



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter

February 2026

It is February already - the second month of this year and the lighter nights are already on the way! January was a quick and busy month in the school and EYC!

Last month, the children worked hard learning about Scotland and learning Scottish poems and songs. Thank you to parent / carers who helped children practice at home. The whole school community came together on Friday to celebrate and share their poems/ songs at our annual Scottish Poetry Concert. Well done to all the finalists and congratulations to the winners from each class. A big thank you also goes to the three judges who attend Cosy Spaces who made the very difficult decision of deciding the winners - thank you for their support.

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for the February and the rest of the school year and will keep you up to date in the 'Dates for your Diary' section below.

As always, we are here to help. Please do not email staff directly but instead please email the school mailbox on Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or contact the school office on **01292 473456** and your enquiry will be directed to the right person.

Mrs Miller, Head Teacher

In This Newsletter



This monthly newsletter has lots of information about the school and the EYC including:

- *Dates for your diary*
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Dates for your Diary (UNCRC Articles 28, 29 and 31)



Monday 5th January 2026 - School and EYC re-opens for staff and pupils at 9am

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - EYC open evening for prospective new EYC parents / carers - 4-5pm.

Thursday 5th February 2026 - Term 3 and 4 class newsletters sent home and added to website.

Friday 6th and Monday 9th February 2026 - Holiday - school and EYC closed for staff and pupils.

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Inservice Day - school and EYC closed for pupils.

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - School and EYC reopens for pupils.

Wednesday 11th - Friday 20th February 2026 - EYC Personal Plans to be shared with parents / carers.

Thursday 12th February 2026 - Parent Council Spring Disco - details below.

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February 2026 - World of Work week - see details below.

Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day (no dress up required).

Friday 20th March 2026 - Comic Relief – dress down and donation to the charity (optional).

Thursday 26th March 2026 - Parents' afternoon / evening. Booking details to follow.

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 2026 - P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House.

Thursday 2nd April 2026 - EYC Stay and Play session (1 adult per child), 9-9:30am

School closes for holidays at 2:30pm (EYC at 3pm).

Monday 20th April 2026 - School and EYC reopens at 9am.

Monday 4th May 2026 - School and EYC closed for bank holiday.

Thursday 7th May 2026 - Inservice Day - - school and EYC closed for pupils.

Friday 15th May 2026 - Sports Day races on field behind school (weather permitting), 1:30-2:30pm - all parent / carers welcome

Saturday 6th June 2026 - Monkton Gala

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



Parent Council Spring Disco

Tickets are now on sale for the Spring Disco organised by the Parent Council which takes place on Thursday 12th February 2026. EYC / P1 Disco - 4-5pm, P2-4 5:15-6:30pm and P5-7 6:45-8pm.

Book tickets using this link - <https://www.pta-events.com/monktonparentcouncil/>

Please ensure you select correct year group when booking.

The Parent Council will be looking for volunteers to help out on the night.

Thank you!



World Book Day (Thursday 5th March 2026)

Back by popular demand, the Parent Council will again be holding their annual recycled book fayre on World Book Day this year. We will be accepting donations of books (suitable for children up to 12 years of age). Please hand in book donations between Monday **16th February to Friday 27th February 2026**. All booked donations can be dropped into the boxes inside the main foyer / outside the main office. Many thanks.

The donations will then be sorted and on the day, children will come along with their class and choose a 'new' book to take home.



Important Health and Safety reminder - Road Safety

The safety of our children is always our top priority, and we kindly ask for your continued support in helping keep the area around our school and EYC safe at drop-off and pick-up times when the area is congested. Please remember to park responsibly, avoiding pavements, driveways and the 'keep clear' area in the layby outside the school gate. These areas must be kept clear to ensure children are safe and that the neighbors have full access to their properties.

We also ask all families to avoid using the school car park AT ANY TIME unless they are a blue badge holder as it is reserved for staff only. Unauthorized users of the car park creates avoidable risks for pedestrians, especially our youngest pupils - a child nearly got hit while crossing at the car park last month! The community police have been made aware of this and are monitoring parking around the school.

Please try to walk with your child(ren) to and from the school / EYC if you can. However, if you have to drive, please take a moment to find a safe, legal parking space further away and walk the last few minutes to school — it makes a big difference. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe. Let's all work together to model good road-safety habits for our children.



Safeguarding at Monkton

The safety and wellbeing of children at Monkton Primary School and Early Years Centre is our utmost priority. If you have any concerns about a child protection matter, please contact the school to make an appointment with Mrs Miller (Child Protection Coordinator) or Mrs Ramsay (Depute Child Protection Coordinator). Both the HT and DHT are also PREVENT officers.

Our [Child Protection Guidelines](#) can be found on the school / EYC website.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment (UNCRC Articles 28 and 29)



Survey results

Back in November and December we sent out the following surveys to parent / carers. The results are detailed below.

Family Learning survey feedback

We had 21 responses out of 184 children (11% return rate) - thank you to those who took the time to complete this survey. The results were positive with 86% of parents feel very involved in their child's learning. All parents reported that they talk about learning with their child each day. 90% of those who responded did not feel they needed to learn about any specific topics or skills – 2 responses were individual to their specific children. 86% of parents who responded have participated in family learning events – 6 specifically mentioned enjoying Meet the Teacher. One suggestion identified was that they would like more information about after school clubs and activities in the area out with the council run ones, we will try to better promote such activates through monthly newsletters and our social media channels.

Sharing the Learning survey feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the *Sharing the Learning* survey - we had 20 responses out of 184 children (11% return rate) - We were delighted to receive such positive feedback, with families especially enjoying the chance to see their children's learning in action, the enthusiasm and confidence shown by pupils, and the wide range of activities and performances. Across all events, the majority of ratings were *Very Good* or *Excellent*, with particularly strong responses for our P4 *Egyptians* and P5/6 *Day in the Forest* showcases.

Parents also shared helpful suggestions for future improvements, including varying the day of the week to support working families, providing a little more space in busy classrooms, and ensuring activities are clearly structured to help everyone move around comfortably. We appreciate your feedback and will use it to continue making these events meaningful, enjoyable and inclusive for all families.



Developing Young Workforce - World of Work week

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February 2026

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to give up their time to come in and talk to children about their work / careers. We are still looking for help from a few more volunteers who work in a variety of roles e.g. shops, banks, NHS, companies and business owners. If this is something that you could help us with, please contact the school office.

During this week, we will be focusing on Meta Skills which the children are starting to develop now to take forward into their future at secondary school and beyond. More information on Meta Skills can be found [here](#).

We will be in touch in the next few weeks to confirm with those who have offered help. Thank you again in advance.



South Ayrshire Council - Every Learner Every Day - Attendance campaign

As you know, South Ayrshire Council is placing a great focus on raising attendance levels in all schools. Social media and radio campaigns have been going on for the past two years and all schools are still being asked to look at ways to increase attendance for all. We are pleased to say that attendance at our school is sitting slightly (1.3%) above the South Ayrshire average at the moment and also that our attendance stats are very similar to where we were this time last session. However, our current attendance rate is down 4.8% from when we started this session in August so we hope that we can work together to bring these figures back up. You are able to check your child(ren)'s attendance on ParentsPortal. Please refrain from booking holidays within term time. We closely monitor absence rates and if your child's attendance drops below 90% then you will receive a letter and you may be invited to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to increase your child's attendance. Your continued support with this matter is greatly appreciated. If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch. Thank you!









Community Noticeboard (UNCRC Articles 18, 24, 29 and 31)



Is your child due to start their journey in early years?

Prestwick Cluster EYC's would like to invite you to their open evenings

 Prestwick North EYC Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th February 2026 4-5pm	 Heathfield EYC Thursday 5th February 2026 4-5pm
 Monkton EYC Wednesday 4th February 2026 4-5pm	 Symington EYC Monday 2nd February 2026 4-5pm
 Kingcase EYC Tuesday 3rd February 2026 4-5pm	 Spaceplace EYC Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th January 3.15-4pm Wednesday 28th 5.30-6.30pm

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MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT OUR 1-DAY CAMP!

SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 9TH
FEBRUARY 2026
RIVERSIDE SPORTS ARENA
9AM TO 4PM

£15

5 - 12 YRS



Sport & Leisure
South Antrim

GYMNASTICS CAMP



4-16 YRS

[→ Sign In](#) [≡ About Us](#)

Camp details

Ayr,
KAS 054 [view map](#)

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Football on the outdoor Astro, as well as access to indoor space for indoor football. If required, 5 to 7 year olds will play inside. Indoor access for changing / lunch.

Facility beyond the University on one

6th Feb 2026 - 9th Feb 2026

Road to the World Cup - February Camp
Fri 8th February - Mon 9th February
10:00am - 3:00pm

Full week

£30.00

Single day
£20.00

Limited Spaces Available

Football during school holidays for 5-13 year olds. Players will be split into smaller groups dependant on age and ability levels.

Holiday football will give the children the opportunity to develop their skill, make new friends and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Location - Riverside Sports Arena

Time - 10am-3pm

Please provide lunch and snacks for your child as well as a refillable water bottle. (Please note some children may have allergies of peanuts/nuts please consider this when packing lunch and snacks).

Please pack a change of clothes in case of weather changes such as jackets and jumpers.

WHO - BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3 TO 13 YEARS
WHERE - SESSIONS ACROSS SOUTH AYSRSHIRE
WHY - FUN ENGAGING FOOTBALL TRAINING
SIGN UP - REGISTER USING CLASS FOR KIDS

SCAN THE QR CODE
 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
 NOW OR FIND OUT
 MORE ABOUT WHAT'S
 ON AND WHERE

#WEAREUNITED

active communities SOUTH AYSRSHIRE

Home Community Sport Cycling Walking Outdoors with Dolphin House Inspire

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Cycling in South Ayrshire

Our **cycling programme** offers something for everyone — whether you're learning to ride for the very first time or you're an experienced cyclist looking for your next challenge. Enjoy a variety of sessions including **on-road and off-road cycling, mountain biking, and BMX**, all designed to build skills, confidence, and a love for life on two wheels.

We're also proud to partner with **Scottish Cycling** to deliver the **Rock Up and Ride** programme, giving young people — especially those who might not otherwise have the chance — the opportunity to discover the freedom and fun of cycling.

Not sure where to start? Contact us at ActiveCommunities@south-ayrshire.gov.uk for advice.



90%
 attendance is
 still 4 weeks lost

**EVERY LEARNER
 EVERY DAY**

Going to school has
 lots of benefits!

south-ayrshire.gov.uk/ELED

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Ayrshire
 COUNCIL
 Caring and Connected for a town
 Making a Difference Every Day

Communication (UNCRC Articles 3 and 5)



Communication with parents / carers continues to be of upmost importance to us and we will communicate in a variety of ways.

Please report absences before 9:30am each morning via ParentsPortal if you can. Use the 'Absence Reporting' tile to do so. This can also be used to record appointments or any time that our child is required to be out of school.

Important updates / information will be sent to you by **email** so please check daily for these. SMS **text** messages will only be sent if your child is absent (if you have not informed us) or for urgent information.

The EYC use Seesaw to communicate with parents - sharing learning and information.

In the school, Instagram issued for reminders and to share learning in class (2 posts per week per class). You will receive 2 class newsletters per year outlining what your child will be learning in class: EYC - P7.

We have created a summary of the online platforms that we use and what information will be sent using each one - [Communication-Strategy-Sept-25-1.pdf](#)

If you have any feedback, questions (however small) or information to be shared, please phone the school on **01292 473456** or email us – Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

If you have any class based / individual pupil concerns, please contact the office to arrange to talk to your child's class teacher or EYC key worker as first point of contact. In some circumstances, you may wish to talk to -

•**Mrs Miller** if your child is in **EYC, P1, P2 or P3** or **Mrs Ramsay** if your child is in **P4, P5, P6 or P7**.

Please **do not email class teachers, HT or DHT directly** as they may be out of school with no access to emails. Instead, please contact the school office to make an appointment or email the school mailbox with your enquiry. It will be passed on and they will respond to you during school hours, usually within 5 days.

If you are not happy with the outcome of your enquiry, you have the right to escalate your complaint to the authority - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/complaints/>

Contact Us (UNCRC Articles 5 and 18)





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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/monktonpsandeyc/>



m_p_s_2_r_h (Primary Instagram)



[@MonktonPS – Primary and Early Years](#)



[Seesaw app](#) used in the EYC

Our Vision, Values and Aims (UNCRC Article 2 and 29)



Our Vision

*At Monkton, we encourage and support every child to be the best they can be. Our ambition is to close the attainment gap by stretching and challenging all children. Children are encouraged to have high standards and be aspirational about their future. A school in the community as well as a community in the school. **At Monkton We Fly As High As The Sky!***

Our Values

The school values are **Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Responsibility** and **Equity**.

For a number of years, the school has shared values with the other schools in the Prestwick Academy cluster. The cluster schools have also created 'Our Prestwick Promise' which is-

"We aim to work collaboratively across the cluster, supporting and challenging each other to improve outcomes for children and young people and to help raise attainment for all. We will work together across establishments to support equity and address gaps by sharing time, expertise and resources. By working collaboratively, we endeavor to reduce workload and provide consistent approaches, pedagogy and systems to promote high quality learning and teaching."

Each year, we create a Prestwick Cluster Action plan which we work together on throughout the school session.

Our Aims

Fantastic futures for all!

Learning life skills!

You have pride in the school!

Hard working children and helpful staff!

In Monkton, everyone is included!

Great learning experiences (including play)!

Heart of the Monkton community!