



Principal's update

This week, our Year 2 pupils completed their end-of-key-stage assessments and I have been incredibly proud of the resilience, determination, and positive attitudes they demonstrated throughout the week. The children approached each assessment with confidence and should feel very proud of all they have achieved this year.

As we move into warmer weather, this can have an impact during the school day. To keep our pupils safe and comfortable after the half-term break, please ensure your child brings a full water bottle each day, has suncream applied before school, and wears a named sun hat or cap for protection. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful, restful half-term break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school, refreshed and ready to learn, on **Monday 1st June**. Have a wonderful week!

Mrs Nel
Principal



Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check (MTC)

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4. The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. This half term, children in Year 4 will be taking their multiplication tables check (MTC).

The MTC will determine whether children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Children will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Good luck to all the year 4 children who will be completing their check during the week commencing 1st June



Dates for your diary

21st May

Last Day of Term

22nd May

School closed - INSET day

23rd - 31st May

Half Term Break

1st June

Back to school - Summer 2

2nd June

Y4 Mini Market (*KS2 children bring a £1 to spend*)

WC 1st June

Year 4 MTC

3 - 4th June

Year 3 Church Visit (TBC)

5 - 8th June

Y6 & Y6 PGL

WC 8th June

KS1 Phonics Screening

12th June

Diversity Day Picnic 2pm

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🏆 1st place:

2 Cedar - 98.75%

🥈 2nd place:

2 Sequoia - 98.3%

🥉 3rd place:

3 Sequoia - 98.2%

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



Census Day Raffle Excitement!

On Thursday 21st May, the school was buzzing with extra excitement for Census Day! To celebrate, every child who attended school was entered into a special raffle draw and they got a second raffle entry for choosing a delicious school lunch from the canteen.

Later in the day, the suspense reached an all-time high! All classes logged on to join Miss Matthews for a thrilling live online raffle draw.

Classrooms across the whole school joined in with loud, enthusiastic drumrolls on their desks! The children were on the edge of their seats waiting to see who would win a fantastic voucher and 50 Dojo points which was added straight to the winner's personal total.

The cheers could be heard all down the corridors every time a lucky name was announced!

Our Lucky Winners!

N Oak: Umer A
N Redwood: Adam M
N Cedar: Elon G
N Sequoia: Thanshika A

R Oak: Maaz S
R Redwood: Amayah A
R Cedar: Rameesha S
R Sequoia: Muneeb K

1 Oak: Rian K
1 Redwood: Vladimir F
1 Cedar: Aria p
1 Sequoia: Yaqoob K

2 Oak: Zi Man Z
2 Redwood: Risha P
2 Cedar: Mehr Y
2 Sequoia: Shaurya S

3 Oak: Mayank N
3 Redwood: Sarah R
3 Cedar: Hussain Y
3 Sequoia: Ahmed K

4 Oak: Reuben C
4 Redwood: Muhamad I
4 Cedar: Narjis R
4 Sequoia: Olivia C

5 Oak: Aleena K
5 Redwood: Emily F
5 Cedar: Mariam R
5 Sequoia: Anab A

6 Oak: Aleem Z
6 Redwood: Yahya S
6 Cedar: Ibrahim I
6 Sequoia: Sam B





Asthma Friendly School

After half term Montem will be changing the way we store asthma inhalers. These will now be stored in your child's classroom, and will be taken out to their PE lessons. Emergency inhalers will be available in all parts of the school. If your child has asthma and has an inhaler in school a letter will be coming home which you must complete to give consent for your child to use the emergency inhalers if needed. Please look out for this letter and return it signed as quickly as possible.

All staff are undergoing the asthma training needed for them to support your child in using their inhaler - this will reduce the amount of time your child spends out of class.

No child should miss out on any school lesson, activity, trip or sports event because they have asthma, and we will work with you to ensure your child is receiving the support they need.

Managing Your Child's Asthma at School: A Parent's Checklist

Please ensure your child has the following items at school **at all times**:

1. A Reliever Inhaler (Usually Blue)

- **Check the Expiry Date:** Please ensure the inhaler is in-date and has plenty of doses left.
- **Label it Clearly:** The inhaler **must** be provided in its original packaging with the prescription label showing your child's name and dosage instructions.

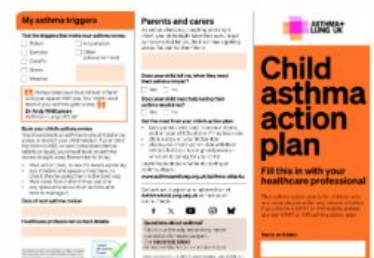
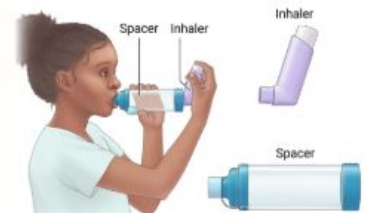
2. A Compatible Spacer Device

- **Why it matters:** Standard inhalers are much less effective without a spacer. The medicine needs a spacer to properly reach their lungs during a sudden flare-up.
- **Label it:** Please write your child's name clearly on the spacer with a permanent marker.

3. An Updated School Asthma Action Plan

- If you haven't already, please hand in a copy of your child's personalised Asthma Action Plan (provided by your GP or nurse).
- This tells staff exactly what your child's personal triggers are and what to do in an emergency.

What should I bring to school to help manage my Asthma?





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Eco-Schools Green Flag Award – Distinction for Montem Academy

We are incredibly proud to announce that Montem Academy has been awarded the **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award 2026 with Distinction!**

The assessors particularly praised the way our pupils have embraced a whole-school culture of caring for the environment. From regular litter-picking around the school grounds to taking positive action within the local community, pupils have shown real ownership and pride in making a difference. The report highlighted the visible reduction in litter, the decrease in waste-bin volume and, most importantly, the growing confidence of pupils in speaking up about environmental issues and encouraging others to care for the planet.

A very special thank you to Miss Samuel for her dedication and leadership in driving our Eco-Schools journey forward, and to our fantastic Eco-Warriors, whose enthusiasm and commitment have helped make such a positive impact across the school community.

Well done, Montem Academy together we are making a difference for our future!



Diversity Day - Friday 12th June starting at 2pm

Here at Montem we celebrate diversity - in our community, within our staff and within our Montem family. Diversity Day this year will be on **Friday 12th June**. Children will be dismissed from their class at **2.00pm** so that everyone is free to attend the picnic.

There will be games for you to play with your children in the Muga, ice creams and cold drinks available to purchase. The picnic will be on the field, and your children will be your responsibility once you have collected them from class. A letter will be coming home soon with all the details that you need.



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Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

This week, our KS2 pupils took part in an exciting Glow in the Dark Dodgeball enrichment event. The children had a fantastic time participating in energetic dodgeball sessions whilst enjoying the glow-in-the-dark experience complete with neon lights and glowing wristbands.

The event encouraged teamwork, resilience, communication, and physical activity, whilst giving pupils the opportunity to try something new and have fun with their classmates. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes shown by all of the children throughout the event.

A huge thank you to Mr Milstead and Mr Walters who helped to organise and support this memorable experience for our pupils.



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Countless Smiles for National Number Day!

On Wednesday 20th May, our Reception classes enjoyed participating in National Number Day!

The children looked absolutely brilliant in their costumes. We had fantastic custom t-shirts, creative number headbands, and even some amazing Numberblock characters walking around the classrooms! A huge thank you to all our families for helping the children dress up the effort was incredible.

Throughout the day, the children took part in loads of fun, hands-on maths activities and learning about numbers. Thank you again for making this such a memorable and joyful day of learning for our youngest pupils!



Number Day 2026



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Sports Days

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend their child's sport day. You will be able to watch your children take part in a variety of activities - it's always a popular day with the children and they have a lot of fun.

The timetable is below.

Please note you will need to enter through the Telford Drive gate, which will be open for you to arrive and to leave. It will not be possible for staff to open the gate for you to leave during the activities unless there is an emergency.

Please ensure your children have a hat, suncream applied at home, and a full water bottle that day. If the weather is too bad for the event to take place, we will post this on ClassDojo.

We look forward to enjoying the day with you all.

Monday 22/06/2026	AM 9am to 11am Year 2	PM 1pm to 3pm Year 1
Tuesday 23/06/2026	AM 9am to 11am Year 5	PM 1pm to 3pm Year 3
Thursday 25/06/2026	AM 9am to 11am Year 6	PM 1pm to 3pm Year 4
Friday 26/06/2026	AM 9am to 11am RECEPTION	Please check with the Nursery team for their event.

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YEAR 4

MINI-MARKET

Come along and support our
Year 4 entrepreneurs!

**TUESDAY
2ND JUNE
2026**

**AT
BREAKTIME**

**IN THE
SCHOOL HALL**

**ALL KS2 CHILDREN
ARE WELCOME
DURING THEIR
BREAKTIME**

A VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDING:

BOOKS

BOOKMARKS

BRACELETS

**FOOTBALL
CARDS**

**SWEET
TREATS**

MOST ITEMS WILL BE SOLD FOR £1!

**Come along, have a look, and grab a bargain while
supporting our Year 4 stall holders!**

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**LET'S
CELEBRATE**

Diversity Day at Montem Academy

Friday 12th June 2026 at
2.00pm on the school field

**Bring a picnic for you and your
children**



**Wear
traditional
clothes**

Chess



**Refreshments
to buy**

Games

Music

Montem's Map

**Children will be dismissed from their
classrooms to your care at 2.00pm, and will be
your responsibility.**

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Academy**

MONTEM IN CONCERT

A Spectacular Instrumental Performance

SAVE
THE
DATE

Friday 10th July 2026



In Association with Slough Music Service



MORNING CONCERT

9:30am



**ukulele
and
guitar**



AFTERNOON CONCERT

2:00pm



**violin
and
cello**



TICKETS £1 AT THE DOOR

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LONELINESS ONLINE:

What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

-  Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
-  Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
-  Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
-  People being unkind to me online
-  When friends leave my group chat



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- ☒ Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- ☒ Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- ☒ Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- ☒ Play single-player games you enjoy
- ☒ Listen to happy music
- ☒ Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- ☒ Send nice messages to your friends and family
- ☒ Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too



TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- ☒ Paint or draw pictures
- ☒ Play with a pet
- ☒ Write about your feelings
- ☒ Hang out with your family
- ☒ Get outdoors & enjoy nature



FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111



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