

Spring 7 2026

This half term is very short but there is lots to pack in, particularly if you are in Year 4! Swimming starts for them on 9th March for two weeks. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

In assembly on Monday we talked about books and where we enjoy reading.

If your child would like to dress up as a character from a book on World Book Day, then they are more than welcome! If your child would rather not, then they can just wear their usual uniform.

Spring Competition

Every year we hold a Whole School Spring Competition. This year we are using poetry as our inspiration. The children have all been reading and looking at poems in class to get them started. We would encourage every child to get involved—see page 2 of the newsletter for details.



In Reception, the children have been learning about teeth and the impact of our food choices. Thank you to Elica's mum who came in to talk to the children about being a dentist and then inspired some role play afterwards!

Just a reminder that next week is Parent Consultations.

To help the evening run smoothly, please make sure that you arrive a few minutes before your appointment. If you need to bring your child along with you, please ensure that they have a book to read with them so that they do not wander off or disturb other parents' sessions. After School Club will be happening as usual, so please ensure you go back outside and ring the bell if you are collecting.

Science Week - from the 6th March

The theme for Science Week this year is Curiosity. **We would love for you to get involved and show the children that we are all curious...**

When you come along to Parent Consultations, we have some questions for you to share your answers. Use the post-its provided to share your thoughts and ideas.

The children will also be taking part in some activities to spark their curiosity next week.



Monkfrith Spring Poetry Competition



The theme is growth.

Let your imagination lead the way! There is no 'right' way to write a poem. Your poem can rhyme (or not!), have a rhythm (or not!) and follow any pattern you like.

Be playful, be creative, be you!

Reception and Key Stage 1: 2 verses/stanzas

Key Stage 2: 3 verses/stanzas

Competition Opens: Monday 2nd March

Deadline for entries: Friday 20th March (to your class teacher)



In Year 1, they have been looking at performing poems and rhymes and learning some vocabulary linked to the past, present, and future. On Monday, the children will be finding out what it was like to go to school in the past. Year 5 took part in an online workshop from the Royal Observatory as part of their introduction to their StarGazers topic. Year 4 has started learning about the Vikings by fitting it into what they have already learned about historical time periods. They have also looked at some of the features of Viking arts and crafts.



Year 2 has been learning about units of measure in maths this week. They were using balance scales to compare mass and measure mass in grams. They have also been busy practicing for the KS1 Show - A Savannah Story. Year 3 have been busy learning about the water cycle as they get into their topic, Flow. In Year 6, the children have started learning about World War One by finding out about the causes of World War I. They have also begun their new class reader for this half term, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.

This half term there is a change days that children need to have their PE Kits in school.

Monday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 1, 4P

Tuesday - Year 2, Year 5 and 3F

Friday - Reception

Wednesday - Year 4B and 3S

Lateness

Children should be in school regularly and on time. Children who arrive after 8:55 AM are marked as late. If your child arrives after 9:15 AM, they will be marked as having an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Our morning lessons start at 8:55 AM, and therefore arriving late for school has an impact on learning. If a child is 10 minutes late every day, that is nearly equivalent to a whole school week.

Children who are persistently late can be the subject of fixed penalty notices from the local authority.

Uniform reminders

- **Trainers** should only be worn for PE. They should not be worn as school shoes.
- **Hair** should be tied up out of the children's faces (half up and half down is not appropriate for school).
- **School bags** should only have the things that the children need for school (ie. PE/club kits, homework or snack/lunchboxes).
- **Water bottles** should be named. There have been some issues in KSI with school reading books being ruined because of leaking water bottles in bookbags. Please can you help us with this by not putting your child's water bottle in their bookbag in the morning.
- After half term, if a child has forgotten their PE kit we will not be calling to ask for it to be brought into school. **PE kits should be in school every day.**
- **And last but by no means least...please name all uniform. Lost property is a sea of unnamed coats, shoes, fleeces, jumpers, hats and cardigans.**

Summer Term Music Lessons

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons in the Summer term please email the Monkfrith office by Friday 6th March

For BEAT music lessons, there is no set deadline for the Summer term and places will be allocated based on availability. Please visit <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/> where you will be able to register an account and apply for lessons.

If your child is already having lessons via BEAT, please look out for an email regarding payment details for the new term. You do not need to re-enrol.

For guitar and ukulele lessons please contact Ross Hughes on therosshughes@gmail.com Places are limited so please contact him asap.

Parent Information

Embracing Autistic Identities

Barnet will be holding a range of events to celebrate this with a focus on parents and secondary aged children. The events are free and a mix of online and in person. [Click here for the information.](#)

ADHD in the 21st Century

Barnet will also be holding a face to face workshop for Barnet parents/carers and young people (aged 10 years and upwards) on Saturday 25th April. You can book here:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ec1uwH125m>

Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

This is being help in person on Thursday 12th March at the Autism Hub. You can register to attend here.

Dates for 2025/6

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

Saturday 14th March - FOMS Disco

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March - KS1 Show

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, 3F Class Assembly at 9am

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

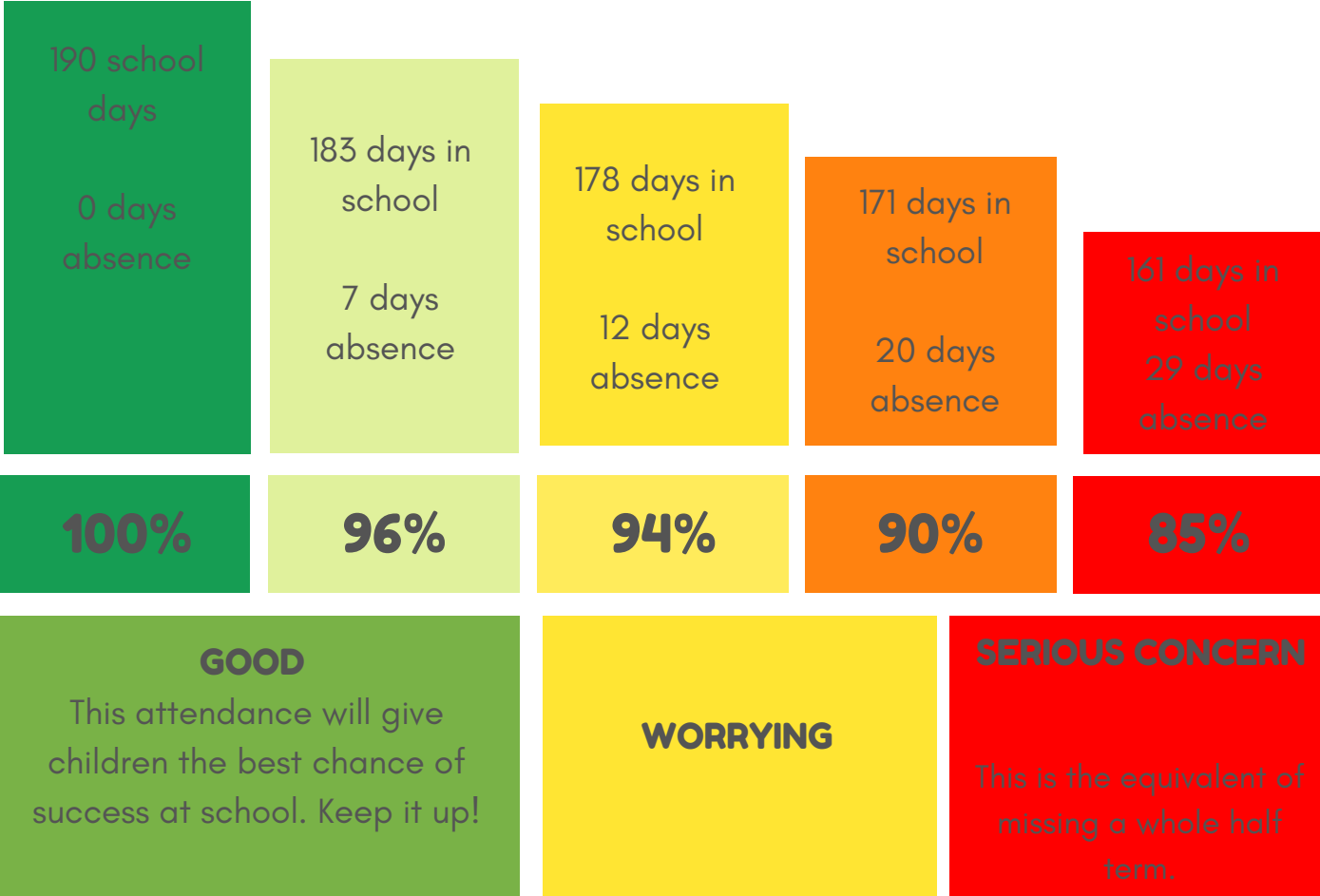
Summer 2

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	98%	3S	94%	5LD	97%
1C	95%	3F	95%	6P	98%
1K	90%	4B	95%	6K	93%
2CW	93%	4P	98%	Whole School	95%