

MONKFRITH SCHOOL

Welcome back!

Spring 1 2026



It has been lovely to see the children return and make such a positive start to their 2026. In assembly on Monday, we talked about how making an effort is the key to making things different or better. In Reception, the children have started back looking at the patterns created by Kandinsky and reading Little Red Riding Hood.

In Year 3, they have begun learning about Greek myths and legends and the story of Arachne and Athena. In their geography lessons, they have been using maps to locate countries in Europe.

In Year 5, the children have begun reading the children's classic, Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce. In their English lessons, they have been analysing poems, and in geography, they are learning about the 8 points of the compass. In Year 6, they have started their new class reading text, Skellig by David Almond. They have also begun their topic, Blood Heart, by learning about the parts of the heart and the circulatory system.

**Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026**



Happy New Year! The Department for Education together with a range of publishers, authors and charities have declared 2026 to the National Year of Reading. As the year progresses I am sure they will share more about what that means, but in the meantime I will never miss an opportunity to encourage or promote the value of reading.

The Book Trust worked with the Open University to look at the evidence of how reading benefits children. The found that reading supports children to:

Overcome inequality and disadvantage

Experience better mental wellbeing, self esteem and social emotional skills

Meet early development milestones and do better at school

Develop empathy, creativity and imagination

[You can read the full report here.](#)

Year 5 Class Assembly

We look forward to Year 5S class assembly next Wednesday. We will start at just after 9am. We look forward to seeing you there!



In Year 1, the children have been looking at practical ways to make number bonds to 20, as well as starting their new topic, Bright Lights Big City. They have been using Google Maps to explore our local area. In Year 2, the children have begun their topic—Big Dreamers and Changemakers—by looking at the artist Frida Kahlo. They have also been using maps to build on their knowledge from Year 1 about continents and oceans. They have also had their music lesson with Mr. Filby.



In Year 4, the children have started their topic, Burps, Bottoms and Bile. They have been learning about the purpose of teeth and why we lose our milk teeth. Their class reader at the moment is The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Our Planet Protectors

On Wednesday we had an assembly from Jessie, who works for the North London Waste Project, about recycling and contamination. She also met with our dedicated Planet Protectors to help us with our continued efforts to maximize our waste reduction.



Wishlists

With the increasing budgetary restrictions, we are not always able to refresh our class libraries in the way that we might hope. If you would like to help us, one of the ways that this can be done is by purchasing a class something on their wish list.

Reception:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3G98QF1FXZNOA?ref_=wl_share
Year 1C

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1K97023216YL?ref_=wl_share
Year 1K

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1XPZZZVP6ZSM7?ref_=wl_share
Year 2CW

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OSZ4KZTVNUC?ref_=wl_share
Year 2M

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2XM78QKTZ6OSR?ref_=wl_share
Year 3F

Year 3Fhttps://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3L7ZMVFN76GKV?ref_=wl_share
Year 3S

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2GS8YNDKTDR8J?ref_=wl_share
Year 4B

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/15DX8XNODYKAU?ref_=wl_share
Year 4P

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WZE4DIDJUHUS?ref_=wl_share
Year 5LD

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1PHNCKX6DU7T?ref_=wl_share
Year 5S

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/33KQL04W72SUM?ref_=wl_share
Year 6K

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/LBXT1GEVN9X5?ref_=wl_share
Year 6P

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1EDS3HJRESOWF?ref_=wl_share

Save the Date - Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

We are pleased to announce that Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person information session for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities on:

Thursday 12 March 2026

10 am to 12:30 pm

Autism Hub Finchley, NW11

Presenters: Barnet SENDIASS



Sign-up details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Parent Consultations for the Spring Term

We will be holding parent consultations for all the children (Reception to Year 6) on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March. You will be able to book your slot from 27th January at 7am.

Dates for 2025/6

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

Wednesday 28th January - Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am.

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

Dates for 2026/7

Autumn

Autumn 1

INSET - Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Half Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

INSET - Monday 2nd November

Spring 2027

Spring 1

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February

INSET - Friday 12th February

Half Term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Spring 2

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March

Summer 2027

Summer 1

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May

INSET: Monday 12th April

Half Term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

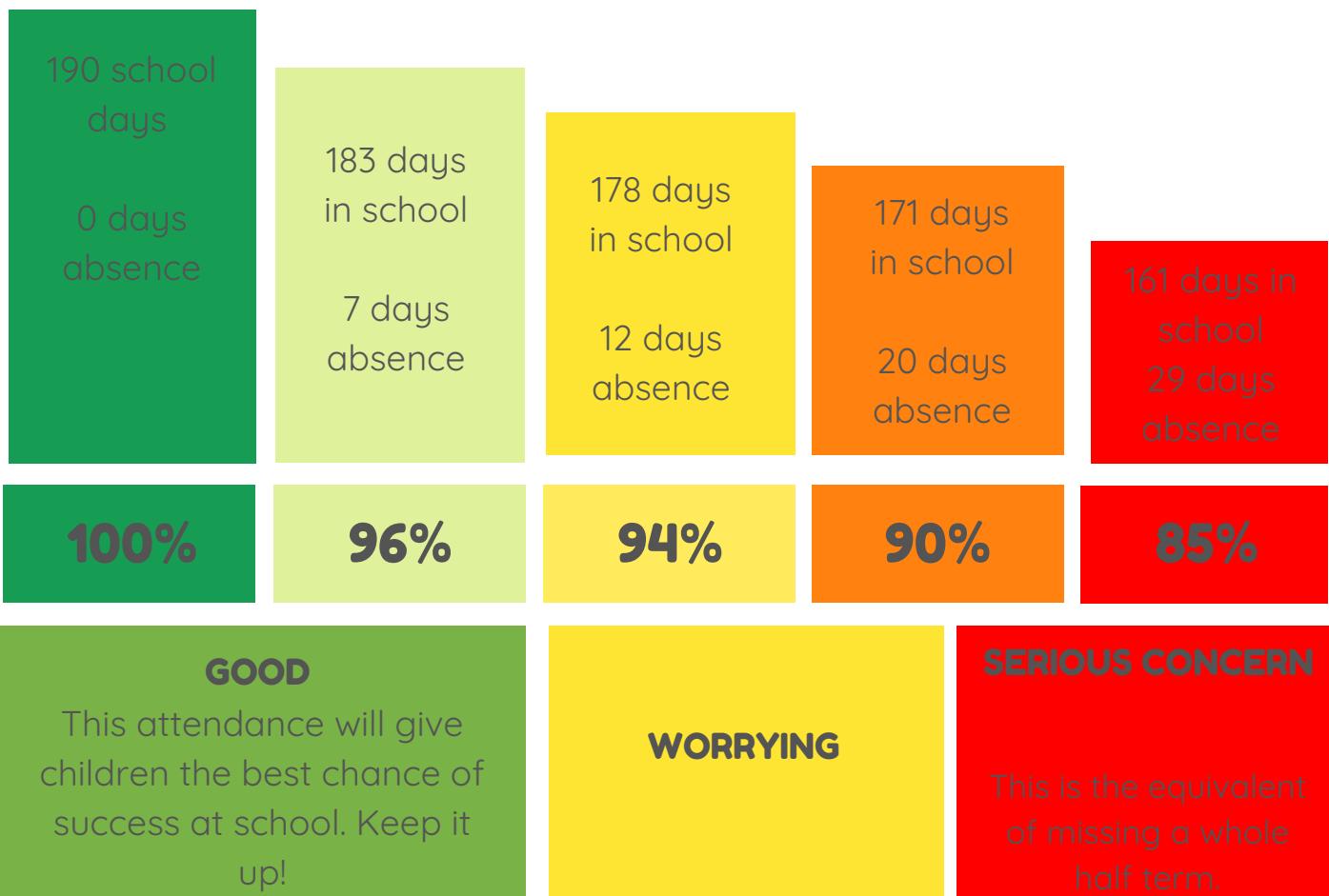
Summer 2

Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

INSET: Friday 2nd July 2027

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	91%	2M	98%	5S	99%
Willow	92%	3S	96%	5LD	91%
1C	93%	3F	96%	6P	92%
1K	95%	4B	93%	6K	93%
2CW	94%	4P	96%	Whole School	95%