



## MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Nursery FS1 Class 1— AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're pleased to share that the children have settled in wonderfully this term, making a fantastic start in Foundation Stage 1. They are building friendships, exploring new routines, and showing a real curiosity about the world around them.

This term, we'll begin our new topic, *Does everyone celebrate Christmas?* Through stories, songs, and activities, we'll explore different ways people celebrate and reflect on the season.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We're looking forward to an exciting and joyful term ahead!

Warm regards,  
The Foundation Stage 1 Team

#### SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:

Mrs Lee - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Ms Travis – Trust Safeguarding Lead  
Ms Tyrrell – Trust Safeguarding Lead



## CLASS NEWS



### FS1 Phonics Overview

In **FS1 (Foundation Stage 1)**, phonics is an essential part of the early literacy curriculum, as it helps young children develop the foundational skills needed for reading and writing. At this stage, phonics is all about introducing children to the sounds that letters and groups of letters make, and helping them understand how these sounds work together to form words.

Here's a breakdown of what FS1 phonics typically involves:

#### 1. Listening to Sounds

Before children start to match sounds to letters, they first need to tune in to the different sounds around them. In FS1, children practice:

- **Listening to environmental sounds:** This includes sounds from the world around them, such as birds, vehicles, animals, or sounds in the classroom.
- **Rhyming games and songs:** Rhymes help children begin to recognize patterns in sounds, which is a key precursor to phonics learning.



Friday is Book Bag Day in our class! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their love of reading, explore new stories, and take home books to enjoy over the weekend. Here's everything you need to know about how it works: **Why Book Bag Day?**

- **Encourages Daily Reading at Home:**  
Regular reading at home is key to developing a child's literacy skills. Book Bag Day provides a great way for families to make reading part of their weekend routine.
- **Builds Confidence:**  
Reading at home, in a relaxed setting, helps children feel more confident about their reading abilities, without the pressure of being in the classroom.
- **Fosters a Love of Books:**  
By choosing books they are excited about, children can build a genuine love for reading, helping them develop into lifelong readers.
- **Family Involvement:**  
This program provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and caregivers to get involved in their child's learning journey, creating a bond over stories and supporting their child's literacy development.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

Attending school every day and on time gives our children the best opportunities to develop their potential to the full.

### FS1 Key Dates

November	
11.11.24	Remembrance Day
12.11.24	INSET DAY
13.11.24	Anti-Bullying Day-Wear odd socks
15.11.24	Children in Need
December	
04.12.24	Christmas Fayre (after school)
11.12.24	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
16.12.24	FS1 Christmas party PM
17.12.24	FS1 Xmas Performance 9:30am

This half term we will be focusing on PSED, putting our coats and hats on and practising with our shoes.

Please keep sending photos via Dojo for circle time of special moments.

### This half terms well-being tip is:

A simple yet powerful way to support the wellbeing of young children is to introduce **mindful breathing**.

This practice can help children manage their emotions, feel more grounded, and improve focus and relaxation.