



April 2nd 2026

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were treated to two excellent performances of *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies* by our children from Years 3 and 4. They acted, sang, danced and entertained our audiences for well over an hour. I was very impressed with the number of lines the children learnt and the transitions around stage and between scenes, quite a feat for 7 to 9 year olds. There were some great jokes too!

We put quite an emphasis on school performances as we value the confidence it brings our children and the pleasure it gives to their families and staff. I remember some of the children who performed on stage so well being very nervous when they first started, but the work on oracy, character development and opportunities provided enabled all the children to perform so well.

It was another very ambitious play and it took a great deal of patience and skill to pull it together, from directing to prop and costume making. Thank you very much to Mrs Smith, Miss Gilmore, Mrs Spence and Mrs Bowron for their help and other staff who also stayed back: Mrs Leonard, Miss Smith and Mrs Wood.

We are very grateful to FOMS for supporting the events with refreshments.

Well done Team Monty!

Good Luck Miss Burns

Today we said goodbye to Miss Burns as she starts a new permanent post at Green Lane. Miss Burns has made a very promising start to her teaching career and we thank her for her two terms teaching Year 1.

Mrs Newton will return to school following the Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming her back to school.

Take Notice Photography Competition

As we approach the Easter break, I like to encourage our children to get out and about and notice the things around them. So over the holidays, I have asked them to take a photograph of something interesting that they notice in the local environment or further afield. It could even be a bird or squirrel in your garden, a landscape, building, something unusual or just something that catches their eye. The only rule is that your child must take it, either on their own device or by borrowing yours (with permission!). The competition will close at the end of the holidays.

Please send entries to office@montalboschool.org.uk with your child's name and brief description eg. Name and Flatts Woods. I will look at all of the entries when we return to school. There will be a small prize for each entry and winners for each Key Stage.

Year 4 Tennis

On Tuesday Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Barnard Castle School to play tennis. They enjoyed using their skills and competed well with other schools.

Reception Multiskills

I had a catch up with our reception children after their Multiskills event on Wednesday. They thoroughly enjoyed the dance, target practice and other events.

FOMS Easter Raffle and Gifts

Thank you very much to FOMS for providing an Easter gift for each child, which went home this week. Isla from Year 3 won the raffle!

Meet Club

Miss Crampton will be running a free Meet Club from 3.15pm-4.15pm starting Monday 27th April, for children who want to enter the Meet Parade on May 25th. Please could a family member attend with your child/children.

Life Centre Visit for Year 4

On April 20th Year 4 are visiting the Life Centre. Please see information shared by Mrs Smith for further details.

The Wilderness Company - Outdoor Adventure Days

We are delighted to share that FOMS have kindly paid for each class to attend an exciting outdoor adventure day ran by The Wilderness Company at Crag Pond, Lartington. Children have been given a pack which includes a letter, a kit list and consent/medical forms. Please can you ensure that you read, fill in and return the paperwork as soon as possible – thank to those who have already returned these. We are extremely grateful to our Friends of Montalbo School committee for funding these activity days.

Child Pedestrian Training

We have arranged for pedestrian training for our Year 3 pupils with trainers from Durham County Council in April (see dates for the diary). Please complete the consent forms and return them to school. Thank you.

In assembly this week I mentioned to the children that I will organise another Take Notice Competition for the Easter holidays. This is a photograph competition encouraging children to take notice of things around them. More details will be shared next week.

Happy Easter

We hope that all of our families have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing the children on April 20th.

Attendance-

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 4!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	95.8%
Whole School	95.7%
Academic Year to Date	96.6%

Dates for the Diary

April 3 rd – 17 th	Easter Holiday
April 20 th	Children return to school
April 20 th	Year 4 to Life Centre
April 21 st	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 4
April 22 nd	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Reception
April 23 rd	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 1
April 24 th	Girls Football Y4-6 at St Johns School
April 27 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 2
April 28 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 3
May 1 st	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 5
May 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday
May 8 th	Pedestrian Training for Year 3
May 11 th – 14 th	Year 6 SATs
May 13 th	Year 2 to St Mary's church
May 15 th	Pedestrian Training for Year 3
May 15 th	Year 6 to Babuls
May 18 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 6
May 19 th	Tri Golf (all Y3) at Barnard Castle Golf Club
May 19 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day (am) – Buttercups
May 19 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day (pm) – Daisies
May 20 th	Cricket (Y4) at Raby Castle
May 22 nd	Multiskills (all Y2)
May 25 th -29 th	Whitsuntide Holidays (Parade May 25 th)
W.b. June 8 th	Phonics Screening (Y1)
June 11 th	Class Photographs
June 30 th	Nursery Sports Day
July 1 st	School Sports Day
July 6 th	Monty Does Rehearsal Day at The Witham
July 7 th	End of Year Reports sent out
July 7 th	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 8 th	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 17 th	End of term
July 20-21 st	Teacher Training Days
Sept 1 st - 2 nd	Teacher Training Days
Sept 3 rd	Children return to school

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Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

