

Bishop Monkton Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn 1 week 5

October 9th 2026



It has been another lovely week at school, full of learning, exciting developments and, most importantly, lots of happy faces! Many people have supported with our library developments this half term but I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Dell, who has been working incredibly hard on this project. She has made fantastic progress, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that everything stays on schedule for a grand opening straight after half term. The children are already very excited about it! The children have also been busy preparing for our Harvest Festival. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and effort as they practise, and we are so grateful for the generous donations we have received so far. Thank you for your continued kindness and support. Around school, things are looking especially colourful thanks to Mr Wenham and the beautiful flower display kindly donated by Newby Hall. Ospreys thoroughly enjoyed their tennis sessions at the village playing fields this week, while our EYFS children have been delighted as new resources continue to arrive for their learning environment. We would also like to thank you for the many lovely comments and positive feedback we've received from parents and carers this week. Your support means a great deal to us. We appreciate that many children are keen to use the new trim trail, and we apologise that it is not yet fully open. We are currently waiting for the official inspection report, which will confirm how it can be used safely. In the meantime, the children have been having a fantastic time exploring the range of new outdoor equipment available to them. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and encouragement. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Mrs Reppold.

Collective Worship

Philippians 2:3

"In humility value others above yourselves."

Our Collective Worship theme this half term is **Generosity**. Through our worship and Picture News sessions, pupils have been exploring School Lunches. Our story this week was 'One' by Kathryn Otoshi.

The book uses colours and numbers to teach children about acceptance, courage, and overcoming bullying.



Harvest Celebration: 16th October 9.30am St John's Church – All are welcome.



Upcoming Dates

Autumn Term 2026

12th October – Parents' Consultation Meetings from 2.30pm onwards

Harvest Celebration- 16th October

19th October – Ospreys Sculpture Workshop in School

November

3rd November – Ospreys York Chocolate Story

5th November- Gardening Afternoon- parents welcome

11th November – Remembrance Service

15th November – Anti-Bullying Week Begins

29th November - FOBMS Christmas Fair

House Points this week

Nidderdale	Swaledale	Wensleydale	Wharfedale
172	173	158	133



We have a beautiful new selection of autumn books in school which children can share in school.

Gardening Afternoon 5th November 2026

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Gardening Afternoon on Thursday, November 5th! This special event is a fantastic opportunity to support our children's well-being and boost outdoor learning, while working together to create a vibrant, beautiful environment ready for when winter ends.

Event Details & Clothing

During the afternoon, children will be working with their class to plant spring bulbs, shrubs, and flowers all around the school grounds. To make sure everyone stays comfortable and ready to dig in:

- **What to wear:** Children may wear joggers or leggings instead of their usual school trousers or skirts. School uniform is completely optional for the day. Please send them in clothes you don't mind getting a little muddy!
- **What to bring:** Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and brings a pair of sturdy shoes or a pair of wellies.



How You Can Help

- **Join us:** Parents, carers, and grandparents are warmly invited to come along from 2:00 PM to lend a helping hand.
- **Donations needed:** We would be extremely grateful for donations of spring bulbs, shrubs, plants, and plant pots in the run-up to the event. Any contributions can be dropped off at the school office, for example:
 - Alliums
 - Tulips
 - Winter aconites
 - Crocuses
 - Iris
 - Daffodils

We will of course closely supervise children with bulbs.

If anyone has any plant pots they could donate too that would be great!

We can't wait to get our hands dirty and build something wonderful for our school community! Thank you as always for your brilliant support.

Safeguarding in School

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Kelly Reppold

Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Rachel West and Sarah Worthington.

Our Safeguarding Governor is Anna Kirby

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of any child, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team.



Absence from School

If your child is absent from school because of illness, we ask that you advise the school (email, Arbor App, telephone call, in person at the school office) to explain why your child will not be attending. If we are not notified, then we will contact you to establish the reason for your child's absence.

Attendance this week:

98.55%

Medical Appointments

To minimise disruption to learning, we kindly ask parents to arrange routine medical appointments, including dental, optical and non-urgent medical appointments, outside of the school day wherever possible. We appreciate that this is not always feasible and, in some cases, appointments can only be offered during school hours. In these circumstances, please inform the school office in advance and provide appointment details where possible. Thank you for your support in helping us maximise children's time in school and ensure they benefit from every learning opportunity.