



It is hard to believe how quickly this term is going and that it will be December on Monday. Please remember to look at the Christmas at Monkfrith guide shared a few weeks ago for the key dates and any changes to our usual routines.

Just a reminder:

The Christmas Post Box opens on Monday (please ensure that all envelopes have names and classes on the front).

Requests for Reception Nativity tickets need to be in by Tuesday morning.

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 5th December. After School Club is on as usual but will be in the Reception classroom, so please pick up from the gate at the far end of Knoll Drive.



On Wednesday, **4P** wrote and performed their class assembly. The children told us about the learning they did in English, Science, Design and Technology, and History before finishing with a song! It was lovely to see how enthusiastic they were about their learning and to see their personalities shine through. **Year 3** has been continuing to create their Iron Mask helmets in their Design and Technology lessons, ready to add the component to make them light up! They have also been writing their diary entries as Hogarth from the Ted Hughes book, The Iron Man.



Year 2 has been reading The Street Beneath My Feet in their English lessons this week as they find out what goes on under the pavement! **Year 5** has been continuing their learning about the Egyptians. They have been investigating Egyptian leisure activities and also finding out about the significance of the mummification process in Egyptian culture in a 'live' demonstration.

Year 6K class assembly is next Wednesday at 9am.

As the weather turns colder and children are coming in with hats, scarves and gloves please remember to name them so if they are lost or left somewhere we can help return them!



We are fortunate to have secured 30 spots for Bikeability Level 2 for **Year 6** this year. This week, the children have been honing their cycling safety skills and exploring the area on their bikes.

The instructors have praised the children's positive attitudes and behavior, allowing them to take all three groups out on the road for two to three days. **Year 1** have been finishing off their

Beegu stories and exploring the properties of materials in Science. In **Reception**, alongside practising the nativity, the role play area has been transformed into a space station and the children are taking inspiration from Whatever Next, the book by Jill Murphy.

Thank you to our Planet Protectors who were selling/swapping Christmas Jumpers on Thursday to help reduce waste over the Christmas period.

On Thursday, 10 Year 6 boys represented our school in the Barnet Year 5/6 Annual Football tournament. We finished top of our group, winning two matches and drawing three. In the quarter-finals, we lost narrowly 1-0, but Miss Pierides was proud of the boys' attitude and teamwork. A particular well done to Levi, who was Player's Player of the tournament.

Our Governing Body

At the end of last week, we had the Full Governing Body Meeting for this term. We have had some new members join as a parent governor, an associate governor, and then two new members of the local community have also joined as co-opted governors. The meeting was challenging, supportive, and productive, and it was a positive start to the year ahead.

On a sad note, one of our Co-Chairs, Jonathan Bruck, came to the end of his term of office. Jonathan has been on the governing body for over 15 years and has served as the Chair of the Finance Committee for nearly the last 10. He began as a parent governor (his nephew and nieces have also attended Monkfrith) before becoming a co-opted governor. Not only that, but he also came to the school as a child. He has served our school community incredibly during that time. He has championed the values and ethos of inclusivity and has been a wonderful support (and challenging voice) to me. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his service. Jamie Cooper will continue as Chair moving forwards.



BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children aged 6-19, with a diagnosis of Autism.

This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet.

A 5 or 6-session online training course, covering topics including: An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic; Communication; Sensory needs; Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

For more information, [click here](#).



🎄 Christmas Event: Tickets available on Classlist! 🎄

Monkfrith Magical Merryland is happening on Friday 5th December 3:30-6pm! There will be plenty of fun, food, and festive cheer. Join us for an afternoon filled with magical moments for the whole family. Prebook tickets to participate in Santa's Grotto, Santa's workshop and Elfridges.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors for supporting this year's School Christmas Fair.

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Christmas Card - final orders today!

For anyone who missed the Christmas card order deadline, today is the last day of the 2nd shop. If you have any questions, please email friendsofmonkfrithschool@gmail.com.

Dates for 2025/6

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd December - 6K Class Assembly

Friday 5th December - Monkfriths Magical Merryland (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 14th January - 5S Class Assembly

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

Tuesday 27th January - Year 6 Magistrates Workshop

Thursday 29th January - 2CW to the Transport Museum

Friday 30th January - 2M to the Transport Museum

Wednesday 4th February - Year 4 to the Science Museum

Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week

16th February to 20th February - Half Term

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

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

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

Friday 13th March - Barnet Dance Festival

Thursday 26th/Friday 27th March - Year to Tolmers Residential

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

Wednesday 20th May - Year 5LD Class Assembly

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

Monday 1st June - INSET Day

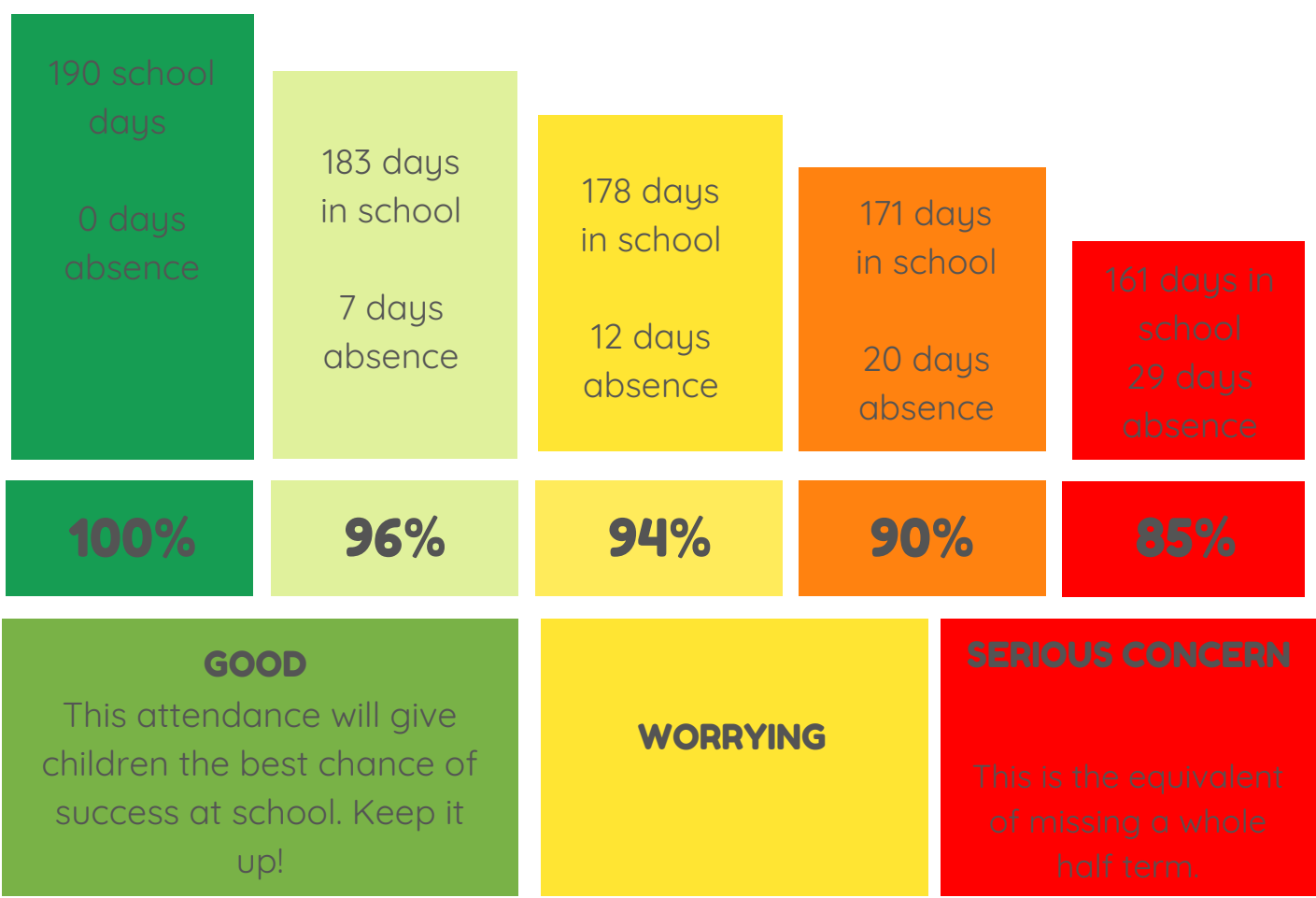
Wednesday 10th June - 2M Class Assembly

Friday 12th June - Class Photo Day

Wednesday 17th June - 2CW Class Assembly

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Each day is really important in your child’s learning journey. Getting here on time helps them ease into the day calmly and makes sure they don’t miss out on important learning.



Attendance this week

Oak	96%	2M	96%	5S	96%
Willow	100%	3S	95%	5LD	87%
1C	98%	3F	94%	6P	94%
1K	97%	4B	96%	6K	94%
2CW	94%	4P	98%	Whole School	96%