



MONTEM ACADEMY

The Park Federation Academy Trust

Montem Newsletter

May 15th, 2026
Edition 3

Principal's update

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. They approached each day with resilience, determination, and a positive attitude throughout.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring your children arrived at school on time, well rested, and ready to do their best each day. Your encouragement and partnership have made a huge difference.

A special thank you must also go to our dedicated Year 6 teachers and support staff, whose hard work, care, and encouragement have helped guide and prepare the children every step of the way. Their commitment throughout the year has been exceptional, and we are incredibly grateful for all they have done.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Nel
Principal

Dates for your diary

15th May - 21st May

Year 2 SATs week

18th - 20th May

Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

19th May

Year 5 Parent Meetings

20th May

Reception National Number Day - See Dojo for details

21st May

Last Day of Term

22nd May

School closed - INSET day

23rd - 31st May

Half Term Break

1st June

Back to school - Summer Term 2 (8:40 am start)

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for a parent to join our Academy Council.

You do not need to be an expert in education; we are simply looking for someone who cares about our school community and is passionate about supporting the continued success and development of the academy.

The role involves attending one strategic meeting each half term, reading relevant information and documents beforehand, and visiting the school to review key areas of the academy's work.

If you would like to find out more about this rewarding opportunity, please complete an [expression of interest form](#) and we will be in touch with further information.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🏆 1st place:

3 Sequoia- 100%

🥈 2nd place:

6 Sequoia- 99.33%

🥉 3rd place:

2 Oak - 99%

Classes with 100% attendance will have a non-uniform day.



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Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

We are excited to announce a fantastic enrichment opportunity for our KS2 pupils - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball! A specialist company will be visiting Montem from 18th - 20th May to deliver fun and engaging dodgeball sessions during the school day for each class from Y3 - Y6.

Children will be given glow-in-the-dark wristbands to wear during the sessions to make the experience even more memorable. The sessions aim to keep children active, encourage teamwork, and provide an exciting new experience for pupils to enjoy.

GLOW DODGEBALL

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**18TH - 20TH
MAY**



Y3 - Y6



**FUN, ACTIVE
& GLOWING!**

GET READY FOR AN EPIC GLOW EXPERIENCE!

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Reception National Number Day

Reception will be taking part in National Number Day on **Wednesday 20th May**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a number! Throughout the day, the children will enjoy lots of fun maths activities whilst developing their number knowledge and skills.

There are lots of creative costume ideas, such as wearing a t-shirt with favourite numbers, dressing as a Numberblock character, or wearing a number headband. Children can be as creative as they like!

We look forward to seeing all of the fantastic costumes and enjoying a fun-filled day of maths learning together.

Montem's New Immersive Classroom

We are excited to share that Montem Academy now has a brand-new state-of-the-art immersive classroom. This innovative learning space uses interactive visuals, sound, and technology to create engaging experiences that bring learning to life for our pupils.

Children have already enjoyed accessing the immersive classroom and exploring a range of exciting environments and experiences. The immersive classroom provides opportunities to deepen understanding across the curriculum whilst encouraging creativity, curiosity, communication, and engagement through memorable hands-on learning experiences.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact this fantastic new resource will have on teaching and learning across the school.



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RECEPTION DONATIONS REQUEST

Our Reception children are thoroughly enjoying learning and playing outdoors, especially in our mud kitchen area! 

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following items that you no longer need at home: 



Children's wellies
suitable for
Reception-aged children 



Plastic or metal
kitchen utensils
(e.g. spoons, pots,
pans, ladles)



Mixing bowls, trays,
muffin tins or similar
kitchen items suitable
for outdoor play 

If you have any items
you would be happy
to donate, please bring
them to the school
office or Reception
classroom. 

Thank you for your
continued support –
the children really benefit
from these wonderful
play opportunities! 

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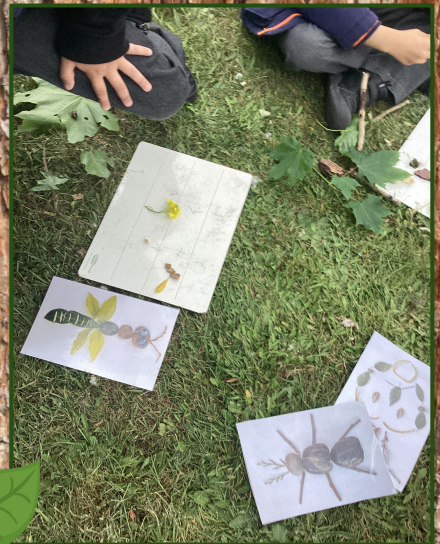
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Exploring Nature

Reception children have been enjoying taking part in Forest School activities this term. During our outdoor learning sessions, the children explored the natural environment and collected a variety of natural materials such as leaves, sticks, stones and petals.

Using their creativity and imagination, the children worked carefully to create faces and animals using the materials they found. It was wonderful to see them collaborating, problem-solving and talking about their ideas while enjoying the outdoors.

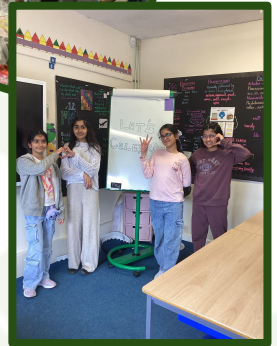


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A Week of Hard Work and High Spirits: Year 6 SATS

What a monumental week it has been for our Year 6 pupils! After months of preparation, focus, and perhaps a few butterflies, our students have officially completed their SATS.

From the first paper on Monday to the final one yesterday, the dedication shown by every single child has been nothing short of inspiring. We have watched them tackle complex comprehensions, tricky arithmetic, and those famous reasoning problems with grit and determination. Their growth—not just academically, but in their resilience and work ethic—has been the true highlight of the term.

The Year 6 teaching team and the wider school staff are bursting with pride. Although SATs week can be an incredibly intense time, our pupils handled the challenge with remarkable maturity and grace.

Time to Celebrate! To mark the end of this significant milestone, the pens were swapped for party poppers! The atmosphere shifted from focused silence to pure joy as the pupils spent the end of the week celebrating their success.

Well done, Year 6! You have navigated this week brilliantly. Now, it's time to look forward to a fantastic final term filled with more memories and fun before the big move to secondary school.

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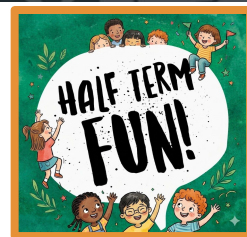
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Half-Term Fun!

With the half-term holidays just around the corner, we've put together a guide to help you and your family make the most of the break. Attached, you'll find plenty of information on local activities and events to keep everyone Entertained.

While it's a great time for fun, we also encourage our students to prioritise **rest, fresh air and exercise**. These essentials will help them recharge their batteries and return to school feeling energised and ready for a new term of learning!



Britwell

Community Action Day

Friday

29 May

12noon-4pm

Come along!

Britwell Parish
Council Community
Centre, Long Furlong
Drive SL2 2PH

Groups attending include:

Family hubs • Libraries
• Resource Productions •
Yes consortium (Together as One)
• CARDO • Britwell Youth
Project • Storyy Group •
Animation Expressions • Salt
Hill VR • Football tournament

FREE EVENT

A day for
**community,
connection and fun**

For more information
please contact:
communitysafety1@slough.gov.uk



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Discover and create this half-term at Slough Libraries



Free family activities that help children
explore the past and develop their artistic skills

Station Jim Draw-A-Thon with Korky Paul

Korky Paul, the energetic, interactive illustrator welcomes you to this fast-paced, fun-filled workshop. Korky will demonstrate how to draw colourful, witty, energetic, and animated illustrations.

Station Jim is a Victorian taxidermy dog who can be seen on Platform 5 of Slough Train Station.

Come along and see Korky drawing Station Jim and use your imagination to create your own portrait of Slough's best loved dog.



Suitable for children 5-11 years old and their grown-ups!

The Curve 28 May
Session 1: 11am-12noon
Session 2: 2-3pm

Booking essential via Eventbrite
sloughlibraries.eventbrite.com

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Slough stargazers

Learn about Slough's connection to space and the important discoveries made by astronomers William and Caroline Herschel. Decorate a telescope and tell us what you see in the stars.



Drop-in suitable for children aged 5+

Gippenham Library Wednesday 27 May, 2-3pm

The Curve Friday 29 May, 11am-12.30pm

Create a crown

Make your own laurel leaf crown to wear, just like a Roman Emperor.



Drop-in craft activity, suitable for children aged 5+

Langley Library Tuesday 26 May, 2-3pm

Britwell Library Thursday 28 May, 11am-12noon

Take home a bundle of non-fiction books to continue your learning journey throughout the holidays. Library membership is free and gives you access to both print and digital books. You can join online at www.slough.gov.uk/libraries

Please note the age guidance for activities. Parents and carers should stay at the library during the activity. Our regular story times are paused during the school holidays.

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Choose Fun



HOLIDAY CLUB

**Holiday club for 3-12
year olds**

**May half term Tue 26th -
Fri 29th**

**Huge choice of over 50+
activities**

**Open 8am - 6pm at Long
Close School, Slough**



**Sibling, full day & weekly
discounts available**

**Tax Free Childcare vouchers
accepted**



**For more
information:**



www.fun-fest.co.uk/hounslow



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Fun Fest Holiday Clubs

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Keep your child safe online

We are committed to supporting parents, carers, and trusted adults with the knowledge and guidance needed to have informed conversations about online safety with children. This guide highlights one of many important online safety topics that adults should be aware of.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the Features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.

How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



Stay safe online