

In Reception this week the children have been writing posters about worms, creating their own wormeries, and observing caterpillars as they begin the process of metamorphosis.



Local Elections

Just a reminder that school is closed on Thursday 7th May as we are being used as a Polling Station for the Local Elections.

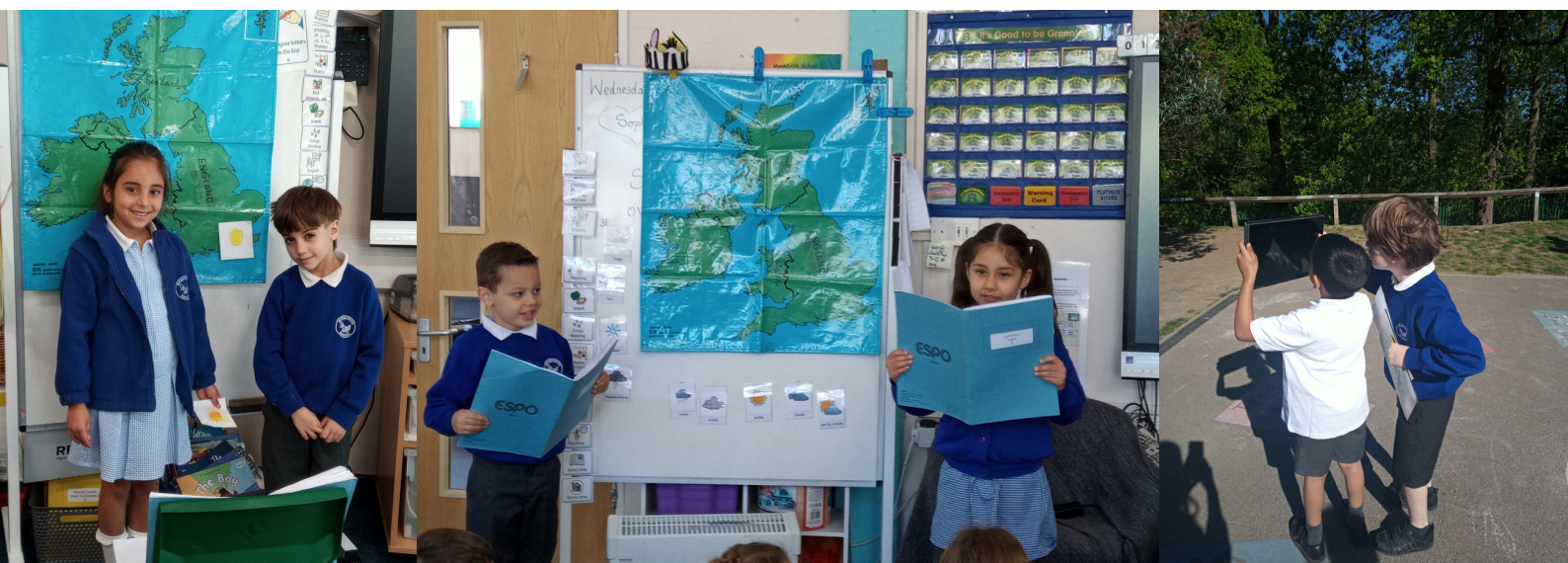
Mini Marathon

On Saturday last week, the 25 children who secured places to run in the Mini Marathon met at Admiralty Arch. There were 19,645 children who ran across the day from lots of different schools and colleges. All the children from Monkfrith who took part completed the 1-mile course around St James's Park and received their medal. A special well done to our fastest 8 children who all ran the mile in less than 9 minutes! Callum (Year 6) ran it in 8 minutes and 3 seconds, Konstantino (Year 5) ran it in 8 minutes and 10 seconds, and Oliver (Year 3) did it in 8 minutes and 16 seconds!

Thank you so much to the staff who gave up part of their weekend to come along and help and to the families who encouraged and supported the children to the finish line.



Year 1 have been writing and presenting their own weather forecasts this week as well as learning about wind and creating their own windsocks to measure wind direction. Year 2 were able to make the most of the sunshine as they thought about the difference between landscape and portrait in digital photography. In their Science lessons they have been learning about the difference between things that are dead or alive.



In Science, Year 4 have been understanding how sound travels through different mediums to the ear. They have also been planning their own podcasts as they learn about sound in Computing. Year 6 only have a couple of weeks to go before their End of Key Stage Statutory Assessments and so have been working really hard on their revision alongside doing some lovely artwork. After they have done these, the children (and !!) head to the Isle of Wight for their residential trip. Year 3F put on a fantastic display of their learning so far this year in their class assembly on Wednesday. In the classroom, Year 3 have been learning about where volcanoes are located around the world and constructing their own volcanoes—photos to follow...



On Monday, Year 5 had a workshop from Talk Consent about challenging stereotypes to make the world a fairer, more respectful place. The children were given scenarios where boys or girls had been stereotyped and they were asked to think about the fairness or unfairness of those situations and then how they could be challenged. Year 5 have also been using *The Promise* by Nicola Davis as inspiration for their own descriptive writing and learning about the role of types of land usage in Geography.

Class Assemblies for the Summer Term

Year 5LD - Wednesday 20th May (9am)

Year 2M - Wednesday 10th June (9am)

Year 2CW - Wednesday 17th June (9am)

Reception - Friday 19th June (9.15am)



Monkfrith Spring Poetry Competition

Here are the winning entries for the Spring Poetry Competition.

Beautiful you

Tiny little leaves you'll find them in your trees
Then you'll see we're going up to the stars
Now we're always free
Everyone is beautiful just like me.

Beatrice - Willow



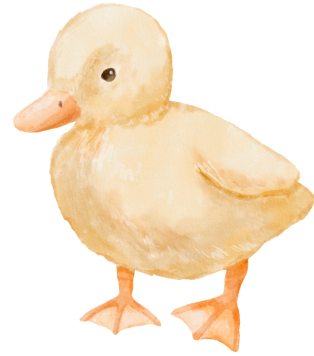
Seasons come and seasons go
Now it's Spring it's time to grow.
Grab your seeds - come on let's sew
Make sure they're neat and in a row.
Not too high and not too low
Just in the middle, just like so.
When they have grown, we'll let you know.
Put them in a basket and tie them with a bow.

Rio - Year 2

My Favourite Tulip

I can feel it's the beginning of Spring.
My favourite purple flower is the cutest little thing.
Bees and butterflies in the sunshine so bright.
Watching you grow is a beautiful sight.
Purple, red, yellow, pink and white.
My lovely tulips have blossomed in height.
You make me smile, you make me laugh.
By the end of Spring, you will stand as tall as a giraffe.

Maeva, Year 1



The Duckling

Born as a chick, he couldn't run quick.
Little and weak, without a big beak.
He began to grow, now he could see rivers flow.
New friends he could meet, more bread he could eat.
He had a caring mother, there couldn't be another!
He learnt how to run, and he had lots of fun!
He increased in size, as he became more wise.
He looked at a yacht, as it was very hot.
Still a chick, now he could run quick.
Still little and weak, but with a big beak.

Maximos, Year 3

I am six and I am smart
When I was a baby I was small and now I am big
and tall!

I am six and I am strong
Just like King Kong!

I am six and I am kind
When I am big I want to have a strong mind!

Niam - Year 1

Pineapple plants growing high
The babies come
People pick them
They put them in the plant pot
And leave them to grow into...
Pineapple plants growing high
Javier - Oak



To grow or not to grow?

When I was just a pip,
I would always moan,
"Why can't I be fully grown?"
My parents stared and shook their heads
"But there's so much fun stuff to do instead!"
"Like what?" I rolled my eyes.
"Well when you're a kid, your life is full of surprise!"
"You can ride a bike or play tag with your friends."
"Cause as a kid, the fun never ends!"
"But as an adult, you go on shopping frenzies,
For all the items that us kids envy."
"And something else that's really neat,
You get a phone so you can post and tweet."
"What about work?" Dad exclaimed,
"What about parties?" I proclaimed.
"What about taxes?" Mum suddenly said.
I pondered for a while then filled with dread.
"Okay, you're right, this isn't fun!"
"As an adult, work's NEVER done!"
"And why would I throw my childhood away?
Just to stay up late and have friends to stay?!"
Millie, Year 4

Growing Nature

The sun comes out on a nice Spring day
The plants and animals all say hooray
It's Spring time now so let's grow, run and play
After winter's darkness has gone away
The buds have appeared the leaves are now green
The flowers are coming it's a sight to be seen
Birds have laid eggs the nests are all clean
Their feathers are beautiful and not at all mean
The eggs are all hatching what a sight
So many babies what a lovely delight
The stars are coming out beautiful and bright
As we say to our new friends, sweet dreams and goodnight
Hugo, Year 4

Growth

We all begin with a tiny seed
Growing strong with things we need
It's a secret, do you want to know?
What it takes for us to grow

Sunshine, food and nice fresh air
With lots of love and lots of care
Learning, laughing, along the way
Growing a bit more every day
With kindness, courage and dreams so bright
We will bloom like a flower in the light
Amalie, Year 3

A Tiny Growing Miracle

Spring is here, days are bright
something blooms in warm sunlight
A green little shoot starts to show
Something amazing begins to grow
It drinks rainwater, it loves sunlight
It grows taller day and night
A sleepy bud begins to rise
Smiling at the sunny skies
The soft petals open in colours so bold
A happy tulip popped up to say hello
The mild breeze whispers softly through the air
The dancing tulip twirls around in a gentle sway
Growth is necessary because it's beautiful
Growth is extraordinary because it's a miracle
Sophia - Year 2

The Secret of Seasons

When winter unfolds its silver coat,
and slowly walks away,
a quiet little miracle
begins a brand new day.

The trees wake up from sleepy dreams,
and stretch into the sky,
white tiny buds like hidden stars
begin to multiply.

The flowers paint the fields with joy,
with yellow, pink and blue,
and every drop of morning rain
makes shiny diamonds too.

The birds return with cheerful songs,
that ripple through the air
as if the world itself has found
a tune it wants to share.

Then summer steps across the hills,
in sandals made of light,
and fills the days with buzzing bees
and skies so warm and bright.

A river laughs, the tall grass sways
and butterflies all glide,
and children run through golden fields
with wonder as their guide.

The sun spills honey on the Earth,
soft warmth on every tree,
white clouds slowly drift away,
like great ship across the sea.

But nature keeps a secret too,
for those who stop and see...
the magic of the world around
is waiting patiently.

In every leaf, in every breeze
in every bird that sings,
the Earth reminds us quietly
of small and beautiful things.

Daniella, Year 5

Spring has sprung

All the flowers start to blossom,
In the trees you may find possums
The leaves turn pink and fall to the ground
Reptiles, amphibians and also mammals,
Lizards, frog and did I mention camels?
The bees are busy making honey,
In the fields hops a beautiful bunny
The weather gets nicer, less rain, less cold
The sun beaming down on us, gleaming with gold
But winter isn't far away when the weather gets cloudy and
the sky turns grey
Growth is what all this is called hopefully you are
enthralled.

Joshi, Year 6

Growth

In Reception, my seed was planted
Despite lockdown my knowledge expanded
I learnt about minibeasts, phonics and more
But learning from home was a bit of a chore
In year 1, I was watered and nourished
The topics were great; my mind flourished
We learnt about planets, big cities, bright lights
My dad in a kilt was a humorous sight
In year 2, shoots started to grow
And my confidence began to show
Enchanted wood, changemakers and dreams
My favourite thing was Wordle on screen
In year 3, a young plant, it's Key Stage 2
I'm more independent, there's so much to do!
We learnt about history, times long ago
And also about rivers, we had to go with the flow
In year 4, I grew stronger, taller and more stable
I find myself coming increasingly able
Writing in pens about Romans and Kings
Chemistry, science, potions and things
In year 5, now budding preparing to bloom
My brain's full of facts but there's so much more room
A trip to Kingswood; we stayed for 2 nights
I was far from family but it was alright
Now it's year 6, I've burst into a flower
What I've learnt over time here will give me great power
And although I'm leaving, there's just one more rule
My roots must remain here, at Monkfrith School.

Callum, Year 6



Welcome back from FOMS

FOMS is busy planning what promises to be a brilliant Summer Fair and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Summer Fair 2026 – Save The Date!

Join us for games, stalls, food and a wonderful afternoon.

Date: Saturday 20th June

Time: 1-4pm

Tickets will be available on Classlist soon.

Interested in helping out on the day?
Watch this space!

The fair is made possible by the amazing volunteers from our school community who give their time to help on the day. If you'd like to be involved, keep an eye on Classlist – volunteer sign-up lists coming soon!



Dates for 2025/6

Thursday 7th May – SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY

Friday 8th May – KS2 Choir Music Festival Cluster rehearsal (at Monkfrith)

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, start of the Multiplication Check in Year 4

Monday 8th June – Phonics Screening Week

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

Monday 22nd June – Year 1 Capel Manor Visit, New Reception Parent Welcome Evening 7pm

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)

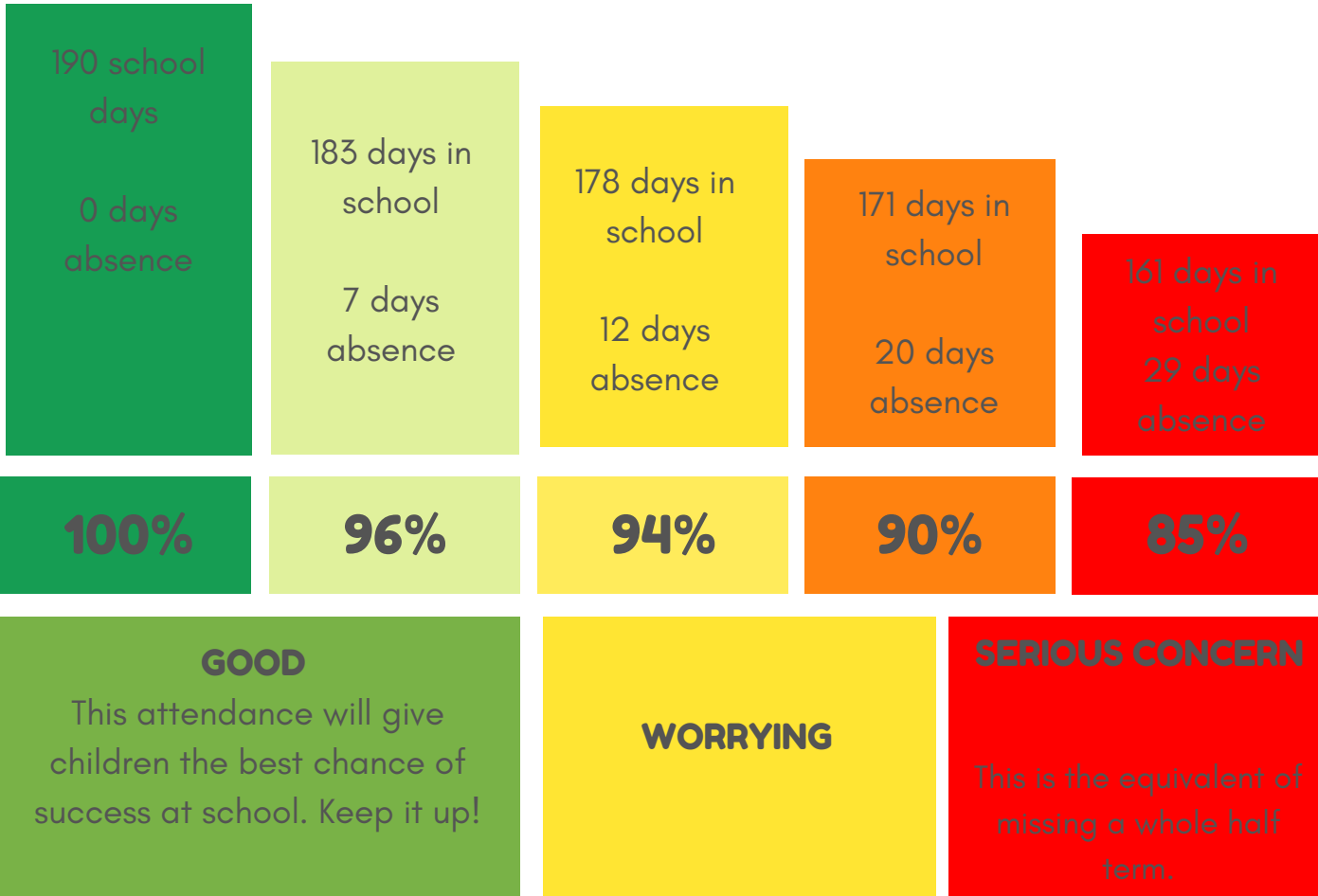
Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Show (6K)

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

Monday 20th July – INSET Day

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 term

Oak	96%	2M	93%	5S	96%
Willow	95%	3S	97%	5LD	97%
1C	97%	3F	97%	6P	95%
1K	98%	4B	97%	6K	99%
2CW	97%	4P	95%	Whole School	96%