

This week has been extremely hot but the children have managed remarkably well sharing our airconditioned spaces and not being able to play outside as they would usually. Thank you for your understanding about the postponement of the Sports Days this week. I know the changes are frustrating. Hopefully the weather will cooperate on the rearranged dates. We look forward to seeing you at the Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon in Oakhil Park on Tuesday (we are aiming for a 1.35pm start). We will monitor the weather over the weekend and email to let you know if we will continue with a more relaxed approach to uniform next week.



Year 1 visited Capel Manor on Monday as part of their topic - The Enchanted Woodland. Thank you to the parents who came along to help.



As you will have seen, we currently have an issue with Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars in some of our oak trees. When you are collecting your child at the end of the day, please ensure that you stay out of the trees and wooded areas for the time being. We are waiting for further advice from Barnet Council and the Forestry Commission, so it is best we remain cautious.

Class photos are ready!

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 1st July 2026

If you have misplaced the photo card slip, please contact the office for the details.

Year 6 have only got a few weeks left at Monkfrith before they leave us for their secondary schools. On Monday afternoon, they went to the park to put the skills they have been learning in PE into practice, playing rounders.

They have also been hard at work preparing for their end-of-year show. Year 6P will be taking the lead on Tuesday, 14th July, with 6K taking the lead roles on Wednesday, 15th July. Families will get 4 tickets on the days that it is their child's main part. For the Leavers' Assembly on Friday, 17th July, all families are welcome! This usually lasts about an hour.



This week you will have receive voting forms for Parent Governor Elections. Please return you form my the deadline. Votes received after this will not be counted. Here are the full statements from both candidates:

### **Charlie Parish**

I am standing for election as Parent Governor because I'm committed to supporting the school and helping it continue to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all children.

Professionally, I lead on the delivery of capital programmes, with particular experience in education projects and Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision. I work closely with school leaders and stakeholders to develop and improve educational facilities, giving me a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities schools face.

Since November, I have served as Associate Governor and have valued the opportunity to contribute to the governing board's work. This role has strengthened my interest in school finance and understanding of the importance of using resources well to support outcomes and the school's success.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue supporting the school as a Parent Governor, bringing my professional experience and a strong personal commitment to helping the school thrive.

### **Demi Jeffels**

I would be delighted to help shape the journey for all our children at Monkfrith by becoming a parent governor.

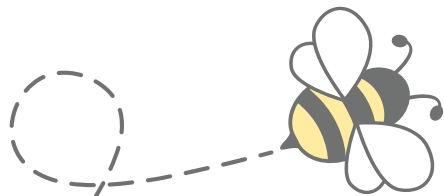
With over 17 years' experience as a primary school teacher and as a parent of two children, I bring a dual perspective that combines professional expertise with personal insight. This balance allows me to understand both the needs of children and the wider school community, making me well suited to support and strengthen the governing body. In my current role as a senior leader and Lead Practitioner for Maths, I work closely with staff, pupils and families to support school improvement and ensure that every child receives the best possible education.

My experience in school leadership has shown me how collaboration, transparency, and informed decision-making create the best environment for learning and growth. I am passionate about building strong partnerships between families and staff and am committed to ensuring education is inclusive and child-centred, so every decision prioritises the wellbeing and success of all children. As a parent governor, I would champion the parent voice, support strategic decisions, and bring my skills, knowledge, and commitment to help every child at Monkfrith thrive.

Have your say on school-aged childcare in Barnet  
Barnet Council is inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey about childcare for school-aged children, including holiday provision.

This information has been requested by the Department for Education and will help the Council plan and improve childcare services for local families.

Parent/ Carer School Aged Childcare Sufficiency Survey – Fill out form



Deadline: Friday 31 July 2026

### Spelling Bee

Each year in the Summer Term, we hold our Spelling Bee. Spelling is just one part of the English National Curriculum and is taught weekly across school. The first round of the competition is a short spelling test that happens in the classroom. The words are selected from words that the children may have encountered in their lessons this year either in English or phonics or in their topics. The top two from each class go forward to the final round. At this stage of the competition, the children have to spell the word aloud (although they can practise writing it first).



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### Emergency Contact Information

Thank you to those of you who have already updated this information. If you have not had the chance to check yet, please log in and make sure we have 3 emergency contacts.

### Breakfast and After School Club

From September, there will be a slight increase in the cost of all the sessions of Breakfast Club and After School Club. We do our best to keep the cost as low as we can and have not increased prices since 2024.

### Autumn 2026 Term Music Lessons

If you would like to sign your child up for group recorder lessons in the Autumn term please email the Monkfrith office by Friday 26th June.

For BEAT music lessons, there is no set deadline for the Autumn 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](mailto:therosshughes@gmail.com) Places are limited so please contact him asap.

One last bit of fun before the holidays – Crazy Hair Day! 🎉

Thursday 9th July | £1 per child

Come in with your wildest hairstyle. We can't wait to see them!

Please ensure hairstyles are safe and comfortable for the school day

Summer Fair Update

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Summer Fair on Saturday.

We're thrilled to share that this year's Summer Fair and Summer Raffle raised over £6,000. Thank you to the incredible support of the Monkfrith Community coming to the event, our amazing volunteers and our brilliant Year 6 children who helped out on the day – thank you so much.

A huge thank you also to our sponsors for making the day extra special.

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#### Bounceathon kindly sponsored by Breezy Events

The children had a great time taking turns bouncing throughout the day. A huge thank you also to our sponsor Breezy Events for providing their bouncy castle. We raised an incredible £3k.



## **Relationships and Sex Education**

In this half term our PSHE and Science curriculum cover Relationships and Sex Education.

The Department for Education set out the statutory content about what children should know by the end of primary school about relationships:

Families and people who care for me  
Caring Friendships  
Respectful Relationships  
Online Relationships  
Being Safe

The Science Curriculum sets out the statutory content for what children should know by the end of primary school about sex:

### **Key Stage 1 (age 5-7 years)**

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense

Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults

Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

### **Key Stage 2 (age 7-11 years)**

Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

Describe the changes as humans develop to old age

Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

In Year 6 our curriculum we also teach one lesson which is non statutory at primary (but taught at secondary school). This includes some details about how babies can be made and the decisions that people make before doing this.

[You can review our policy and the materials we use by clicking on this link:](#)

If you have any questions, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

# Dates for 2025/6

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Provisional KS2 Sports Afternoon

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 to London Zoo

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Rearranged KS1 Sports morning 9.15am start

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Rearranged Reception Sports Day 9.15am start

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Show (6P)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Show (6K)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly, Children break up at 2pm, Year 6 Leavers Disco

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day

## Autumn 2026

### Autumn 1

INSET - Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 to Kingswood

### 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