

It has been lovely to hear about the ways families have been celebrating Diwali this week. Thank you to those of you who have shared your photos with us.

In Reception the children have been finding out about Diwali. Thank you to Meyyan's mum, Jaymaa who came in to talk about it with both Oak and Willow class!



Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along this week and meet with their child's class teacher this week. It was great to see so many proud faces after the appointments.

If your child is in Reception, you are now able to book an appointment via the Arbor app.



On Wednesday morning, 6P performed their class assembly. The children chose the work they wanted to share and wrote their own script. At the end, they gave us an African drumming masterclass. Also in Year 6 this week, the children have been finishing *Street Child* and writing their book reviews. They have also been writing some lovely poems that are based on themselves, inspired by the poets they have looked at as part of Black History Month. In Year 1, they have been finishing off their Paws, Claws, and Whiskers topic by looking at animals in a zoo and practicing their addition skills.

Year 5 Swimmimg

After half term, Year 5 will begin their 2 week block of swimming so please remember swimming kits and coats on Monday 3rd November.



On Friday last week, Year 4 experimented with making their own potions using their knowledge of solids, liquids, and gases. This week they have been baking their jam tarts and learning about the life and work of Madam C.J. Walker (as part of Black History Month).



Year 2 has been learning about Floella Benjamin and the Windrush as part of Black History Month. You may have also heard them singing "Dancing Queen," which is the song that they are preparing for the Barnet Music Festival! I have been singing along in my office!



In Year 3, the children have been finishing up their Predator topic by using oil pastels to create their own predator eyes. They have also been learning about Claudia Vera Jones, who is often described as the 'mother' of the Notting Hill Carnival. They have been using their artistic skills to create their own carnival masks and headdresses. In Year 5, they have been using chicken wire and a variety of other materials to begin crafting their minibeasts.

Christmas at Monkfrith

Shortly after we come back, we will share a guide to Christmas. There are lots of different dates and slight changes, including our concerts, nativity, Christmas lunch and more, as we approach December so please look out of the email and make a note of them.

How you can help your child get ready for their Autumn Term...

Reception	The children will be learning about Autumn and the seasons, night and day and nocturnal and diurnal animals.	Thank you to those of you who have already sent in some photos of your child and Autumn, if you have not, then there is still time. You could go to the library to borrow books like: Storm by Sam Usher or Ava and the Acorn by Lu Fraser, The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield, The Lights that Dance in the Night by Yuval Zommer.
Year 1 Moon Zoom	The children will be learning about the space, the planets and Neil Armstrong. They will also learn ways that they can look after our planet in PSHE.	You could visit the Planetarium or the Science Museum. The imax cinema has an immersive tour of the International Space station. You could go to the library to borrow books like: Man on the Moon by Simon, Little People, BIG DREAMS Katherine Johnson, Planetarium by Raman Prinja.
Year 2 Street Detectives	The children will learn about our local geography, the differences between London and Peru and reading Paddington.	As you are out and about over the holidays, look at maps and talk about the local area. Books you might be interested in: L is for London by Paul Thurlby or A City Through Time by Matilda Gollon.
Year 3 Mighty Metals	The children will be learning about electricity, forces and magnetism. Class Text: Iron Man by Ted Hughes	Books you might be interested in: Where does lightning come from by Anna Claybourne, A Life in Electric by Azadeh Westergaard, Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall or Boom Science: Forces.
Year 4 I am Warrior	This topic introduces the Romans the life of Boudicca. Class Text: Griffin Gate by Vashti Hardy	You could visit the Roman galleries at the British Museum. Books you might be interested in: Meet the Ancient Romans by James Davies or the Roman Soldier's Handbook.
Year 5 Pharaohs	The children will be learning all about life in Ancient Egypt. Class Text: Odysseus	You could visit the Egyptian Galleries at the British Museum. Books you might be interested in: Egyptian Myths by Jean Menzies, Myths, Mummies and Magic in Ancient Egypt by Nuria Tamarit or The Story of Tutankhamun by Isabel Greenberg.
Year 6 The Frozen Kingdom	The children will find out about the Arctic and Antarctic, the journey of Robert Falcon Scott, the Titanic and all about animal adaptation. Class Text: Holes by Louis Sachar	You could visit the Legend of the Titanic exhibition in London or go the Imax screening of Antarctica at the Science Museum. Books you might be interested in: Rescuing Titanic by Flora Delargy, Ice Trap! by MP Robertson or Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson.



Barnet Libraries have lots of events over the holidays. Children can learn how to DJ and explore Afrobeats sounds at Superstar DJs. For Green Libraries Week, take part in Seeds of Change, an eco-craft activity with seed planting. There's a Sing, Story and Sign session for children to learn some simple British Sign Language and a solar system coding and robotics workshop. There are craft events to celebrate Halloween and a spooky drama workshop based on the book 'Room on the Broom'. Like a Choose Your Own Adventure book, 'Lose the Path, Find Your Way' is an interactive show with enchanting movement, music and puppetry. Booking is required for some events. All events are free or low cost. [You can find more information here.](#)



Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day. You can find our Year 6 sellers at the gate in the morning on Knoll Drive and Monkfrith Way. If you would like to buy a poppy or one of the other items (wrist bands, zip tags etc), please make sure you bring along some change. Minimum donation £1 per item. Thank you.

Year 6 Parents - A message about secondary schools

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31st October. Please make sure that you have named your schools via the online forms to the council where you pay your Council Tax. If you miss the date, you may not get allocated a place in the first round of offers. If you need any help, please let us know, and we will do what we can.

ADHD Information for Parents

Alongside this newsletter, please read the flyer from BELS advertising their ADHD Conference for Schools, Parents and Carers. It is on Tuesday 2nd December from 9.30am. Details on how to book are on the flyer.

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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY
14th NOV
7.30pm

SCHOOL HALL
(ENTRANCE FROM
SCHOOL OFFICE)

£8 QUIZ ONLY
£18 QUIZ + PIZZA

**Tickets available
on Classlist**

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Dates for 2025/6

Autumn Term 2025

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

Friday 7th November - Individual Photos

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

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

Wednesday 3rd December - 6K Class Assembly

Friday 5th December - Christmas Fayre (after school)

Monday 8th December - Year 4 to Verulamium

Thursday 11th December - Year 2 to Christ Church

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