



# Monkston Primary School

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## Newsletter 13

20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Homework Expectations

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils in Key Stage 2 not completing their homework, which has resulted in a number of lunchtime detentions. As a school, we have made a conscious decision to simplify our approach to homework and focus only on the key skills that pupils need to practise regularly: reading, spellings and times tables. Our curriculum is carefully designed so that all core teaching takes place within the school week; however, some fundamental skills require regular repetition and practice, which is where we ask for the support of parents and carers at home. **We want every pupil to achieve the very best outcomes and have the strongest possible start in life, and we know that parents want the same for their children.**

**For pupils in Key Stage 1**, we ask that children read aloud to an adult at least four times each week and practise the spellings that are sent home. **In Key Stage 2**, pupils should continue to read aloud to an adult four times a week, practise their weekly spellings, and complete times tables practice on TTR for 25 minutes each week (this can be done in one session or split into short five-minute sessions across the week). It is particularly important that older pupils continue to read aloud to an adult so that you can discuss the text together, check their understanding, and explore any vocabulary they may not yet understand. **Your support with these small but important routines makes a significant difference to your child's confidence and progress.**

### Year 6 Tag Rugby Team

The Y6 Tag Rugby team enjoyed a fun and frenetic competition at Glebe Farm. They lost, won and drew their matches. Captain Owen can be proud of all the individual performances. Special mention, however, must go to Vyom and Cassie. Both took a tumble in the games but got straight back up to help their team. It's fantastic to see the Monkston Value 'Resilience' outside of school too!



## Farewell to the marquee!

The marquee has been in place since 2020 when it was installed to support our covid safety measures. Since then, it has proved useful for events and sporting lessons; however, the cost of the upkeep has now become too much. Therefore, the marquee is being removed next Tuesday.

## Summer Term 2026 Dates

Whole School	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back
Reception	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception trip to Mead Open Farm
Year 5	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	2027 Year 6 Residential Information Evening for <b><u>YEAR 5 parents</u></b> 4.00pm
Whole School	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Rainbow Non-Uniform Day in aid of Harry's Rainbow bereavement charity  £2.00 suggested donation via Arbor
Year 4	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	2026 Year 4 residential information evening 4.30pm  Parents and children welcome
Year 6	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	2026 Year 6 residential information evening 4.30pm  Parents and children welcome
Year 5	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 production 1.30pm & 5.00pm
Years 1 - 6	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reading drop-in
Year 6	Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Year 6	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park
Whole School	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photos [weather dependent]
Whole School	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Year 4	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 4 residential
Year 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential
Year 3	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	2027 Year 4 Residential Information Evening for <b><u>YEAR 3 parents</u></b> 4.00pm
Whole School	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	FOM Summer Discos EYFS - 2.00pm Years 1 - 3 [4.00 – 5.15]

		Years 4 - 6 [5.45 – 7.00]
Whole School	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Peripatetic music concert 5.00pm
Whole School	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FOM Fathers' Day event
Reception & KS1	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception & KS1 Sports event 9.30am
KS2	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 sports event 9.30am
Whole School	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Move up morning
Whole School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	FOMS summer fair
Years 1 - 6	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reading drop-in
Year 6	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production 1.30pm & 5.30pm
Reception & KS1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS & KS1 Reports emailed home
KS2	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Reports emailed home
Whole School	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Year 6	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers event 1.00-3.00pm
Whole School	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term [full day]  Year 6 Leaver's assembly 8.50am

**Don't forget that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March is a half day due to staff training. Children should be collected at 12.00pm.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards

*H. Williams*

Mrs Hannah Williams

