



Monkton PS and EYC Newsletter October 2026

September flew in and we are now already in October. There are signs of Autumn now upon us with darker mornings and nights as well as slightly colder weather.

September was a busy month in our school and EYC. Our 'Meet the Teacher drop in' event was well attended by parents and carers. Our new House Captains have been elected - congratulations to these eight P7 pupils and well done to the others for delivering their speeches in front of the whole school.

October is likely to be another quick and busy month which will include a Colour Run, our annual Foodbank collection, parents' evening, our Harvest Assembly, the Parent Council Halloween discos and Halloween dress up / activities. There will also be a week long holiday mid October - we hope that everyone has a lovely break and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Please add all the dates below to your calendars / diaries - I have tried include the main dates between now and Christmas for your convenience.

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*
- *Updates*
- *Learning, Teaching and Assessment Zone*
- *Community Noticeboard*
- *Communication*

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



Friday 2nd October 2026 - Colour Run (pm)

Monday 5th October 2026 - PEEP Bookbug session with Nicola Lawrence - open to all EYC families - 9:15-10am in dining hall.

Monday 5th - Thursday 8th October 2026- Foodbank collection

Thursday 8th October 2026 – EYC Stay and Play at 2:20-2:50pm

Parents' afternoon / evening (3-5pm and 5:30-7:30pm) with Book Fair available to view / purchase.

Friday 9th October 2026 - Harvest Assembly (for pupils and staff).

Monday 12th - Monday 19th October 2026 - October holidays then Inservice Day - school and EYC closed.

Tuesday 20th October 2026 - Pupils start back after holidays at 9am.

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - New P1 Open afternoon drop in (for those who are due to start P1 in August 2027) 4-5pm

Friday 23rd October 2026 - P2 Sharing the Learning session 2:15-2:45pm - all P2 parents / carers invited.

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

Friday 30th October 2026- Halloween dress up and activities in school / EYC - all children welcome to dress up (no masks or props should be brought into the EYC / school please)

Wednesday 4th November 2026- Parent Council meeting in school meeting room at 7pm - all parents / carers welcome

Sunday 8th November 2026 - Remembrance Service at the cross in Monkton, meet at 10:45am for 11am start - all P7 pupils encouraged to attend but service is open to all children and families in our community

Monday 9th - Friday 13th November 2026 - Book Week Scotland

Friday 13th November 2026 - Children in Need - dress down day and activities planned by P7, donations accepted for the charity

Friday 20th November 2026 - P3 and P4 Sharing the Learning session - 2:15-3pm - all P3 and P4 parent / carers welcome.

Friday 27th November 2026 - P5 and P6 Sharing the Learning session - 2:15-3pm - all P5 and P6 parent / carers welcome.

Monday

Mondays 23rd November - Monday 14th December 2026 - EYC PEEP ORIM sessions (4 week block) 9:15-10am in dining hall

From **Tuesday 1st December** for the whole month of December -

Wednesday 2nd December 2026 - Monkton Christmas Fayre - 6-8pm in the school

Thursday 10th December 2026 - EYC - P7 Christmas Lunch

Friday 11th December 2026 - EYC-P2 Sprouts! Christmas Show in school (am)

Thursday 17th December 2026 - P1 and P2 Nativity for parents and carers at 9:30am

EYC Christmas Show then Stay and Play at 2pm

Friday 18th December 2026 - EYC Christmas Party

P3-7 to Gaiety Pantomime

Monday 21st December 2026 - P3-5 Christmas Party (am - first party)

P6 and P7 Christmas Party (am - second party)

P1 and P2 Christmas Party (pm)

Tuesday 22nd December 2026 - School closes for Christmas holidays 2:30pm (EYC 3pm)

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - School and EYC re-opens for staff and pupils at 9am

Updates (UNCRC Article 17)



This section contains important updates and information.



Harvest Collection for Local Foodbank

For Harvest, we are asking if each child (only if you are able to afford to) can please bring in some donations for South Ayrshire Foodbank, whom help to support those in the local community (including Monkton) who are struggling to provide food for themselves and their families [South Ayrshire Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) .

We are looking for donations of the following which will be delivered straight to the foodbank:-

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mash Potato
- Tinned Pasta
- Microwavable Rice

- Tinned Vegetables
- Instant Savoury Noodles
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned/Pkt Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Small Diluting Juice

We would like all donations to come in from **Monday 5th –Thursday 8th October 2026**. Please send any donations in with your child(ren) on these days or put them inside the box in the main foyer. Thank you!

If you are struggling and would benefit from help from this service, please contact South Ayrshire Foodbank on 0300 123 0900.

**Monkton PS / EYC - Review of Our
Vision, Values and Aims - Parent
Survey October 2026**



Monkton PS / EYC - Review of Our Vision, Values and Aims - Parent Survey October 2026

This session, we are reviewing and refreshing Monkton Primary and EYC's Vision, Values and Aims.

Your views will help shape the culture, behaviour and learning experience for our children and young people. As our school, EYC and community evolve, it's healthy to revisit our Vision, Values

and Aims every few years to make sure they still reflect the reality of our school and EYC today. This isn't about replacing what works; it's about checking that our shared language still fits the school we are now.

We have already asked pupils and staff for their views and you will see some of their suggestions of new values below - the data was collated and analysed by our P7 House Captains. We want to hear from all stakeholders therefore as parent / carers, you are now being asked for your views. Your voice genuinely shapes this process, and the more perspectives we gather, the stronger and more representative our final values will be.

Please complete the short survey - [Monkton PS / EYC - Review of Our Vision, Values and Aims - Parent Survey October 2026 – Fill out form](#) . Posters with the QR code on will also be available at parents evening next week. Please submit your response by 23rd October 2026. Thank you!



Parent Council information

You will have recently received a Parent Council newsletter which was emailed out to all parent / carers and is displayed below.

This is the current [Parent Council Facebook page](#) so if you wish to join please send a friend request. You can also contact them by emailing monktonparentcouncil@gmail.com . Thank you!

The Parent Council is also organising the Christmas cards fundraiser again this year and all of our children have been busy designing their own card for this. More information will follow soon. The Parent Council are also helping to organise the Monkton Christmas Fayre - more details to follow.

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 7pm in the meeting room in the school. All parents / carers are welcome!



Monkton Parent Council Halloween Disco

Monkton Parent Council is holding a Halloween Disco for all children in the school and EYC. Children are welcome to attend in fancy dress if they would like to.

Date: Thursday 29th October 2026

EYC/P1 disco: 4-5pm – **parents should attend with their child**

P2 – P4 disco: 5.15-6.30pm

P5-P7 disco: 6:45-8pm

All children **must** be collected by a responsible adult after their disco (including upper school classes). Please encourage your child to leave their mobile phone at home but if they do bring it, they will be asked to place it in a box on the way in and collect on the way out again.

Ticket price includes the price of entrance, water/juice and crisps.

Tickets on sale from now until Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Link for tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/monktonparentcouncil> Please ensure that you select the correct class / disco for your child when purchasing tickets.

Volunteers are needed to help at all discos. Your help is greatly appreciated for without it events like these cannot go ahead. Please contact the Parent Council above. Thank you!

October Holiday Programmes 2026

South Ayrshire Sport and Leisure

Message from Kieran Robb (Active Living Officer):-

"We are thrilled to announce that our September and October Holiday Programme Activities are live on our website. We have a variety of sporting activities from one-day sessions to full week camps.

If you would like to take a look at what is on offer, take a look at our website linked below:

[Holiday Programme - South Ayrshire Council](#)

We hope to see you all soon!"

Ayr United Football Academy

Message from Ryan McBride (Community Programmes Officer, Ayr United Football Academy):-

"Ayr United are delighted to be running our final Football camp of 2026 this October week holiday at Queen Margaret Academy.

We would be very grateful if you could share the link below with the families from your school for this camp.

We are looking to engage with as many children as possible and your support with this is very much appreciated.

Please see below the link for families to sign up.

<https://ayr-unity-football-academy.classforkids.io/camp/151> "



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.

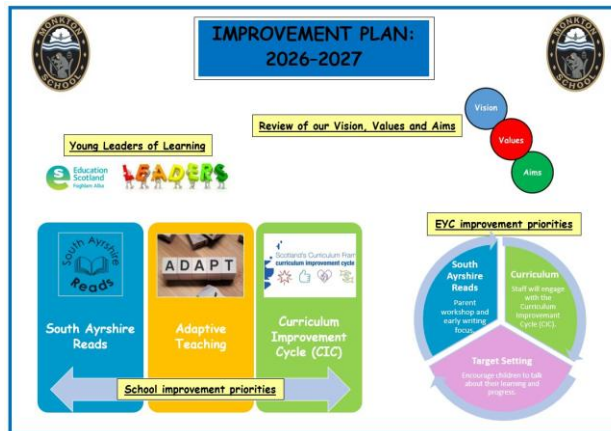
Our [Child Protection Guidelines](#) can be found on the school / EYC website.

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



School Improvement Plan for 2026-27 and Standards and Quality Report 2025-26

These annual reports have now been finalised and approved by the authority. They are available to view on the [school website](#). These show the EYC and school priorities for the year ahead which includes South Ayrshire Reads, reviewing our Vision, Values and Aims, Adaptive Teaching and Curriculum Improvement.



Improving Attendance

Improving attendance is a South Ayrshire and school priority. Last session in South Ayrshire Primary schools, just over 37,000 days (the equivalent of over 220,000 teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence.

*Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see **Every Learner Every Day!***

Please try to avoid booking term time holidays if you can as this affects attendance and your child will miss learning and their attendance rate will go down.

*At Monkton, we want to see **every learner every day**. Check out this inspiring video about our commitment to providing every learner with the opportunity to succeed!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nA0nqdDEtq&pp=yqUWc291dGgqYXlyc2hpccmUqY291bmNpbA%3D%3D>

We follow [South Ayrshire Guidance on Attendance](#) but have created our own [policy](#). We are aiming for every child to have attendance of **95% and above** - you can check your child's attendance on parentsportal at any time. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will issue a letter to alert you to this and to offer support to try to improve this.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please submit the absence via Parentsportal or if your child is in the EYC, please contact the school office on **01292 473456** or email **Monkton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk** as soon as is possible in the morning of the absence. Please **do not message on Instagram or Seesaw** to inform us of an absence as we cannot guarantee that this will be read / accessed each morning. If you do not contact us, we will contact you to check the reason for your child's absence.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

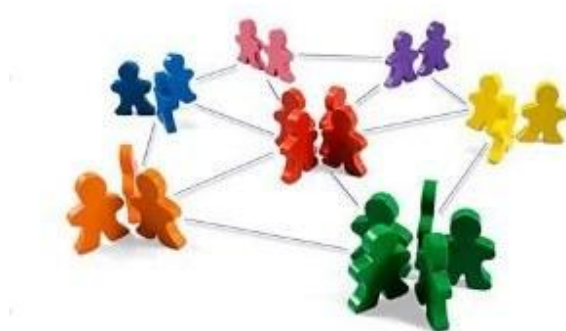


Relationships and Behaviour at Monkton

At Monkton, we have high expectations in relation to behaviour. We have a clear and structured Relationships and Behaviour policy within the EYC and school which is reviewed every few years in consultation with all of our stakeholders – pupils, parents and staff. As a Gold Rights Respecting School, we will continue to embed our school charters and each class has created individual class charters to ensure that everyone has shared high expectations across the school and EYC. Our expectations are discussed and reinforced within classrooms, the playground and at monthly assemblies. The aim is always to encourage children to take responsibility for the choices they make in relation to the way that they behave. As you will appreciate, some children's perception of situations does not always match that of others. All incidents are recorded and monitored by staff. Parents are contacted when required.

In August, we sent out a [parent guide](#) detailing this policy with the newsletter and asked you to discuss the expectations with your child. Thank you.

One of our school and EYC values is '**Equity**'. Where some children require extra support for literacy or numeracy, other children may require enhanced support to help them to regulate their emotions and behaviour. Our nurturing staff are trained to support this. We live in a very diverse society, where some children have experienced trauma or are diagnosed as having ADHD or Autism. These children will be nurtured and supported by the entire Monkton Community to achieve their fullest potential, whilst also being supported to learn to take responsibility for their actions. We thank all parents / carers for showing a great awareness and understanding of this. We are well supported by the local authority with this, as we all work together to ensure equity and that "**In Monkton, everyone is included!**" (one of our aims). Thank you!



Sharing Achievements

This session, children will continue to be encouraged to share their achievements in the school and EYC. If your child has an achievement, they should bring it into the school / EYC to share with their EYP / teacher and peers on a **Friday**. Alternatively, a photo can be sent on Seesaw (EYC) or emailed to Monkton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk which will be passed on. Our P7 Achievement Ambassadors look forward to updating our Achievement Board with achievements from across the school and EYC. Thank you!



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



**HARVEST
COLLECTION**

**COLLECTION
POINT HERE**

**SHOPPING LIST
MOST NEEDED**

- Longlife tinned
- Tinned Curry Recipes
- Tinned soups
- Longlife milk, milk longlife powder
- Tinned Tins
- Longlife cereals
- Tinned fruit & veg
- Longlife stock
- Longlife pasta
- Longlife cooking oil
- Longlife margarine

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



**South Ayrshire Foodbank**

info@southayrshire.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity (1180841)

Starting Primary One in August 2027?
Prestwick Cluster would like to invite you to visit our schools.



Heathfield Primary
Thursday 22nd Oct
4-5pm



Glenburn Primary
Tuesday 20th Oct
4-5pm



Monkton Primary
Wednesday 21st
4-5pm



Symington Primary
Tuesday 20th Oct
4-5pm



Kingcase Primary
Wednesday 21st Oct
4-5pm



St Ninians Primary
Open door policy-
please call to book in



Monkton Primary School PARENT COUNCIL

♥ SUPPORT ♥ FUND ♥ MAKE MEMORIES ♥ TOGETHER ♥

Together
We Make A
Difference
♥

Who's Who?

Chair	Leeanne McClelland
Treasurer	Katie Campbell
Secretary	Megan Cawte

Contact us

✉ monktonparentcouncil@outlook.com

📘 Monkton Parent Council Group (on Facebook)

We're always happy to hear from you! ♥

Our Aims

- ✓ Support the school and its pupils
- ✓ Raise funds for extra resources and experiences
- ✓ Organise fun events for children and families
- ✓ Work alongside the school and local community
- ✓ Give every child the opportunity to make amazing memories

Together we can make a difference ♥

Fundraising Update 2025/26

Thanks to our amazing school community, we've raised...

Halloween Disco £294	BAE Systems Donation £100	M.L. Williams Donation £150	Christmas Cards £257	Spring Disco £169
Christmas Fayre £276	Troon Round Table £360	Gala £152	Name Tags £28	World Book Day £67

Total Fundraising Income 2025/26
£1,853

An amazing total!
Thank you! ♥

What We Helped Fund

Halloween & Spring Discos

Panto buses & snacks

Sports t-shirts

Tablet cases

P7 leavers cakes

Investing in our children's experiences ♥
And so much more! ♥

CHILDREN + COMMUNITY + OPPORTUNITIES + BRIGHTER TOMORROWS ♥



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♥

Events Planned for This Year

- Halloween Disco**
Thursday 29th October
- Christmas Card Sales**
November/December
- Christmas Fayre**
December (date TBC)
- Troon Round Table Santa Float**
December (date TBC)
- Spring Disco**
February 2027 (date TBC)
- World Book Day**
March 2027 (date TBC)
- Monkton Gala**
Saturday 5th June
- More events to be organised...**
Watch this space!

All events help support our amazing school and children! ♥

Fun events brighter tomorrows ♥

Get Involved!

We're looking for people who can share their time, skills or talents to help provide exciting opportunities for our children.

Coach Sports Teams

Music

Art & Crafts

Drama

Gardening

Any Other Talent!

If you can help in any way, we'd love to hear from you! ♥

Have Your Say!

We want to hear from you!

- ✓ Share your ideas
- ✓ Tell us what events you'd like to see
- ✓ Let us know how we can support our school
- ✓ Help shape future fundraising and activities

Your opinion matters! ♥

Together we can make Monkton

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Volunteer at events (even a small amount of time makes a big difference)
- ✓ Share ideas for future events and activities
- ✓ Support with fundraising

- ✓ Donate prizes, resources or sponsorship
- ✓ Spread the word and follow our updates
- ✓ Get in touch at monktonparentcouncil@outlook.com or via our Monkton Parent Council Group on Facebook

Many hands make light work! ♥

A Huge Thank You Hazel!

After an incredible 7 years as Chair, Hazel Duncan is stepping down. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Hazel for all her time, effort and commitment to the Parent Council and the children of Monkton Primary. You've made such a difference! ♥



Your dedication, kindness and support will always be appreciated ♥

CHILDREN + COMMUNITY + OPPORTUNITIES + BRIGHTER TOMORROWS ♥



We are excited to officially launch the new **Panda Pals Club** thanks to help from the new Ayr United Supporters Association.

We would be delighted if you would be able to pass this information on to the parents of your pupils and/or have the attached poster visible across the school. I understand this may not be possible, but any help would be greatly appreciated as we would love to help build a new generation of lifelong Ayr United supporters.

This is open to our younger supporters aged 13 and under. Members will receive an exclusive welcome pack, an invitation to Panda Pals Club exclusive events, half-time interactive games with Pandemonium and be able to participate in competitions throughout the season.

Membership for Season 2026/2027 is limited to 100 and costs **£20**. You can become a member in the club shop or via our online store.

The welcome pack includes an exclusive Panda Pals bag, an exclusive Panda Pals cap, colouring pencils, stickers, sweets and an all-important membership card. Young fans can have their cards stamped at each match for a chance to win some exciting prizes at the end of the season.

You can become a member [ONLINE HERE](#).

Maximising Attendance Policy



Monkton Primary School

Attendance at School - Every Learner, Every Day

At Monkton Primary School, we believe that excellent attendance is essential for every child to achieve their full potential. Regular attendance helps pupils develop strong learning habits, build positive relationships and take part fully in school life.

It is the legal duty of every parent or guardian under The Education (Scotland) Act 1980, (Section 30) to provide sufficient education for their child who is of school age. Every school is required to keep an attendance register of every child/young person and record the reasons given for any absence.

We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that all pupils attend school regularly and punctually.

Our Expectations

We expect all pupils to:

- Attend school every day unless unwell or there are exceptional circumstances - aiming for **at least 95%** attendance.
- Arrive on time and ready to learn every day.

We expect parents/carers to:

- Ensure their child attends school every day whenever possible.
- Notify the school promptly if their child is absent.
- Avoid arranging holidays or appointments during term time where possible.
- Work with the school to address any attendance concerns.

Working Together

How you can help:

- Encourage routine - establishing a daily routine can make it easier for your child to get to school on time and be ready to learn.
- Monitor health - while we encourage excellent attendance, we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable. In these cases, we ask that you notify the school promptly. Children should stay at home if they are too unwell to attend school. Parents/carers can seek medical advice from Monkton Pharmacy.
- Follow current NHS/[public health guidance](#) regarding illness and infectious diseases.
- Communicate - if your child is facing any challenges that might affect their attendance please let us know and we will be happy to try to help and find a solution. If we can identify the underlying cause for the absence then we can work together to take action to resolve the issue quickly and improve attendance.

Why is 95% Attendance Important?

- Learning consistency
- Social development
- Routine and responsibility

Monkton Primary School Attendance Policy
Discussed, reviewed and agreed by a group of 13 P5-7 pupils on 23.9.26
Reviewed by a group of parents by 28.9.26

Updated: September 2026

Punctuality

Children should arrive at school by 9am each day. The gates open at 8.50am.

Late arrival:

- Disrupts learning for the child and the class.
- Is logged on an attendance record.
- Will result in follow-up contact from the school where lateness becomes a pattern.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, parents/carers should:

- Contact the school office (via parentsportal) before the start of the school day/by 9.15am at the latest.
- Provide the reason for the absence.
- Keep the school informed if the absence continues for more than one day.
- If a child is marked absent by the class teacher and parents/carers have not informed school, office staff will send a message asking for the reason for the absence.
- If a parent / carer does not respond to this message, then phone call(s) will be made to all contacts that are held on our system.
- If there is still no response, then it may be necessary to carry out a home visit to ensure that the child is safe and well.

Monitoring Attendance

To ensure that your child is having the best chances at school, both educationally and socially, South Ayrshire Council and Monkton Primary School regularly monitor attendance and lateness.

Where attendance becomes a concern (falls below 90%), we will:

- Contact parents/carers to discuss the situation via letter/phone call/meeting. All parents with parental rights and responsibilities will be informed.
- Offer support and guidance.
- Work together to identify and address any barriers to attendance.
- If there are persistent unexplained absences and when attendance remains below 90%, a Team with the Family meeting may be convened and referrals to other agencies may be made.

Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.
- Supporting pupils and families experiencing attendance difficulties.
- Working collaboratively with parents, carers and external agencies to improve attendance and wellbeing.

You can check your child's attendance by logging into parentsportal and clicking the 'Attendance' tab.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that your child has excellent attendance at school. Our focus is on promoting positive attendance habits and supporting families where difficulties arise.





Supporting Early Literacy At Home

1 Phonological Awareness

2 Vocabulary

3 Alliteration

4 Rhyme

5 Syllables

6 Word Awareness

1 Phonological Awareness

Phonological awareness is a child's ability to hear and play with the sounds in words, such as rhymes, syllables, and individual sounds.

It helps children learn how words are made up of sounds, which is an important foundation for reading and spelling.

Singing songs, clapping out syllables, and playing rhyming games at home are fun, simple ways parents can support their child's phonological awareness every day.

Reading is a great way to spend time with your child and have fun but there are many more skills we can develop through reading stories

Children love the magic of stories - read a book everyday! Here are a few examples of the things you could do whilst reading a story with your child:

- Retelling/re-enacting stories using puppets or toys.
- Discussing new words/phrases.
- Ask your child to identify parts of the book for example front/back cover, title page and spine.
- Discuss characters and events.

2 Vocabulary

Explicitly teaching new vocabulary while reading stories helps children better understand what they hear and read. Taking a moment to explain unfamiliar words, link them to your child's experiences, or act them out together makes the meaning clearer and more memorable.

Learning new words in the context of a story, builds:

- Comprehension.
- Language development.
- Vocabulary.

3 Alliteration

You can help your child to say and read the sounds. Please remember it is the sound that is important not the letter name. For example "a" not "A". Before you go any further, scan the QR code to practise saying the sounds.



Important: We say 'mmmm' not 'muh' and 'llll' not 'luh' when teaching the sounds. This really helps children when they learn to blend sounds together to read words.

4 Rhyme

Rhyme is when two words sound the same at the end, for example duck and truck. Here are a few examples of the things you could do to promote rhyme:

- Enjoy singing nursery rhymes together.
- Read rhyming picture books.
- Make up your own silly rhyming words (children love this).






dog

rhymes with
→


log


cat

rhymes with
→


bat

5 Syllables

When reading stories at home, help your child tune into syllables by clapping or tapping the beats in words. Encourage them to listen for how words can be broken into smaller parts and try counting the syllables together. You can make it fun by:

- Whispering each part of the word.
- Jumping once for every syllable you hear.
- Clapping the beats in the word.

These playful activities build early reading skills and help children become more confident with new and unfamiliar words.





6 Word Awareness

You can encourage word awareness while reading stories by pointing to each word as you read and talking about how words are separated by spaces. Pause occasionally to show that sentences are made up of individual words, and invite your child to help you count a few words on the page. You might also repeat a favourite sentence and ask them to spot a specific word. These simple activities help children understand that print carries meaning and supports early reading development.






southayrshireads@south-ayrshire.gov.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.

If your child is in the school, please report absences before 9:15am 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. If your child is unwell, please adhere to the exclusion period e.g. 48 hours after last bout of sickness or diarrhea. This will keep others healthy and safe. If your child is in the EYC, please report their absence to the office via phone or email. Our full attendance policy can be found [here](#).

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.

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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Monkton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



<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!