



Photos

On Friday, your child will have had their individual and sibling photo (as appropriate) and will have come home with a leaflet. Please follow the instructions if you wish to view and order a photo.



This week Year 3 have visited the Science Museum as part of their topic for this half term - Mighty Metals. They took part in a 'Feel the Force' workshop and explored some of the galleries. Thank you to the parents who came along on both days to help. Back at school, they have started reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, which is their class reader for this half term.

It has been a pleasure to go to some of the Year 5 swimming sessions this week and see the progress the children are making. They have 5 further sessions next week. Thank you to the parents who have come along to help (and put on swimming hats!) - it is much appreciated. In the classroom, they have begun their Pharaohs topic and have been learning about the reason for Remembrance Day. Year 6 will be continuing to sell poppies (and other products) at the gate on Monday and Tuesday mornings next week.

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

This year we are inviting children to wear something yellow or spotty to support Children in Need in return for a £1 donation. Also on Friday, the children will be taking part in the Joe Wicks workout along with lots of other primary schools across the country. If your child is doing anything else outside of school to raise money and you would like to share it in the newsletter, please just email the office.



Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. The theme is Power for Good. **On Monday it will be Odd Sock Day** where we will join with other schools across the country to show that we are all unique and different but we all want to be kind and respect each other's individuality. Your child should wear their normal school uniform but instead of their usual socks, wear a odd ones!



Christmas Cards

If you would like to order your child's Christmas Card/product then you have until next Wednesday.

There is also a flyer alongside the newsletter about our new Christmas Jumper sale.

More details about Christmas at Monkfrith will be shared at the start of next week.

KS1 were visited by Zengla Wellings-Longmore, who is a storyteller at the RAF Museum. She shared the story of Val McCalla with the children using props, music, and acting. He was a Jamaican pilot who overcame adversity to become a pilot and then an entrepreneur. In Year 2, the children have been reading and acting out part of the Paddington story. Just a reminder that on Monday we are hosting the Barnet Infant Music Festival. We will share the photos in next week's newsletter. In Year 1, the children have started their Moon Zoom topic by naming and ordering the planets. We have also been doing some phonics assessments this week, so there is no phonics newsletter for Year 1.



Last half term, Year 4 were reading *Alien in the Jam Factory* by Chrissie Sains, and this week they meet her online for a question and answer session. Today they were also visited by 'Boudicca' who came to tell them about her battles with the Romans in 60 CE. Reception have been exploring Autumn.

They have been reading *Leaf Man* and created some beautiful leaf art. Next Monday and Wednesday, there will be parent consultations for Reception. Please use the Reception entrance on Knoll Drive (where you drop off) and arrive a few minutes before your slot to help us stick to the timings.



Class Assemblies this half term

Wednesday 18th November at 9am - 4B

Wednesday 26th November at 9am - 4P

Wednesday 3rd December at 9am - 6K



Idling

It has been noticeable how many parents who drive are parked outside school with their engines running. Leaving engines running while stationary for more than a minute is known as idling and is a source of air pollution. It is also an offence for which a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued.

Pollution caused by idling vehicles disproportionately affects children. Young people have greater exposure to harmful pollutants as, on average, they take twice as many breaths as adults.


Please do not park outside school and leave your engine running.




🎉 FOMS Quiz Night 2025

Final call for Quiz Night tickets - Join us for a night of trivia, fun and fundraising.

Event Details:

 Date: Friday 14th November

 Time: 7:30pm

Get your tickets on classlist.



🎄 Save the Date

Get ready for our Christmas event! 🎄

Monkfrith Magical Merryland is happening on Friday 5th December! There will be plenty of fun, food, and festive cheer. Save the date and we will let you know when tickets become available to purchase on classlist.

Dates for 2025/6

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 10th November - Anti Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day. **Children should wear Odd Socks!**

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

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

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