



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter June 2026

May went past in a flash and it was another busy month. We had some sun during May and we are very much hoping that it will return in time for the summer holidays!

We are now into June - there are only 4 weeks left of this school session. We are very much looking forward to all the events that June will bring including the Monkton Gala, bump-up days, our P7 Leavers' Ceremony and EYC Graduation. Hope to see you all at the Gala this Saturday (see details below).

We also hope that you all have a great summer holidays when it comes and that the sun shines. A bit of good luck to all of our P7 Leavers as they embark in their secondary school journey in August - we wish them all the best!

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 4th June 2026 - New P1 PEEP sessions at 9:15am or 10:15am (see letter).

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.

Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th June 2026- P7 - S1 Transition Days at Prestwick Academy

Tuesday 9th June 2026 - Whole School Bump up 1:45-2:30pm.

Wednesday 17th June 2026 - EYC New start BookBug session for new children (am).

PEEP Teddy Bear's picnic for new P1 pupils at 1:45pm.

Friday 19th June 2026 - EYC trip.

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 - P7 Leavers' Trip.

Thursday 25th June 2026 - P7 Leavers' Assembly, 9:30am - 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.

Thursday 20th August 2026 - School and EYC reopens for pupils.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Parent Council AGM at 6:30pm in the meeting room - all parent / carers welcome

Thursday 29th October 2026 - afternoon / evening - Parent Council Halloween Discos - more details to follow in new session.

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



****MONKTON GALA DAY 2026 – Saturday 6th June 2026 - this Saturday****

Monkton Gala is back for 2026! After another successful community gala last year, the gala committee has been working hard to arrange another fun event for the people of Monkton! So far, we have confirmed the following:-

Evening events during the week of the gala - a welly throwing competition on the playing field behind the school at 6:30pm - 8pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 and Monkton Movie Night - showing 'The Greatest Showman' at 6:30pm on Friday 5th June 2026 in the Carvick Webster Hall.

Entertainment on the day including a DJ and performances including a pipe band, school musicians and line dancing.

Games and sport activities from Active Schools and Whitletts Vics.

Alpacas, face painting, climbing walls, arts and crafts and bouncy castles.

Ice cream van, sweets and cake stalls, chippy van and a licensed bar.

The gala committee needs the support of local residents and businesses to help with raffle prizes and to get involved to contribute to the success of the Gala. If you can donate a prize for the raffle, please hand it into the school office by Friday 5th June 2026.

The Parent Council and school are sharing a stall this year. The school is doing a box raffle this year - thank you to everyone who made donations in house colours which we will use to make up hampers (we will share photos when these are complete). Box raffle tickets have been sent home in school bags and we have already sold some tickets - thank you! Please send any sold tickets and money back into the school asap. If you require more tickets, please contact the school office. Tickets will also be available to buy at the stall on the day of the gala and winners will be drawn in school by the House Captains on Monday 8th June 2026.

The Parent Council is doing a Teddy Tombola so is looking for donations of pre loved soft toys for it, preferably already wrapped if possible. Thank you to all those that have been donated already - we will still take more if anyone has them - thank you!

Please get in touch if you are able to help sort / organise items in the run up to the gala or at these stalls on the day of the gala - thank you!

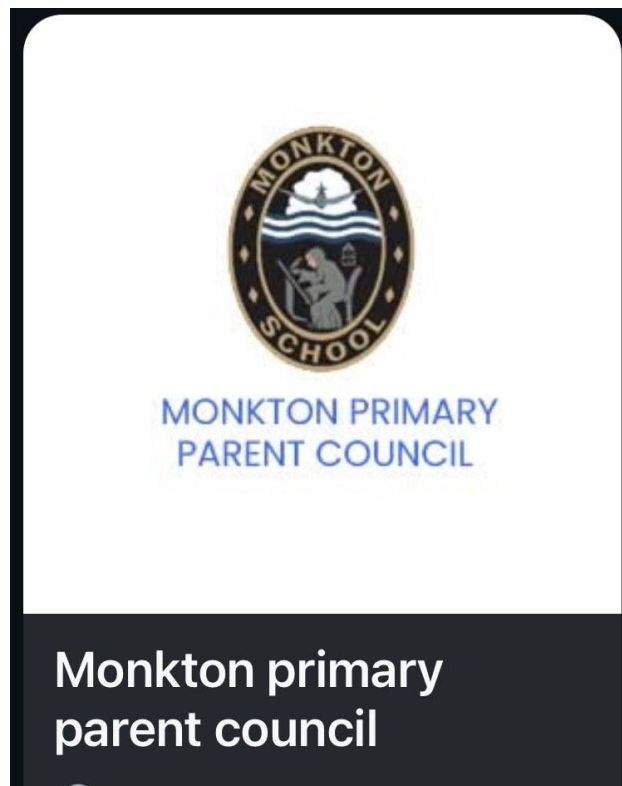
We hope that you can come along to support the school, EYC and Parent Council at the Gala on the 6th June 2026 - it's sure to be lots of fun!



Fun and Fit Fest Fortnight

This fortnight was a big success with each class having at least three visiting sports coaches / club led sessions - a big thank you to all those who gave up their time to visit the school and led sessions with our pupils. We also had a visit from an athlete, Tyler Jolly, who led pupils in some exercises and then shared his journey to becoming an athlete. He was very inspirational and the pupils had many questions for him - he was also asked by many pupils for his signature. Thank you to those who chose to undertake the sponsorship element of the event - we now have over £500 to spend on new PE and playground equipment which pupils will help to decide on what to buy. We also had the potted sports event and our sports day races which was a fun and enjoyable afternoon and as an added bonus, the weather was kind to us!

A big thank you to Mrs Caird for organising the fortnight and to Mrs MacKay and P7 for organising the potted sports event.



Wanted - New Chairperson for the Parent Council

Monkton Primary Parent Council is looking for a chairperson. This would be for after the AGM on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 6:30pm. If you are interested or would like more details regarding the role, please contact monktonparentcouncil@gmail.com

The Parent Council is sharing a stall with the school at the Gala this year and are running a Teddy Tombola so are looking for donations of teddies (please see more information below).



Ayr United Football Academy - free summer sessions for children aged 3-5

Ryan McBride, the Community Programmes Officer for Ayr United Football Academy has asked us to share that this summer they have partnered up with the SFA to delighted FREE sessions for child aged 3-5 years old in a lot of different locations across South Ayrshire. They have called these sessions – Starting the Journey as a lot of the children this may be their first time playing football – “ Starting their Journey!

There are 20 spaces per camps. Please click the links for more information and to sign up:-

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/138> - Prestwick – 1st July – 3rd July.

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/139> - Ayr – 6th July – 10th July.

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/140> - Maybole – 14th July – 17th July.

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/141> - Ayr – 20th July – 24th July.

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/142> - Troon – 27th July – 31st July.

<https://ayr-united-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/143> - Prestwick – 10th August – 14th August.



Safeguarding at Monkton

The safety and wellbeing of children at Monkton Primary School and Early Years Centre is our upmost 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)



Reports

Teaching staff are currently preparing the annual reports for all P1-7 pupils. This year, we are again using electronic reports which will be sent out on ParentsPortal on Friday 5th June 2026. As well as being eco friendly as we are not using paper to print reports out, once they are posted onto the portal, they can be accessed at any point and will be stored to be referred back

to. The report will contain the Curriculum for Excellence levels for all areas, comments for Literacy and Numeracy as well as a general comment. This is the same format that Prestwick Academy and two other primary schools in the Prestwick Cluster use. Most of our parent / carers have signed up for ParentsPortal but if you do not have access please contact the office to help you to sign up or to request a print out of your child's report. Thank you!

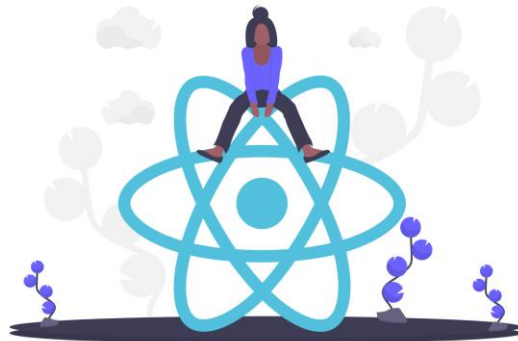
All pre-school children will also receive a report written by their key worker and ante pre school children will have an updated personal plan which will be shared by their key worker before the summer holidays.

Next year's class structure and staffing

We can confirm that our class structure for next session will consist of 7 classes - **P1, P2, P4/3, P4, P5, P6, P7.**

Class teachers will work closely with the HT / DHT when forming the composite P4/3 class, taking social friendships and academic progress into consideration. More information on composite classes can be found here - [Information on composite classes - South Ayrshire Council](#)

We are currently working with the local authority to finalise our staffing for next session and will share our final plans with parents / carers just before the bump up afternoon on 9th June 2026.



School Arrangements for Next Session

Next school session, we will continue to open both gates in the morning and at the end of the day as the rear entrance is handy for those who live at the top of the village and it reduces some of the congestion at the front of the school. Therefore, pupils will be able to enter the playground from whichever gate suits best from where they live / are dropped off.

The front and back gates will open at 8:50am each morning. All pupils will enter the school building at 9am each morning.

There will be one morning break for all P1-7 pupils from 10:30 am – 10:45 am.

There will be one lunch time for all pupils from 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm. There will be a rota in operation with some classes going into the hall for lunch first and others going outside to play before being called in.

Home time will be 3pm each day. P1-3 pupils should be collected from front gates where possible (unless prior arrangement). P4-7 pupils can choose to leave via the front or back gate.

The EYC doors will open in the morning from 8:55-9:10am and be open for pick up between 2:45-3pm.

There is a breakfast club that is operated by Fly High from 7:45am – 9am each morning in the school dining hall. More information on this can be obtained by phoning (01292) 475360 or emailing info@flyhighearlylearning.co.uk.

After School provision is provided by Prestwick After School Care Service - more information can be found [here](#).



School Uniform for 2026-27

The wearing of school uniform is very much encouraged at Monkton and we would like every child to wear full uniform to school every day.

Our uniform consists of:

White, pale or royal blue polo shirt or shirt and tie - please note royal blue polo shirts have been added this year as an option following feedback from parent / carers

Black skirt, pinafore or trousers

Blue tartan skirts or pinafores (if preferred)

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Royal blue hoodie (with or without zip)

Black blazer

Blue checked dresses (in summer)

Any items you may require during the year can be purchased from:

BE Uniforms - [BE Uniforms Glasgow](#)

or

JW Brown - [JW Brown PPE and Industrial Clothing Irvine Ayrshire Customised Clothing Schoolwear Sportswear](#)

****There are samples of P1 uniform available to view in the office on Tuesday 9th June 2026.****

You may be eligible to apply for a school clothing grant - [Free school meals and clothing grant - South Ayrshire Council](#)

To avoid loss please ensure that all your child's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with their name (see Name Tag information in section below).



What to Bring to School Next Session

The school will provide all P1 children with a book bag to carry their reading book and any items of homework.

All children will receive a homework diary.

In class, we do encourage the children to drink plenty of water, so please provide them each day with a filled water bottle. Children will not be permitted to drink flavoured water or juice throughout the day – only at break or lunch time. We do not allow fizzy juice, chewing gum or nuts (or nut products). Children can bring one small, healthy snack for break time – a piece of fruit, cereal bar or crisps would be best. We do not recommend sweets or sugary snacks.

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



WELLIE THROWING COMPETITION
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE
6:30-8PM

A colorful illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a red and yellow striped t-shirt, blue shorts, and red boots. He is shown in a dynamic pose, throwing a green wellie boot into the air. The boot is flying through the air with motion lines, and a small cloud of dirt is visible at its base. In the background, there is a green field with a group of people watching, a string of colorful bunting, and a church with a steeple in the distance under a blue sky with white clouds.

MONKTON
PLAYING FIELDS

MONKTON
MOVIE NIGHT
★ FEATURING ★
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

FREE EVENT!

5TH JUNE 2026 | 6:30PM | CARVICK WEBSTER HALL, MONKTON

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE | BRING YOUR BLANKETS & CHAIRS | FEEL-GOOD SONGS GUARANTEED!

— ★ ALL AGES WELCOME! ★ —

MONKTON GALA

Saturday 6th June 2026
Monkton playing fields



Children's Activity Wristband

£10 each

Includes:

Sports activities

Climbing wall



Bouncy castles

Football skills



 **Assault course**

Story telling

Sensory play

Circus skills

Meet the alpacas



Crafts

And loads more



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





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BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about *friendship*.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



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!