



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter April 2026

It is now April and we are in the midst of Spring! It has been lovely to see some sunshine and the lighter mornings / nights are very welcome however, it would be better if the weather was nicer and the temperature was turned up a bit!

March was a busy month with World Book Day which includes a book swap organised by the Parent Council, after school clubs, a four week block of PEEP 'Fun with Food' sessions for EYC families, Comic Relief and our parents' afternoon / evening which 96% of parent / carers attended.

This week P7 are away on their Residential Trip to Dumfries House and the EYC are hosting a Stay and Play for parent / carers on Thursday morning. On Thursday we will break for the Easter holidays. The school will close at 2:30pm and the EYC at 3pm although the EYC doors will be open from 2:25pm for anyone who would like to collect their child with older sibling(s).

When we return from the Easter holidays, we will be into our final term of the session. Please check the 'Dates for the Diary' section for more information on key events.

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)



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).

Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April 2026 - School and EYC closed for Easter holidays

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

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 - Parent Council meeting in school at 6:30pm - all parent / carers welcome. The Parent Council is looking for a new Chairperson – please see info below.

Wednesday 29th April 2026 - P6 Park Run

P7 Transition event Prestwick Academy

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

Tuesday 5th - Friday 15th May 2026 - Fit & Fun Fest Fortnight (see separate letter).

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.

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Dress Down Day for staff and pupils - donations of objects in house colour to make gala hampers (more info to follow).

P1 School Trip.

Monday 25th May 2026 - School and EYC closed for holiday.

Friday 5th June 2026 - P1-7 Reports to be published on ParentsPortal. EYC pre-school reports to be shared with parents.

Saturday 6th June 2026 - Monkton Gala - 12-4pm on playing fields behind school.

Friday 19th June 2026 - EYC trip.

Thursday 25th June 2026 - P7 Leaver's Assembly - 9:30-11am - all P7 parent / carers welcome.

Friday 26th June 2026- EYC Graduation - 9:30am - all EYC parent / carers welcome.

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:00pm and EYC at 3pm.

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



Comic Relief 2026

Update from the Parent Council - new Chairperson wanted from next session onwards - please see poster advert below

Thank you to the Parent Council who collected books and organised them for the book swap on World Book Day. Thank you to everyone who donated the books. All of the children in the EYC and school enjoyed choosing a book to take home. Some children from Fly High even came across to choose some books to take some books back to their nursery.

Monkton Primary Parent Council is looking for a chairperson. Please consider coming along to the next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 22nd April at 6.30pm to find out more about our Parent Council, all parent/carers welcome.



Important Health and Safety reminder - road and playground 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 **-there are still parents parking in the car park each day!** Unauthorised 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. Our P6 class is working on a road safety campaign to try to stop this unsafe behaviour and had a wonderful information on display at parents evening last week - thank you to Mrs Elliot and the P6 pupils for their hard work!

Once you have collected your child from the school or EYC at 3pm, please leave the school playground - we have a few children who run back up to the school, play football or cycle / scoot round the playground. School staff cannot be responsible for children in the playground after school times. The gates is closed sharp after 3pm. Thank you!



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)



National Standardised Assessments for Scotland (NSA) and GL Assessments

Later this month, all P1 children will complete National Standardised Assessments (NSA) with their class teacher. P4 and P7 have already completed these back in November. In August 2017 Scottish Government introduced the NSA, a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments for aspects of literacy and numeracy, designed to align with the way we deliver education in Scotland through Curriculum for Excellence. All children in P1, P4, P7 and S3 are assessed once a year (using NSA) in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy. In addition to NSA, ongoing and informal assessment continues to be a central part of everyday assessment in schools. The NSA assess aspects of reading, writing and numeracy, providing teachers with diagnostic information on children's progress in these areas. Children complete the assessments online and they are marked automatically. This gives teachers immediate diagnostic feedback that they can use to help children progress in literacy and numeracy.

P3 and P6 children will complete GL assessments this month, for Literacy and Numeracy. These are also standardised assessments which the authority has requested that schools do to clearly identify progress and next steps for each child. Like the NSAs above these will be completed online, in class, with their class teacher.

More details of other ways that we assess your child can be found on the school website - [Assessment-Parent-Leaflet.pdf](#)



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



Monkton Primary Parent Council



Chairperson Wanted Lead Our Parent Council!



- ✓ Help shape the future of our school!
- ✓ Work with other parents & the school.
- ✓ Lead meetings & coordinate initiatives.

Make a Difference - Apply Now!

Contact Us:

monktonparentcouncil@gmail.com





EASTER HOLIDAY POP UPS

FREE POP UP SPORT SESSIONS ACROSS THE PRESTWICK AND TROON CLUSTERS !!!

OUR FREE POP UP SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE A VARIETY OF SPORTS. THESE ARE RUN BY OUR ACTIVE SCHOOLS ASSISTANTS.

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

DUNDONALD PRIMARY - 3X3 BASKETBALL- 3:00-3:45PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH AND 15TH APRIL

SYMINGTON SPARK - PICKLEBALL - 3:00-3:45PM

TROON BEACH - RUN - 4:30-5:30PM

FRIDAY 10TH AND 17TH APRIL

PRESTWICK OVAL - PARK RUN - 3:00-4:00PM

PORTLAND PARK - FOOTBALL - 4:30 -5:30PM



NEW active communities SOUTH AYRSHIRE EASTER PROGRAMME ACTIVE MINI'S FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

ACTIVE MINI'S MULTISPORT SESSIONS 10.00AM-10.45 AM | £3.00 PER SESSION OR £9.00 PER WEEK

7TH - 10TH APRIL
PRESTWICK ACADEMY
CARRICK ACADEMY

13TH - 17TH APRIL
MARR COLLEGE
GIRVAN ACADEMY
BELMONT ACADEMY



WWW.ACTIVESOUTHAYRSHIRE.COM



Easter Family Fun

Hop into History and Leap Around the World

Join us at Dundonald Castle for an around the world themed Easter Egg Hunt
- With a guest appearance from the one and only Easter Bunny!
(children must be accompanied by a parent or carer)



Where: Dundonald Castle
When: 14th April 2026
Time: 11am-12.30pm



Marvellous Movie Matinee

Join us in the Troon Walker Hall for a movie spectacular, where all the family are invited!

Where: Troon Walker Hall
When: 10th April 2026
Time: 2pm

Please use the QR code or URL provided to book a space for your family at one or both events or email

Jan.McGarry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

<https://forms.office.com/e/4B6VH0RLj>



School Allergy Awareness

We are Allergy Aware

Food allergies are real and can be FATAL!

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that comes on quickly and has the potential to become life threatening.

Avoiding Allergens is a MUST!

Never assume something is safe-ALWAYS read ALL labels for their ingredient and manufacturing information.

Allergies to Food are NOT a joke!

NO child should ever be bullied, teased, or excluded, especially due to their food allergy.

Cross-Contact CAN happen!

Proper cleaning of hands, cookware, utensils, and also surfaces is vital for preventing exposure to allergens.

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SCAN ME





Performing CPR and utilising a defibrillator whilst waiting for medical assistance can double to triple a person's chance of survival from cardiac arrest.

- ♥ Would you know how to respond in an emergency?
- ♥ We teach emergency life support skills
- ♥ We are a non profit charity covering North, East & South Ayrshire
Our training is FREE
- ♥ Provide a venue for 2hrs for 8 or more participants in your community or group to access our training

To book a session or for more information
Contact: ks.heartstart@gmail.com or 07729749089
www.heartstart-ayrshire.org.uk

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/>



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[@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!