

Bishop Monkton Church of England Primary School

Act Justly, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with God; Micah 6:8

Newsletter

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11th September 2026

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Bishop Monkton Primary School. I hope you and your families have enjoyed a relaxing summer break. I am delighted to begin my first year as Headteacher and can honestly say that it has been a wonderful first week. The school has been filled with energy, smiles and a real enthusiasm for learning. We also warmly welcome all of our new families who have joined us this year. It has been fantastic to see how quickly the children have settled into school life, and we look forward to working together throughout the year ahead.

Change to Mornings

The gates will open at 8.45am and parents/carers can bring children onto the playground from which they can go straight into school as soon as they arrive. Children should enter via their external classroom door.

We ask that parents do not take children around the school building. Mrs West will be at the Robins Gate to see Robins children into class while key stage 2 children make their way independently to their classroom.

A member of staff will be on the playground if you have any messages or queries for the day.

Communication

At the start of the school year parents are provided with a Calendar of Events for the year which will be emailed to you next week. Every Friday afternoon an email is sent to parents with the weekly newsletter. This contains important messages for parents as well as a reminder of forthcoming dates. Additionally, there may be some other notices that are emailed out at the same time. All letters from school are put on the website and can be found under News and Events/ Newsletters, so if you are unsure, please do look here. The school calendar as well as term dates are also found here. We aim to send out very few reminders, preferring parents to use the website as a source of information, but if we do, these would be through the Arbor App. Contact details for email addresses and mobile numbers therefore need to be kept up to date.



Parents are requested to put all **email communication** through the school office using admin@bishopmonkton.n-yorks.sch.uk rather than emailing teachers directly. This will allow teachers to focus on their classes and enable Mrs Worthington to direct your questions to the most appropriate member of staff. However, most answers can be found on the school website.

Payments to school

All **payments** should be made through Arbor App / Portal. We request that school dinners are paid for in advance. Non-payment can mean that your child may not be able to have a school dinner so please ensure prompt payment. In these more testing times financial help is available from

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Quackers Before and After School Club

All parents are welcome to make use of our before and after school club, Quackers. We have a flexible booking system which can be used on a daily basis. Just contact the school office to book your child's place. We accept all Childcare Voucher payments along with payment through Arbor App / Portal. All fees must be paid by the 10th of each month and children will not be able to attend if payment is not received.

Uniform

A reminder to **please label everything**. Please can all children have coats in school, however nice the weather seems. We will go out in all weathers so canvas-style school shoes are not suitable. Please, no jewellery in school. If your child does have pierced ears, small studs are allowed but these have to be taken out for PE lessons for safety reasons.



Healthy school: As a school that promotes good physical and mental health we ask that all mid-morning snacks brought in, are healthy. Options could include fruit, cheese or non-sugary cereal bars. Please no crisps, chocolate-coated bars or sweets. All children in Robins and Puffins are provided with daily fruit in school so you may feel that it is not necessary to provide an additional snack. Drinking bottles are for water only please.

URGENT: We need you for BeckBusters 2026

BeckBusters is just one week away!

On Sunday 20 September we are holding our annual 2K Fun Run and 10K race through the village, with runners welcomed onto the school's back field for what is always a brilliant day and an unmissable atmosphere.

It's a great opportunity for the whole school community to come together, have fun, put on an amazing show and raise £1,000s for the school.

But we cannot put the event on without you. We urgently need your help now to:

- Bake cakes and other sweet treats for the cake stand
- Volunteer to help on the day – selling cakes, managing the tombola and helping with the countless other jobs that make the event happen
- Sign your children up for the 2K Fun Run – [click here to sign up](#)
- Donate gifts for the tombola – next Friday (18th September) is non-uniform day at school, if you bring a tombola prize.
- Buy raffle tickets. We have some great prizes and the committee will be out and about next week selling tickets - look out for us.

There's still time to enter the 10K too!

BeckBusters is a brilliant, flat course that is perfect for those running their first 10K, as well as seasoned runners hoping for a personal best.

[Sign up for the 10K here](#) – you won't regret it!

If you can help, or have any questions, please contact the committee at beckbusters@gmail.com, speak to Mrs Worthington at the school, or get in touch with one of the committee members listed below.

Thank you in advance for your help. We really couldn't do this without you.

BeckBusters 2026 Committee (Vic Porter, Jo Langton, Julia Russell, Phil Alcock, Ruth Alcock, Anna Kirby, Alex Hawkes)

Forthcoming Diary Dates:

Fri 18th Sept :	Non Uniform Day , children to come in Sportswear and bring a prize for the Beckbusters Tombola.
Sun 20th Sept:	Beckbusters 2k & 10k
Mon 28th Sept	Flu Immunisations Whole School not including Wrens
Tues 6th Oct	Tempest Photography AM Individual and Family photographs
Thurs 22nd Oct	3.30pm break up for half term holiday

Kind regards
Kelly Reppold
Headteacher

