MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right

This month's value is Resilience

Dear Families,

Well, what a start to the year! The children have been absolutely remarkable – and our brand-new Reception children even more so. I think we had all forgotten just how tiring a school day can be (and that's just me!), but the children have dived straight in with energy, smiles, and plenty of enthusiasm.
This week has been all about settling in, reminding ourselves of school expectations, and rebuilding those all-important class bonds as "new classes." Each class has already set up their charters, prayer books, rules, and responsibilities – a wonderful way to begin the year.

The curriculum has kicked off at full speed, with a rich variety of learning already taking place: from developing art skills to paint self-portraits, to working with clay, learning orienteering outdoors, separating materials in science, enjoying drama, and even finding time for some joyful singing. It's hard to believe they've only been back for just over a week!

The term diary has now gone out with all the key dates you'll need, and it is also available on our website. You can also find information about clubs, after-school provision, and lunches online. If you have any difficulties accessing anything, please do get in touch with the school office and we will be happy to help.
Thank you as well to the parents who came along to the "Meet the Teacher" sessions this week – I hope you found them useful. For anyone unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentations have been uploaded to Google Classroom so you can catch up at your convenience.

A big highlight was the appointment of our new House Captains. Every single child who stood delivered fantastic speeches showing true commitment and courage. A huge well done to Oscar, Raphaella, Remi, Tommy, Erdem, Oscar, and Amelia – I know you will all make wonderful House Captains this year.

This Sunday is Education Sunday, and we warmly invite you to join us at St Mary's Church at 10.30 to celebrate the start of the academic year. Children are welcome to bring their book bags to be blessed, and afterwards there will be games on the common. It's always a lovely community occasion, and I do hope you can come along.

On a personal note, I can hardly believe this is my seventh year as Headteacher here at Monken Hadley. I've already started meeting families for next year's Reception intake, and it's wonderful to hear how warmly our school is regarded in the local area. I truly believe that reputation comes down to our supportive, caring community – so thank you, as always, for everything you do. Here's to another exciting school year, full of adventures and achievements.

Have a super weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all at the gate on Monday morning.

Ms. Eyres

Monken Hadley Gallery

House Captains 2025-26

Stars of the Week

Just some of our new Reception!