

MONKFRITH SCHOOL

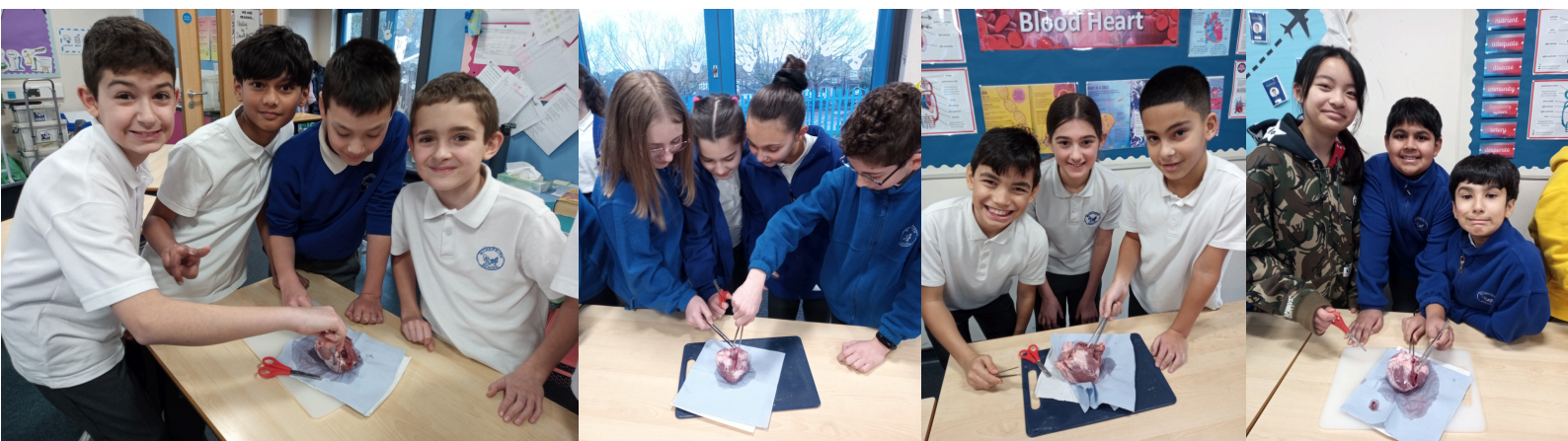


Spring 3 2026

In assembly on Monday we thought about the wonder of words, whether they are words we no longer use (like groak), words that do not rhyme (like purple) and words that were invented by Shakespeare (like bedroom or gloomy).



Reception has been looking at maps over the last week, and on Monday they headed out of school for their first school trip. They took a little walk around the local area looking for local landmarks. When they got back, they drew their own maps to show their walk.



Year 6 took part in their heart dissection workshop this morning. Mark, from Hands On Science, demonstrated on an ox heart and then the children were able to have a look at one for themselves. He was really impressed with how knowledgeable and enthusiastic the children were. Year 5 had their workshop this afternoon about the elements of the periodic table - photos to follow next week.

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026



Here are some different questions that you might want to ask when you are reading at home....

Did any character change their feelings from the start of the story to now?

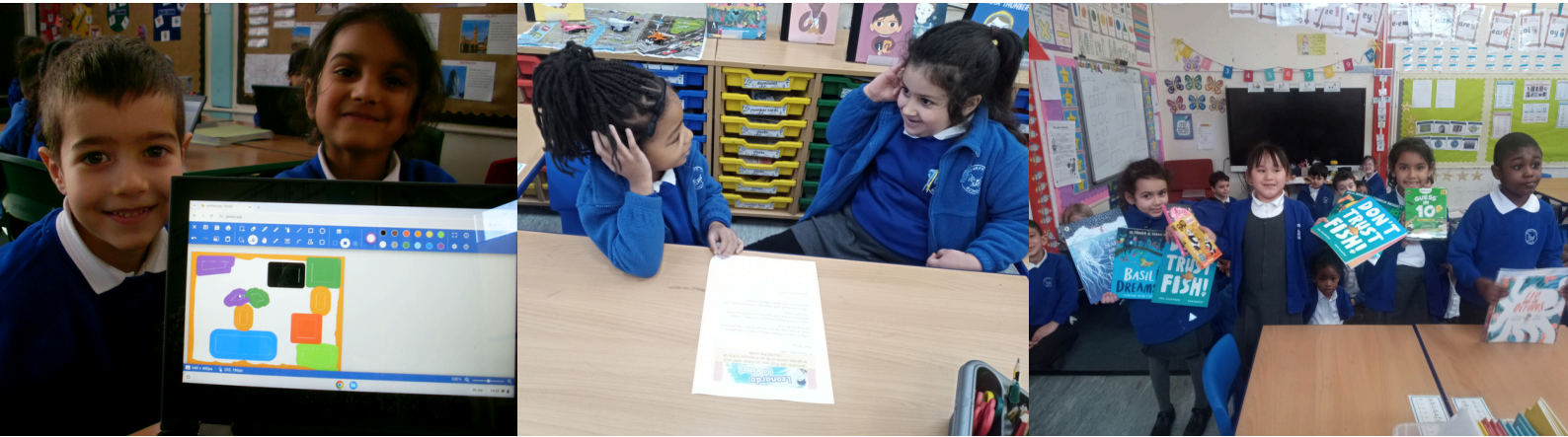
If you could give a character some advice, what would you say?

What do you think the character is worried about?

KS1 Show

On Wednesday 18th March and Thursday 19th March at 9.15am KS1 will performing our Spring Show. The lead roles are filled by Year 2, with Year 1 as the supporting chorus.

Tickets will be sent on Monday 9th March. Each family will receive four tickets (two tickets for each performance.) but you are welcome to swap with other families. Please don't feel that you have to attend both performances (they are exactly the same), but we are trying to be equitable in our ticket distribution.



In Year 1 the children have been preparing for their class assembly next week - we hope to see you there! In their computing lessons, they have been combining their technological and creative skills, taking inspiration from the artwork of Henri Matisse.

There has been some lovely writing produced in Year 2 as they have been writing their diary entries in role as Amelia Earhart. The children have also been enjoying the books their class has received from their wishlists. The books have kept coming this week - thank you!

In Year 3 the children have been learning about Greek Myths and how they were part of Ancient Greek culture in history. In their English lessons they have been practicing using possessive apostrophes.

In Year 4 the children have been drafting their information leaflets about teeth, following their visit from the dentist! In their PSHE lessons they have been thinking about a healthy diet and what a healthy plate of food might include.

In Year 5 they have been revisiting and extending some of the learning that they did about solids, liquids, and gases that they did in Year 4 and finding out about the periodic table.

Class Assemblies

Year 1 - Wednesday 28th January at 9am

Year 3S - Wednesday 25th March at 9am

Year 3F - Wednesday 29th April at 9am

Year 5LD - Wednesday 20th May at 9am

Year 2M - Wednesday 10th June at 9am

Year 2CW - Wednesday 17th June at 9am

Reception - Friday 19th June at 9am

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the Menu tasting on Tuesday. The kitchen prepared a few of the dishes on the menu to try and then gave an opportunity for feedback.

Changes from next week:

We will be reintroducing the salad bar.

Jacket potatoes will be on the menu every day.



There were also some questions asked which our Catering Manager has been able to answer:

Could your food have more seasoning or salt?

The School Food Standards Agency in the UK states that salt should not be added to primary school recipes.

Why are the chips soggy?

The chips are cooked fresh on site on a Friday throughout the service to keep them hot.

Why don't the staff serving the food wear gloves?

Food handlers are advised not to wear gloves as it gives a false sense of security about hygiene. The advice from the Environmental Health Officers is to maintain high standards of hand washing, as this is more hygienic.

Why is the roast chicken dry?

In the last few weeks, a new roast chicken portion has been added to the menu on Wednesday, and the feedback has been more positive. If your child has said this, it might be worth asking them to try it again.

Could a cheese flan be added to the menu?

Cheese and Onion Flan is on the menu on Friday of week 3 (which was today!).

Why is the queue long?

Each class is called in one at a time so that there is room in the dining room to eat; therefore, the queue is as long as one class, which is a maximum of 30 children. Sometimes children might take a little bit longer deciding what they would like, and this can mean the queue might not move as quickly on some days.

Next steps:

Following on from the tasting, children will be offered a small spoonful on their plate of the alternative menu option to encourage them to try a tiny bit of something new. They will also be encouraged to try vegetables to make healthier choices.

There is plenty of time over the lunch break to get the children to eat, but I know some children feel like they are rushed. I will speak to all the children in assembly about taking their time to eat. There were also some menu suggestions that will be fed back to the Menu planners who run our Catering Company.



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/3OSZ4KZTVDNUC?ref_=wl_share

Year 2M

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Year 3F

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Year 3S

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Year 4B

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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

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Year 6K

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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.

Get ready to dance, sing, and have some fun - our School Disco is coming soon!



 **17** Saturday 14th March 2026 (afternoon)

There will be two disco sessions:

Session 1: Reception to Year 2

Session 2: Year 3 to Year 6

More details about timings will be shared.

 Tickets will be released on Classlist in the coming days, so please keep an eye out. There was a long waiting list last year so we encourage you to book your tickets early. We can't wait to see the children on the dance floor - it's going to be a brilliant afternoon of fun and music! 



Dates for 2025/6

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

Monday 2nd February - Cross Country Competition

Wednesday 4th February - Year 4 to the Science Museum, Indoor Athletics Team to Sportshall finals

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

16th February to 20th February - Half Term

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March - Parent Consultations

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

Wednesday 25th March - Year 3S Class Assembly

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 5S to the National Portrait Gallery

Wednesday 29th April - Year 5LD to the National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 7th May - SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY

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

Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June - Sports Week

Wednesday 17th June - 2CW Class Assembly at 9am

Friday 19th June - Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am

Friday 3rd July - INSET Day

Friday 17th July - Children break up at 2pm
Monday 20th July - INSET Day

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

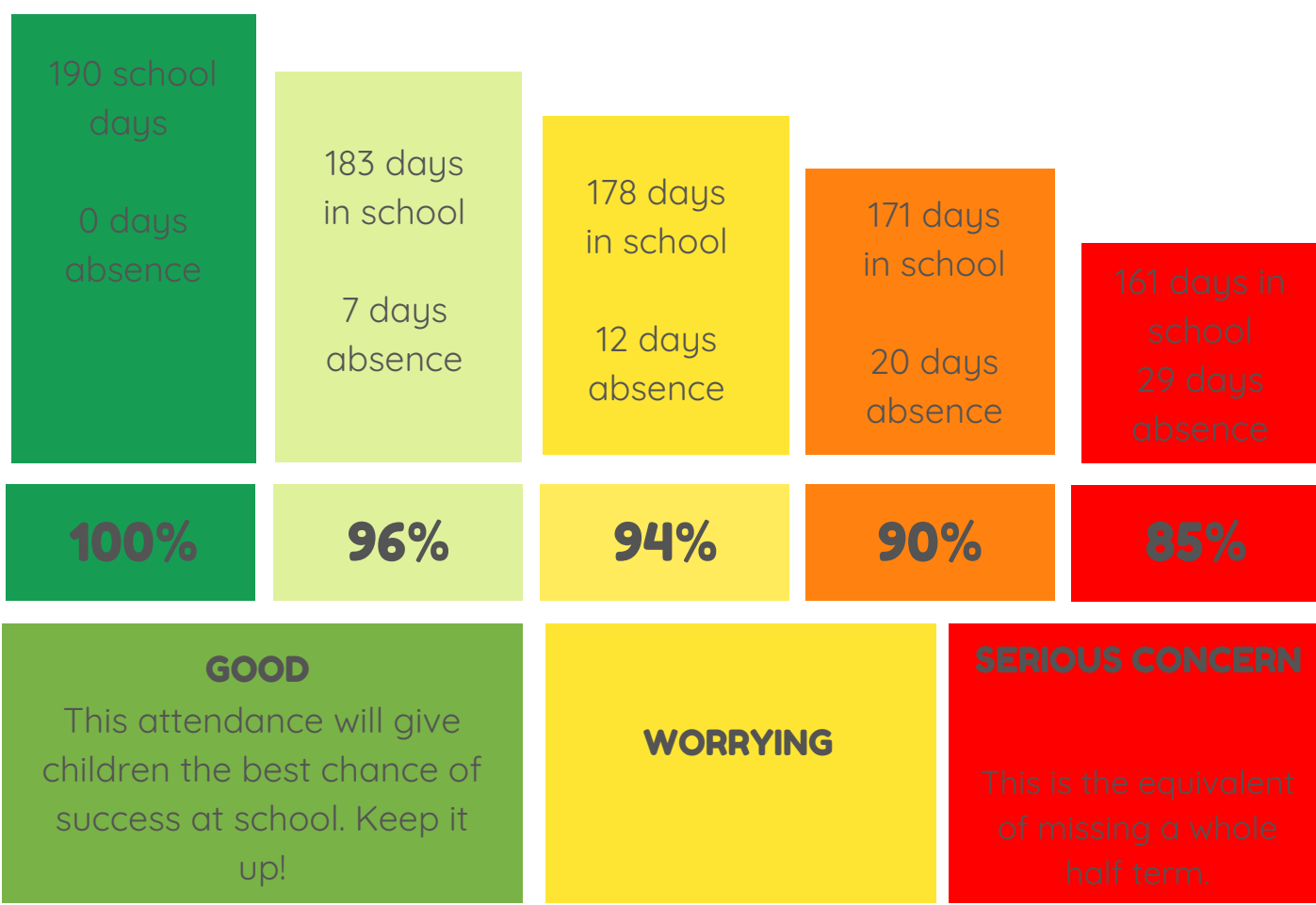
Summer 2

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