when and how to book your slot will be shared via the newsletter in the next few weeks.

Our School Performance Summary 2024/5

Each year there are a range of statutory assessments that we are required to undertake that assess how well the children have learnt some aspects of the National Curriculum which is the statutory document which sets out what state schools must teach. Below you will be able to see a summary of our performance with a comparison to the National Averages.

In Year 6 the children sit their SATs in May. These tests cover Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths.

End of KS2 Reading Performance



	Monkfrith	Barnet
Reading Expected or Higher Standard	96.7%	81.6%
Reading Higher Standard	63.3%	42.2%

End of KS2 Writing Performance



	Monkfrith	Barnet
Writing Expected or Greater Depth	90%	75.7%
Writing Greater Depth	28.3%	18%

End of KS2 Maths Performance



	Monkfrith	Barnet
Writing Expected or Greater Depth	98.3%	82.1%
Writing Greater Depth	61.7%	37.7%

You can find out [more information about our performance and compare to the National averages here.](#)



Save the Date Quiz Night on Friday 14th November!

Get ready for a fun-filled evening – our Quiz Night is happening on Friday 14th November! Mark your calendars and gather your team for a night of trivia, laughter, and friendly competition.

Event Details:

 Date: Friday 14th November

 Time: 7:30pm

More details, including how to sign up, will be shared soon. In the meantime, save the date, spread the word, and start brushing up on your general knowledge!

We can't wait to see you there!



Shed Dismantling Dream Team Wanted

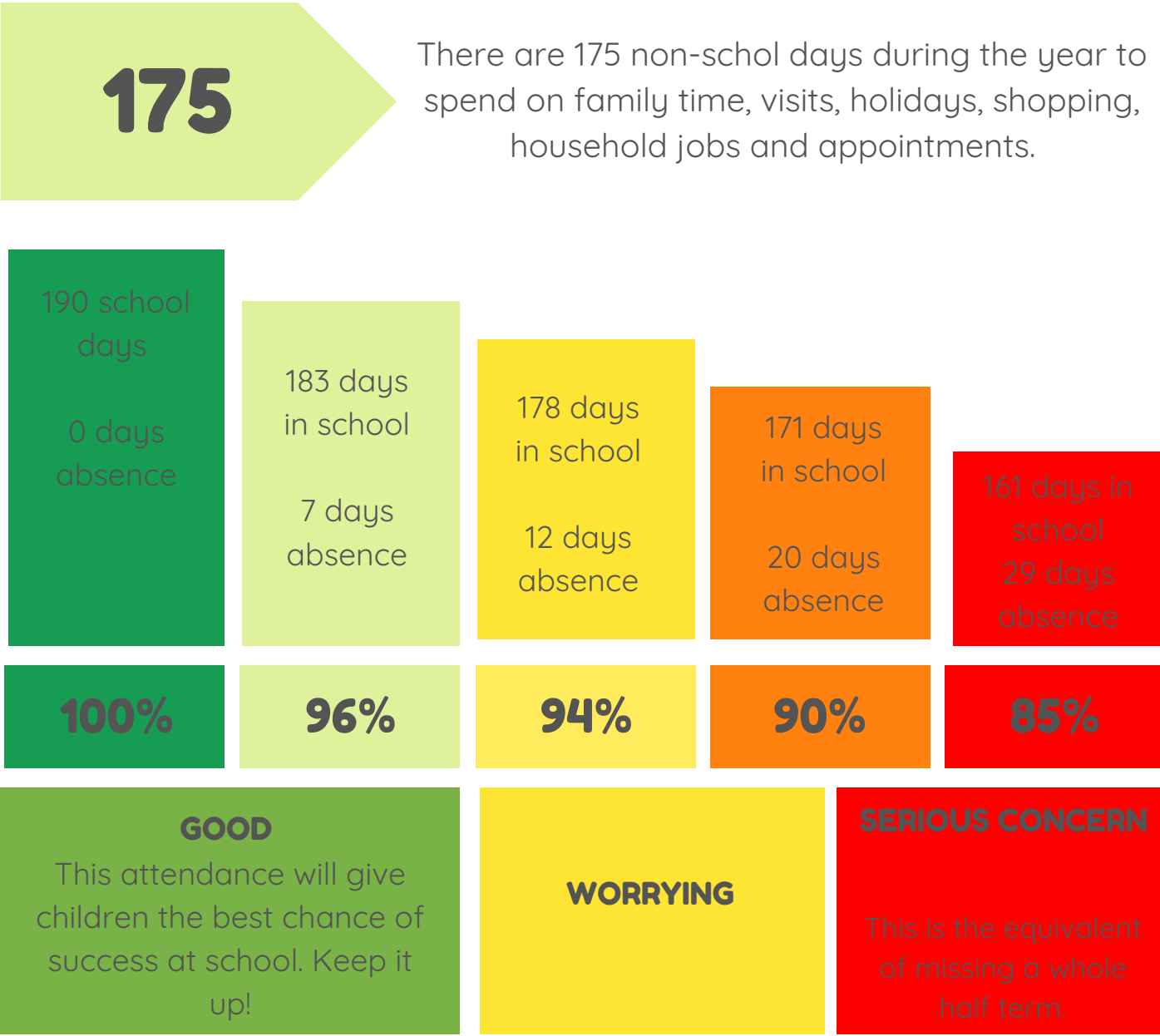


The old shed has served us well, but it's time for it to go. FOMS is looking for a few willing volunteers to join the shed dismantling team one Saturday morning (date and time to be confirmed).

Bring your enthusiasm and we'll provide tea, coffee...and of course a well-earned lunch.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR



Attendance this week

Oak	97%	2M	92%	5S	91%
Willow	97%	3S	98%	5LD	94%
1C	95%	3F	96%	6P	93%
1K	98%	4B	96%	6K	89%
2CW	97%	4P	94%	Whole School	95%

Dates for 2025/6

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 29th September - 6K to Christ Church (am)

Wednesday 1st October - 6P to Christ Church (am)

Wednesday 1st October to Friday 3rd October - Year 5 at Kingswood

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st - Year 1 to 6 Parent Consultations

Friday 24th October - Flu Vaccinations

Monday 27th October to Friday - 31st October
HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November - Year 5 Swimming (2 weeks)

Tuesday 4th November - Year 3S to the Science Museum

Wednesday 5th November - Year 3F to the Science Museum

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November - Reception Parent Consultations

Monday 24th November - Friday 28th November - Level 2 Bikeability (Year 6)

Friday 5th December - Christmas Fayre (after school)

Friday 19th December - End of Term 2pm finish

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - First Day Back

Wednesday 21st January - Science Workshops for Year 5 and 6

Thursday 29th January - 2CW to the Transport Museum

Friday 30th January - 2M to the Transport Museum

16th February to 20th February - Half Term

Wednesday 4th March - Year 6 to St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 9th March - Year 4 swimming (2 weeks)

Friday 27th March - Break up at 2pm

Monday 13th April - INSET Day

Tuesday 14th April - First Day of Summer Term

Thursday 16th to 17th April - Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 22nd April - Year 5 to the Portrait Gallery

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs week

Sunday 17th May to Friday 22nd May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - INSET Day

Dates for 2025/6

Autumn

Autumn 1

INSET - Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 24th October

Half Term

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Autumn 2

Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December

Spring

Spring 1

Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Spring 2

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Summer

Summer 1

INSET - Monday 13th April

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Summer 2

Monday 1st June to Monday 20th July (children's last day Friday 17th July)

INSET - Monday 1st June

INSET - Monday 20th July