

Monkleigh Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

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A Fantastic Start to the Half Term!

It has been a super start to this half term, with lots of exciting activities already taking place across the school.

School Photographs School photograph day seemed to go very well. We hope everyone is pleased with the results and enjoys having some lovely new pictures to treasure.

Class 3 Craft Morning Some of our Class 3 children enjoyed a wonderful craft morning at the Village Hall. This is always a special event, giving children the opportunity to try different crafts while spending time with members of our local community. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such an enjoyable experience.

Mental Health Ambassadors Our Mental Health Ambassadors have now completed their training and are excited to begin their roles around school. They have already come up with some great ideas to support wellbeing and will be wearing their badges so that they can be easily identified by children who may need support or a friendly face to talk to.

A Visit from Poet James Carter Children from Reception through to Year 6 had a fantastic day yesterday with visiting poet **James Carter**. He was thoroughly entertaining and inspired all of our pupils to get creative with their writing. The children produced some wonderful poems and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Autumn Dressing-Up Day and Cake Sale It has been wonderful to reintroduce our Autumn Dressing-Up Day and Cake Sale today. The costumes have been fantastic, and the event has created a lovely atmosphere across the school. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and contributed so generously at the gate. Your support is greatly appreciated.

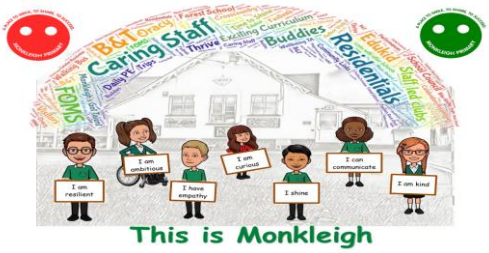
Forest School News

Many of you will know how much our children enjoy Forest School sessions.

Mrs Craxton will be taking a sabbatical after Christmas for family reasons. We are pleased to say that she will be returning to us in **September 2027**.

During her absence, **Forest School sessions will continue as normal**, led and planned by **Mr Scoynes** and **Mrs Wilson**.

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However, while Mrs Craxton is away, we will not have anyone available to maintain the Forest School garden. The produce grown there is used in our school kitchen, and the garden also needs regular care to keep it looking its best.

Can You Help?

We would be extremely grateful for a small group of volunteers who could help with watering, weeding, planting and general garden maintenance. If you think you could spare some time, please contact the school office.

Thank you for helping us keep this valuable part of school life thriving.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

We have another busy and exciting week planned:

Indoor Athletics Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be travelling to GTS to take part in an Indoor Athletics event. We wish them the very best of luck.

Michael Rosen Live Stream Children will have the exciting opportunity to join a live-stream event from Exeter Library featuring the wonderful children's author and poet **Michael Rosen**.

Butterflies Class Visit Our Butterflies Class will be heading to **Torrington Commons** for a learning visit and outdoor adventure.

Church Visit On Wednesday, the whole school will visit the church to learn more about Remembrance and the importance of commemorating those who have served and sacrificed.

Parent Questionnaire

A reminder that our Parent Questionnaire is now available via a Google Form shared on ClassDojo.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback helps us celebrate the things that are working well and identify ways in which we can make our school even better for our children and families.

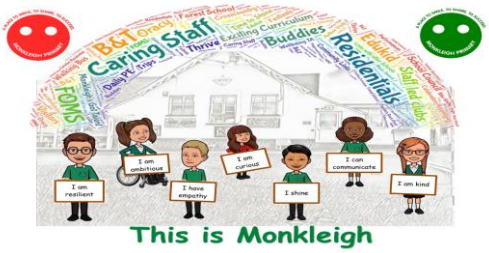
Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You

Thank you to all our families, volunteers, staff and governors for helping to make Monkleigh such a supportive, caring and vibrant school community.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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