



Principal's update

As we experience the exceptionally warm weather this week, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support and understanding.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff remain our highest priority. During periods of extreme heat, we make adjustments to the school day to help keep everyone comfortable and safe, including encouraging regular hydration, encouraging pupils to use the shaded outdoor areas, adapting physical activities where necessary, and ensuring children have opportunities to cool down.

We are grateful for your support in sending children to school with water bottles, suitable clothing and sun protection. These simple measures make a significant difference and help us ensure that pupils can continue to learn and thrive despite the challenging conditions.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, who have worked tirelessly to maintain a positive and productive learning environment throughout the heatwave. The patience, cooperation and resilience shown by our entire school community have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us. Together, we can ensure that our children remain safe, happy and ready to learn.

Mrs Nel
Principal



Dates for your diary

2nd July

Cello Celebration

3rd July

Lark in the Park

8th July

Federation Athletics

10th July

Montem in Concert - a spectacular instrumental performance

17th July

Y6 Graduation

20th July

Prizegiving Assemblies

Wednesday 22nd July

End of school year, school closes at 2.00pm

Thursday 3rd September

First day of school for children.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🏆 1st place:

3 Cedar - 93%

🥈 2nd place:

2 Cedar & 4 Cedar - 92.6%

🥉 3rd place:

3 Oak - 92%



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Lark in the Park

This is one of our favourite days of the year, when our entire school community joins in the fun and laughter on our school field and playground.

Preparations are well underway but a few more donations of the following would be very welcome.

- Clean Jars filled with small treats such as stickers, crayons, sweets, beads, toys, marbles, lego etc.
- Soft toys, clean and in good condition.
- Vegetarian samosas, delivered on the morning of Lark for our refreshment area.

Children will be dismissed at 2.00pm into the care of their parents and carers.

A letter will come home on Monday regarding children who usually walk home alone - don't forget to fill it in and return it before Friday.

All the money raised goes to support children via ActionAid, or our children here at Montem.

Thank you.

LARK IN THE PARK

DONATIONS NEEDED!

HELP US MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

We are kindly asking for the following donations:

TEDDY TOMBOLA



WHAT WE NEED:

Clean, pre-loved soft and cuddly toys.

HANDY TIPS:

Please ensure they are in good, clean condition.
Every ticket wins a teddy!

SPREAD THE JOY! ★

JAM JAR TOMBOLA



WHAT WE NEED:

Clean, empty jars filled with small treats.

HANDY TIPS:

Fill them with sweets, stickers, crayons, or small toys – anything children will love that fits in your jar!
Children are welcome to decorate the outside to make them even more special.
Every ticket wins a jar of treats!

GET CREATIVE! ★



PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL YOUR DONATIONS ARE NUT FREE.

HOW TO DONATE:

Please bring all donations to our

MAIN RECEPTION DESK

by **FRIDAY 26TH JUNE.**

Your generosity makes a huge difference to the success of our event! Thank you so much.



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real change starts with women and girls

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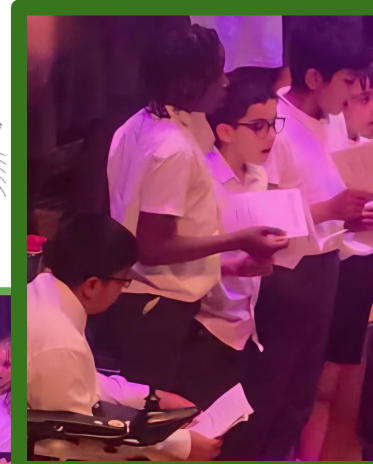
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A Star Performance at the Reading Hexagon

One of the highlights of the week was our choir's outstanding performance at the Reading Hexagon Concert. They represented Montem Academy brilliantly, performing with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. It was wonderful to see our pupils showcasing their musical talents on such a prestigious stage, and their dedication and commitment throughout weeks of rehearsals truly paid off.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to **Mrs Southwick** and the members of staff who accompanied and supported the choir. Opportunities like these require a great deal of planning, preparation and commitment behind the scenes. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and encouragement they give to our pupils, helping to create memorable experiences that inspire confidence and a love of performing. Their support played a vital role in making this event such a success.

Well done to everyone involved – you made us all incredibly proud!



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Nursery Farm Visit

Our Nursery children had a fantastic visit from the farm last week, where they enjoyed an exciting hands-on learning experience and had the opportunity to get up close to a variety of farm animals.

The children demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day. It was lovely to see their confidence grow as they interacted with the animals and took part in new experiences.

The children were full of excitement and eager to share their experiences with family and friends.



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TPFAT Y5 & Y6 Tennis Event

On Friday 19th June, a group of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 represented Montem at The Park Federation Academy Trust Tennis Tournament which was hosted at our school.

The event brought together pupils from schools across the federation, providing a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their tennis skills, compete in a friendly environment and meet pupils from other schools. Throughout the tournament, our pupils demonstrated determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship, approaching every match with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and would like to thank them for their commitment and effort. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and thoroughly deserved the success and enjoyment they experienced during the tournament.



"I never worry about the problem. I worry about the solution. And part of the solution is always playing fair." — Shaquille O'Neal



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Celebrating Our School Games Platinum Award

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that our PE Department has been awarded the **School Games Platinum Award** for the second consecutive time. This nationally recognised accolade celebrates our outstanding commitment to the development of physical education, school sport and physical activity both within our school and across the wider community.

This prestigious achievement would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, dedication and support of our pupils, parents, carers and staff. Whether through participation in PE lessons, attendance at before and after-school clubs, involvement in competitions and festivals, engagement in sports leadership opportunities, or support for sporting events, every contribution has helped us foster a positive, inclusive and thriving sporting culture.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our pupils for their effort, commitment and exemplary sportsmanship, and to our parents and carers for their continued encouragement and support. We would also like to thank our dedicated PE Coaches, **Mr Milstead and Mr Walters**, whose enthusiasm, expertise and commitment have played a significant role in providing high-quality sporting opportunities for our pupils.

This award is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together, and we are incredibly proud of our school community. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to inspire a lifelong love of physical activity, healthy lifestyles and sport.

Thank you for helping us achieve this wonderful recognition.



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Money Matters in Reception

We have had a very busy week in Reception! As part of our maths learning, we have been exploring money and learning to recognise and use 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. The children enjoyed making purchases in our pretend shop, identifying and sorting different coins, and finding the correct amounts to pay for items.

They particularly loved adding different coins together to work out the total amount needed. It has been wonderful to see their growing confidence and enthusiasm when using money in practical, real-life situations.



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A GREAT DAY STARTS WITH BREAKFAST!



WE'RE LAUNCHING OUR FREE BREAKFAST CLUB!

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to announce that Montem will be launching a **Free Breakfast Club** starting in September 2026!

This initiative is designed to support children in starting their day healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

BREAKFAST FUELS BRIGHT MINDS!

Eating breakfast at school has been proven to boost attendance, improve behaviour, and children's learning and attainment.



CHOOSE YOUR OPTION

Our breakfast provision will run from **8:00 AM** to **8:40 AM** each morning.

OPTION 1

BREAKFAST CLUB PLUS

For parents who need a slightly earlier start to the day.

The first 10 minutes (8:00 AM – 8:10 AM) will be chargeable at **80p per day**, followed by the 30-minute free session.



OPTION 2

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

This is the standard 30-minute session which is **completely free** for all children in our school from Reception to Year 6.



WHAT WILL MY CHILD GET FOR BREAKFAST?



No matter which time they arrive, all children will be provided with a healthy, nutritious, and varied breakfast. All food served will strictly follow the School Food Standards, ensuring your child gets a balanced and fuel-filled start to their morning.



Montem caters to all dietary needs and preferences across all our food services.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!

While this provision is open to all pupils, we need to understand how many children will be joining us and which time slot you potentially may be interested in so we can arrange staffing and food quantities before we return in September.

PLEASE COMPLETE
OUR QUICK EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST FORM BY:

**FRIDAY
26TH JUNE 2026**

SCAN HERE TO
COMPLETE THE FORM



NEXT STEPS: Once we review all responses, we will get in touch so you can secure your child's space using a booking form.
Please Note: Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis while we increase our capacity.



PLEASE NOTE: If you have more than one child at Montem, you must complete a separate form for each child you wish to register for Breakfast Club.

CLICK HERE

[Click here to complete the form](#)



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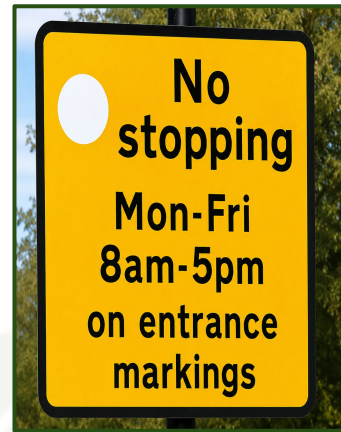
Chalvey Grove Parking Notice

Please do not stop or park on the entrance markings, yellow zig-zag lines, or on the curb. We have received complaints from residents about blocked driveways and unsafe parking.

Please be respectful and abide by road laws and do not:

- Mount or parking on the curb as this blocks pedestrians, wheelchair users, or pushchairs,
- Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is illegal.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for our local community.



Stay Hydrated – Drink Plenty of Water

Keeping hydrated helps children to stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day. Even mild dehydration can affect concentration, mood, and memory.

Why hydration matters:

- Improves concentration and focus in lessons
- Boosts energy levels and reduces tiredness
- Supports physical health, including digestion and temperature control
- Helps prevent headaches and irritability

Please ensure your child brings a **named water bottle to school every day**. We encourage regular drinking and refilling throughout the day.

Stay Sun Safe

We all love spending time in the sun, but it's important that your children are safe. As the weather gets warmer, please **apply sunscreen to your child at home and ensure they bring a named sun hat to school each day**.

How do you stay safe in the sun?

- Stay indoors and out of the sun. This is especially important at midday, when the sun's rays are strongest.
- Cover up. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long trousers to protect your skin. If they are in light colours and fabrics, you won't get too hot.
- Wear a hat. Protect your head!
- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun's rays.
- Apply sunscreen regularly, especially if you are playing sports or swimming. Use a high SPF and check the expiration date on your sunscreen.



DRINK WATER



PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



SUNSCREEN

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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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FOR PARENTS OF MONTEM ACADEMY

MONTEM ACADEMY PRESENTS:
MEET THE INSTRUMENTS



WHERE & WHEN:



3:30PM



16th JULY
2026

LOCATION:

Our Brand New Music Suite
at Montem Academy

WHAT TO EXPECT:
COME & HAVE A TRY!

LESSON FEES:
£120 per year



Come and listen to a short concert and have a go yourself!

ON OFFER:

CELLO, GUITAR, VIOLIN



BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!

Booking essential, book at reception

Explore Music at Montem Academy



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Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



2

PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.



3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



5

MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.



4



THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.



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9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



7

DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.



8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



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