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Year 6 Superstars.

I want to begin by sending congratulations to our Year 6 children who completed their SATS assessments this week. They have worked so hard in preparing for the SATs tests and they tackled them with resilience, great determination and smiles. We are so proud of them all.

I also want to thank all the staff who came to work early to prepare breakfast for the children each day. We certainly perfected our toast making skills and I can honestly say I have never seen children consume so many slices of toast and jam.

I must also thank all of the children across the school who were so quiet and respectful whilst the assessments were taking place. The whole school felt so calm and very peaceful. It was so silent but you could still feel the children's presence as they carried on with their learning in their classrooms.

Now that the assessments are over the emphasis moves to preparing the children for their transition to secondary school. There will be lots of fun activities to look forward to, visits to the village college and lessons in school delivered by members of staff who will be teaching the children next year. I think the village college is very lucky to be inheriting such a wonderful cohort of young people who know the importance of learning and hard work.

With very best wishes

Mrs Howell

Dressed for OPAL

If there is one thing the Spring weather has shown us this week, it's that we always have to be prepared for every eventuality. Yesterday we had hail, thunder, wind and rain with short spells of sunshine plus some very low temperatures, all in the space of two hours. Despite the unpredictability we will still be continuing to play outside whatever the weather and as a result it is important that the children have the correct clothing in school. Please can you make sure that your child has the following items in school each day:

- A waterproof coat
- Wellingtons
- Waterproof trousers if you have them
- Spare socks and a change of clothes for younger children
- A sun hat and sun cream.



Break the Rules Day

A huge thank you to everyone who decided to break the rules today by dyeing their hair, wearing a wig or a funny hat, sporting odd socks or a princess outfit to help FOMP raise funds for our school. The children love the opportunity to break the rules and have fun, so it was a fitting way for the Year 6 children to celebrate the end of a week of very hard work.

Mini Medics

If you have ever found yourself in an emergency situation you will know how invaluable First Aid skills can be. We need more young people to know the basics of First Aid so that they are prepared when disaster strikes. By teaching children basic first aid skills we can help save lives in the future and hopefully reduce

many unnecessary visits to A&E . With this in mind, our Year 6 children took part in a Mini Med-ics course where they learnt a range of skills including how to use a defibrillator, carry out CPR and dress wounds.

Care4Calais

During May Half-Term, Ms Turner will be joining a group of members from the National Education Union to volunteer at the Care4Calais warehouses and refugee camps in Calais.

Care4Calais is a volunteer run charity, delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the UK, Northern France and Belgium, advocating for a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards refugees. Ms Turner is hoping to collect as many tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes as possible to take with her for distribution at the refugee camps. If you would like to donate either of these items, please send them into school with your child to give to their class teacher before half-term.





Come and visit our pre-school.

September will be with us before we know it, so now is the time to book your pre-school place for the Autumn term. If you have a child who will be 3 in September you can book places for the Autumn term in our pre-school now. Graded Good by Ofsted in June 2025 we can provide 15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher and dedicated and supportive Early Years staff, in a caring and nurturing learning environment. We are open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm during term time and welcome visits from parents and carers. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and discover the Monkfield Way.

Pre-school for children age 3+ with wrap around care

15/30 hours of funded provision with a qualified Early Years teacher

Open from 8 am to 6 pm during term time

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Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you who Jack met at the top of the beanstalk.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the wild flowers they found on the field.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they learnt from our special visitors this week.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how they can protect themselves in the sun.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you where tea comes from and how it is produced.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how the life cycles of birds and reptiles differ.

Ask your Year 6 child to demonstrate how you put someone into the recovery position.

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2026

- 18th May—Relationships and Sex Education evening for Year 5 and Year 6
- 20th—22nd May—Year 6 PGL residential trip
- 22nd May—Blue Class Assembly 9:15am
- 22nd May—break up for half term
- 25th to 29th May—Half term holiday
- 1st June—INSET Day (school closed for children)
- 2nd June—Children return to school
- 2nd to 12th June—Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 3rd June—OPAL afternoon
- 3rd June—Monkfield's Got Talent (KS1)
- 8th to 12th June—Phonic check for Year 1
- 10th June—New Reception 2026 Come and Play
- 10th June—Monkfield's Got Talent (KS2)
- 12th June—Lacerta Class assembly 9:15am
- 12th June—Class photographs
- 15th—19th June—Healthy Lifestyles Week
- 16th June—New Reception 2026 Come and Play
- 18th June—Year 5 trip to Warner Brothers' Studio
- 19th June—Aquila Class Assembly 9:15am
- 24th June—Reception and KS1 Sports Day
- 24th June - New Reception 2026 Parents' Evening
- 25th June—New Reception 2026 Come and Play
- 26th June—Reserve Reception and KS1 Sports Day
- 1st July—KS2 Sports Day
- 2nd July—KS2 Reserve Sports Day
- 3rd July—Move Up Morning
- 3rd July—End of year reports sent to parents
- 3rd July—FOMP Summer Fete
- 7th July—Year 6 production at 6pm
- 9th July—Year 6 production at 6pm
- 14th July—Reception Summer celebration
- 16th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Shapes Are Everywhere!

During 'Together Time' this week, we have been learning about shapes and their properties. We have looked at circles, triangles, semicircles, squares and rectangles. We learnt the word 'corner', looking to see how many on each shape, as well as 'straight' and 'curved' to describe the sides of different shapes. We went on a shape hunt around the classroom to find different objects and toys which are circles. We discovered that there are circles EVERYWHERE!

The children are shape experts now and I am certain they will be able to find lots more circles on a shape hunt with you at home.

Have a lovely 'shape hunting' weekend.

Best wishes

Jane Turner,
Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager