



# Monkston Primary School

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## Newsletter 1

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a real joy to welcome our pupils back to school this week. Despite the rain, the atmosphere has been filled with energy and excitement, and it is wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with learning once again.

The children have returned looking incredibly smart in their uniforms, and the pride they take in wearing them is clear to see. Even more uplifting have been the smiles and enthusiasm they have brought with them each morning — a reminder of just how special our school community is.

Staff have commented on how quickly pupils have settled back into routines, embracing new challenges with confidence and positivity. Whether it has been making a fresh start in a new class, reconnecting with friends, or trying something new, our pupils have shown great resilience and readiness for the year ahead.

We are so proud of the way they have begun this new term, and we look forward to all the opportunities, achievements, and shared moments to come — no matter what the weather brings!

### Who's Who

I've put together a who's who to help parents identify the right person to talk to if help or support is needed.

#### The Senior Team



Mrs H Williams  
Headteacher



Mrs A Mills  
Deputy Head  
Inclusion Lead



Mrs L Hamer  
Senior Assistant Head  
Years 3 & 4



Miss M Best  
Assistant Head  
Years 5 & 6



Mrs L Loy  
Assistant Head  
Years 1 & 2

Our leadership structure is designed to support parents in dealing with any concerns or issues swiftly. Please contact the relevant assistant head via the school email address [[office@monkston.org](mailto:office@monkston.org)] if you have a concern about your child and they will get back to you as soon as possible (please bear in mind that they might be teaching all day). If you are not satisfied that the issue has been dealt with or if it is an urgent matter, then please contact another member of the senior team via the school email address and either Mrs Mills, Mrs Hamer or myself will respond as soon as possible. I will also be on the playground at the start of every day, so feel free to speak to me then about any issues or concerns you may have.

### Dates for the diary – Autumn Term 2025

Please see below dates for this term. Further information will be sent home nearer the time for each of the events.

Year group	Date	Event
Years 1 - 6	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome events yrs 1-6 [3.15-3.30 / 4.00-4.15] <i>Please book a space at your chosen time slot via the Arbor app</i>
Reception & year 1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm in the hall	Phonics Information evening for parents of Reception and year 1 children led by Miss Elias, Phonics Lead
Whole school	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm in the hall – everybody welcome!	Friends of Monkston AGM
Whole school	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm-6.00pm Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 3.50pm-7.00pm	Parent consultations
Year 2	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2.15pm & 5.00pm	Yr2 production
Whole school	<b><u>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</u></b> <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
Whole school	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30am	OPEN DAY for children starting school in September 2026
Whole school	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November Reception - 2.00pm Years 1 - 3 [4.00pm – 5.15pm] Years 4 - 6 [5.45pm – 7.00pm]	Friends of Monkston Discos

Year 6	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm	Year 6 SATs Information session
Whole school	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need non-uniform day
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30am	OPEN DAY for children starting school in September 2026
Reception	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9.15pm & 2.30pm  <i>2 tickets per child per performance will be sent home prior to this event. Additional tickets can be requested via the school office where a waiting list will be held.</i>	Reception Nativity
Whole school	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5.00pm	IEP meetings
Whole school	<i>Dates to be confirmed in the Christmas newsletter</i>	Year group Christmas parties
Year 1	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm  <i>2 tickets per child per performance will be sent home prior to this event. Additional tickets can be requested via the school office where a waiting list will be held.</i>	Year 1 Nativity
Whole school	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper & lunch day
Whole school	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 8.30am – 12.00pm  <b>1.00pm – 3.30pm Staff Training – school closed to pupils</b>	Last day of the autumn term
Whole school	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First day of the spring term

Next week, we also look forward to welcoming our new Reception pupils as they begin their school journey with us. This is always such a special moment in the life of our school, and we are excited to see them take their very first steps into learning, friendship, and discovery. We know they will be warmly welcomed by the whole community, and we cannot wait to watch them grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Kind regards

*H. Williams*

Mrs Hannah Williams