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Newsletter 4

17th October, 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Friday 24th October

This is a reminder that school is closed to pupils for a staff training day on Friday 24th October.

Royal British Legion Remembrance Poppies for sale

We have a selection of Remembrance Day items for sale in the school office. These can be purchased daily at breaktimes from **Monday 20th October until Tuesday 11th November.**



Suggested donations:

Paper poppy and stickers - any donation

Ribbon wrist bands and reflective poppy zip pull - £1.00

Snap bands - £1.50

Year 3 trip

Last week I had the pleasure of joining the year 3 pupils on their first school trip of the year. We headed to the Stables Theatre to take part in a musical workshop with *Ensemble 360*. We were taken on a wonderful musical journey listening to pieces by Mozart [1756-1797], Schubert [1797–1828], Joseph Suk [1874-1935] and Judith Weir [1954 -].



Harvest

A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest Food Bank appeal. We were delighted with how many items were donated and I know that the Food Bank and those who will eventually receive the food items will be very thankful.



Farewell

We are sad to share the news that Mrs Zygo will be leaving Monkston after half term. Mrs Zygo has worked tirelessly over the past 4 years as a reading support assistant, working with pupils to improve their reading skills and inspire others with her love of reading. Mrs Zygo has also been fundamental in ensuring that our library runs smoothly and is always full of the latest children's books! We wish Mrs Zygo all the best in her future endeavours.



Dates for the diary reminders

Year 5	Monday 20 th – Wednesday 22 nd October	Bikeability
Year 2	Wednesday 22 nd October 2.15pm & 5.00pm	Yr2 production
Whole school	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</u> Friday 24th October	INSET day
Whole school	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half term
Whole School	Monday 3 rd November	Back to school
	Wednesday 5 th November 9.00am	OPEN DAY for children starting school in September 2026
Whole school	Thursday 6 th 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 th November 5.00pm	Year 6 SATs Information session
Whole school	Friday 14 th November	Children In Need non-uniform day A donation of £2.00 can be made via the Arbor App
	Friday 28 th November 9.00am	OPEN DAY for children starting school in September 2026
Reception	Wednesday 3 rd December 9.15pm & 2.30pm	Reception Nativity <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>
Whole school	Tuesday 9 th December 3.30pm – 5.00pm	IEP meetings <i>Invitations will be sent home</i>

Whole school	<i>Dates to be confirmed in the Christmas newsletter</i>	Year group Christmas parties
Year 1	Tuesday 9 th December 9.15am & 2.15pm	Year 1 Nativity <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>
Whole school	Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper & lunch day
Whole school	Friday 19 th December 8.30am – 12.00pm 12.00pm – 3.30pm Staff Training – school closed to pupils	Last day of the autumn term
Whole school	Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of the spring term for all pupils

Kind regards

H. Williams

Mrs Hannah Williams

