



This week is Science Week at Monkfrith! The theme of British Science Week is Curiosity. In assembly on Monday, we read the book, *The Curious Why* (which is the follow-up to *The Magical Yet*), which encourages children to enjoy the wonder of the world by asking questions. All the year groups were given different challenges that required genuine, authentic scientific thinking: problem-solving, resilience, collaboration, justification, and refinement.



Mrs Ditchburn had planned a challenge for each year group that required them to think like different types of engineers and scientists. In Year 1 the children were tasked with creating water proof packaging for a sandwich. Year 3 were being civil engineers as they designed a house that could float. Year 4 were designing ways to filter water. Year 5 were problem solving the construction of parachutes and in Year 6 they were designing a way to move something just using what they knew about gravity.

Some of the projects will continue and there will be more details about how the projects turned out in the newsletter next week. Thank you to Mrs Ditchburn for all her hard work in planning and organising the tasks!



Hi! On 22nd March, we are taking part in this year's Swimathon in aid of these two charities: Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. We thought that it would be great to raise money and to set personal challenges for ourselves. We will all be swimming the longest and furthest we ever have!

Please support us and donate [*here*](#) if you can :)

Thank you so much, Annabel, Maddie and Emily

KS1 Show - A Savannah Story

On Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am next week, KS1 will be performing their spring show. Year 2 take the main parts for the story, with Year 1 supporting with the singing. The show is expected to last about 45 minutes.

Families have been sent home two tickets for each performance. Do not feel that you need to come both days (the shows are the same) but it just to give everyone the chance to see it!

On the days of the show, parents will be able to take their seats from 9am (when then the gates close and the registers are taken). If you are choosing to queue outside, please ensure that those people who need to visit the office are able to get past.



On Thursday, Year 3 visited Oakhill Park as part of their geography fieldtrip. In the classroom, they have been learning about rivers and how they are formed so this was a chance to observe in real life! Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and help. Year 4 have completed the first 5 of their 10 days swimming lessons and have already made great progress.

Year 4 - Please complete the Tolmers medical and dietary requirement forms as soon as possible so that we can finalise our planning.

Year 6 - Please complete your Leavers' Hoodies order forms by Thursday 26th March so that we can place our order.

KS2 Dance Club

On Friday evening, our Year 5 and 6 Dance Club performed in the Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot. They performed their dance alongside a number of other primary and secondary schools, and then we all came together for a grand finale dance. They have been working on their dance for the last few months in their after-school class on Tuesdays, and their hard work really showed. They were an absolute joy to take out—I was a very proud headteacher! Thank you to Mrs. Pill, who gave up her Friday night to come with us to help. The professional photos will be in the newsletter next week, but in the meantime, here are mine...



Dance Club will be open for new members from Tuesday 14th April. It runs after school (until 4.30pm) every Tuesday. If you child is in Year 4 and 5 and would like to join, please email the Office. This club is offered free of charge.

🌐 School Disco This Saturday! 🌐

We're excited for this Saturday's School Disco.

Reception – Year 2: 3:00 – 4:15pm

Year 3 – Year 6: 4:45 – 6:00pm

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A big thank you to our generous sponsors, Michael Wright Estate Agents and Christopher Mark Estate Agents, whose support has helped make this event possible. We really appreciate their contribution to our school community.

We can't wait to see everyone! 🎉



🐣 Easter Surprise Bags 🐣

Get ready for some Easter fun!

Our Easter Surprise Bags are now available on Classlist.
Each bag includes a selection of fun Easter-themed goodies and a sweet treat – perfect as a little end-of-term surprise.

Bags are £5 each

Collection: From 1:45pm on Friday 27th March

Collection point: KS2 (Lower) Playground

Limited availability – once they're gone, they're gone.

[Order on Classlist](#)

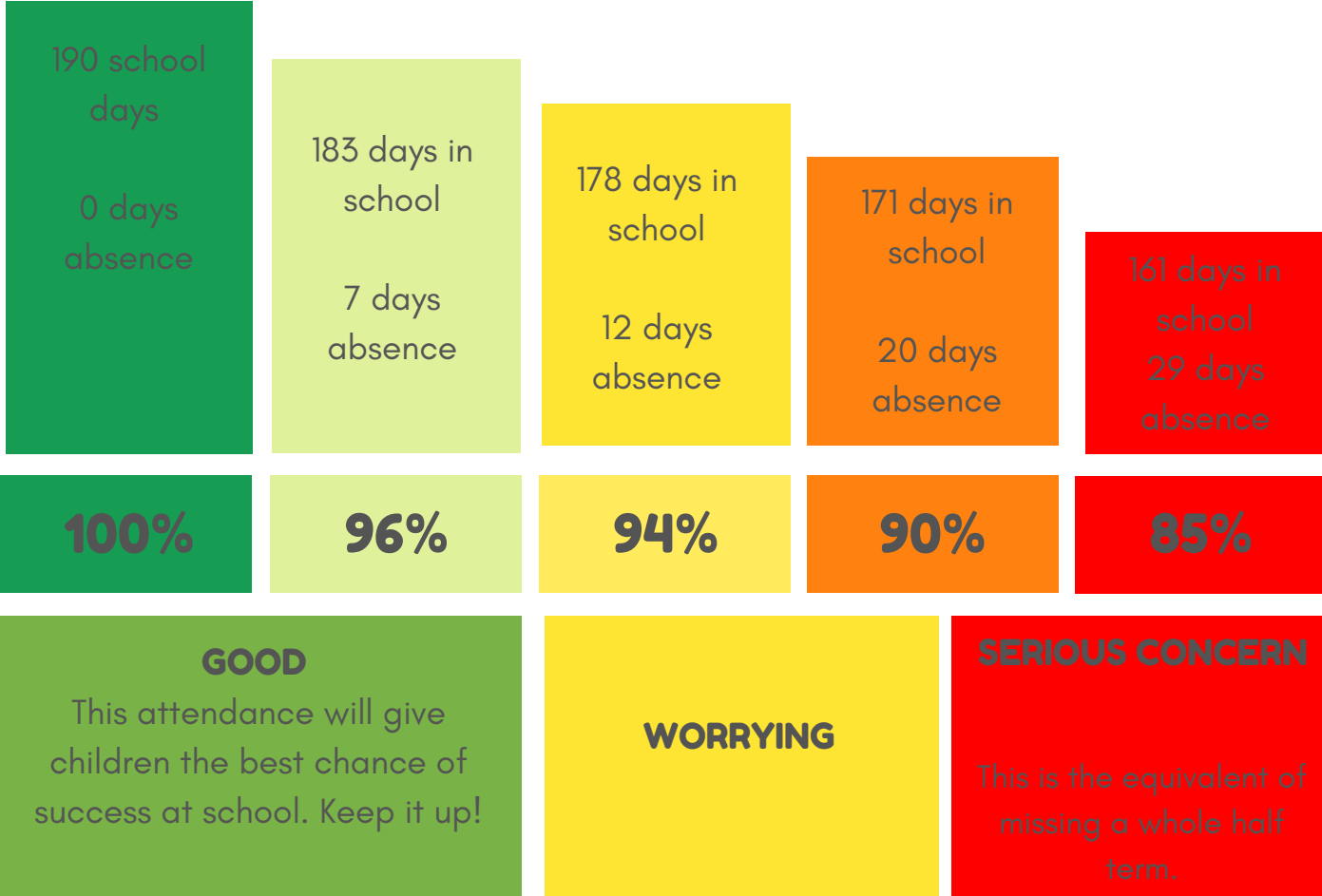
All funds raised go directly towards supporting the school and enriching experiences for our children.

Thank you so much for your continued support 🧡

FOMS Team

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

Dates for 2025/6

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

Monday 27th April/Tuesday 28th April - Reception Hearing and Vision checks

Wednesday 29th April - Year 5LD to the National Portrait Gallery, 3F Class Assembly at 9am

Thursday 7th May - SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY

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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

Tuesday 9th June - Barnet Music Festival

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

Saturday 20th June - FOMS SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 25th June - Provisional KS1 Sports Afternoon

Friday 26th June - Provisional Reception Sports Morning

Tuesday 30th June - Provisional KS2 Sports Afternoon

Friday 3rd July - INSET Day

Monday 6th July - Year 2 to London Zoo

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Show (6P)

Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Show (6K)

Friday 17th July - 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly, Children break up at 2pm, Year 6 Leavers Disc

Monday 20th July - INSET Day