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## Incredible Achievements

I hope you have all been as confused by the Bank Holiday as I have this week! Is it really Friday already and time for another weekend? Things just seem to be getting busier in school and the weeks literally fly by.

This week we have been focusing on someone who has had a huge impact on our lives in this country and on the lives of many across the globe. Sir David Attenborough celebrates his 100th birthday today and the children were all in agreement that his life and career have been truly inspirational to them. To mark this incredible milestone, the children produced some beautiful pieces of writing and art work which you can read about in the newsletter.

It is hard to believe that next week our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATS tests. The children have been working so hard to prepare for these tests and we have been so impressed with their work ethic and dedication. We try to make the SATS period as relaxed and rewarding as possible so we will be running the very popular SATS Breakfast Club next week. This is an opportunity for the children to spend time together in a fun, relaxed environment whilst enjoying breakfast with their friends. I want to send my very best wishes to the children for next week and to tell them how immensely proud we are of them all.

With very best wishes

*Mrs Howell*

friends  
of Monkfield Park

# BREAK THE RULES

Friday 15th May 2026

Have a wacky Hairstyle  
Wear Nail varnish  
Wear face paints/Make-up or Glitter  
Wear Temporary Tattoos  
Wear an item of Non-Uniform  
Wear Colourful Socks or Tights  
Wear Trainers or Boots  
Wear a Hat

50p each or break them ALL for  
£2.50 for ONE day only!

## Are you Ready To Break the Rules?

For one day only on 15th May you can:

Wear face paint, makeup or glitter

Cover yourself in temporary tattoos

Have a wacky hairstyle

Wear a wig or a hat

Paint your nails in different colours

Wear your favourite trainers or boots

Put on colourful socks and tights

or just wear non-uniform.

There is a 'FINE'! 50p for each rule broken or for £2.50 you can break all the rules on the list!

# South Angle Farm

Orange and Yellow classes had a very exciting and educational day on Wednesday when they visited South Angle Farm at Soham. The children had the opportunity to touch and feed animals such as sheep, alpacas and pigs. They loved being able to hold the guinea pigs and stroke the rabbits and touch the 19 year old tortoises! The highlight for many was interacting with the more unusual animals, including a snake and a giant millipede, which brought both thrills and a new understanding of wildlife.

# OPAL

A message from Mrs Hickmott, OPAL Play Coordinator.

To help enhance our OPAL play provision for the children we are excited to share our OPAL Bingo cards!

There are separate Year Group Bingo cards with everyday items that we are hoping you may have at home and are able to donate for OPAL and also a Whole School Bingo card for larger items or WOW items that we would love to provide to make our lunchtimes even better for all the children. The cards will be shared via Class Dojo today and copies put up in the classroom windows.

We would also like to invite ALL parents/carers to join the children for an OPAL Parent Play Afternoon from 2-3pm on Wednesday 3rd June so you can see how all your wonderful donations are being used in play.

The Drop Off Point for any Bingo items is by the sheds opposite Pegasus Classroom (Yr 6). Please only drop off items in the morning between 8.40-9.00 am on Friday 15th May or Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd May when a member of staff is there to take the items and store them away.

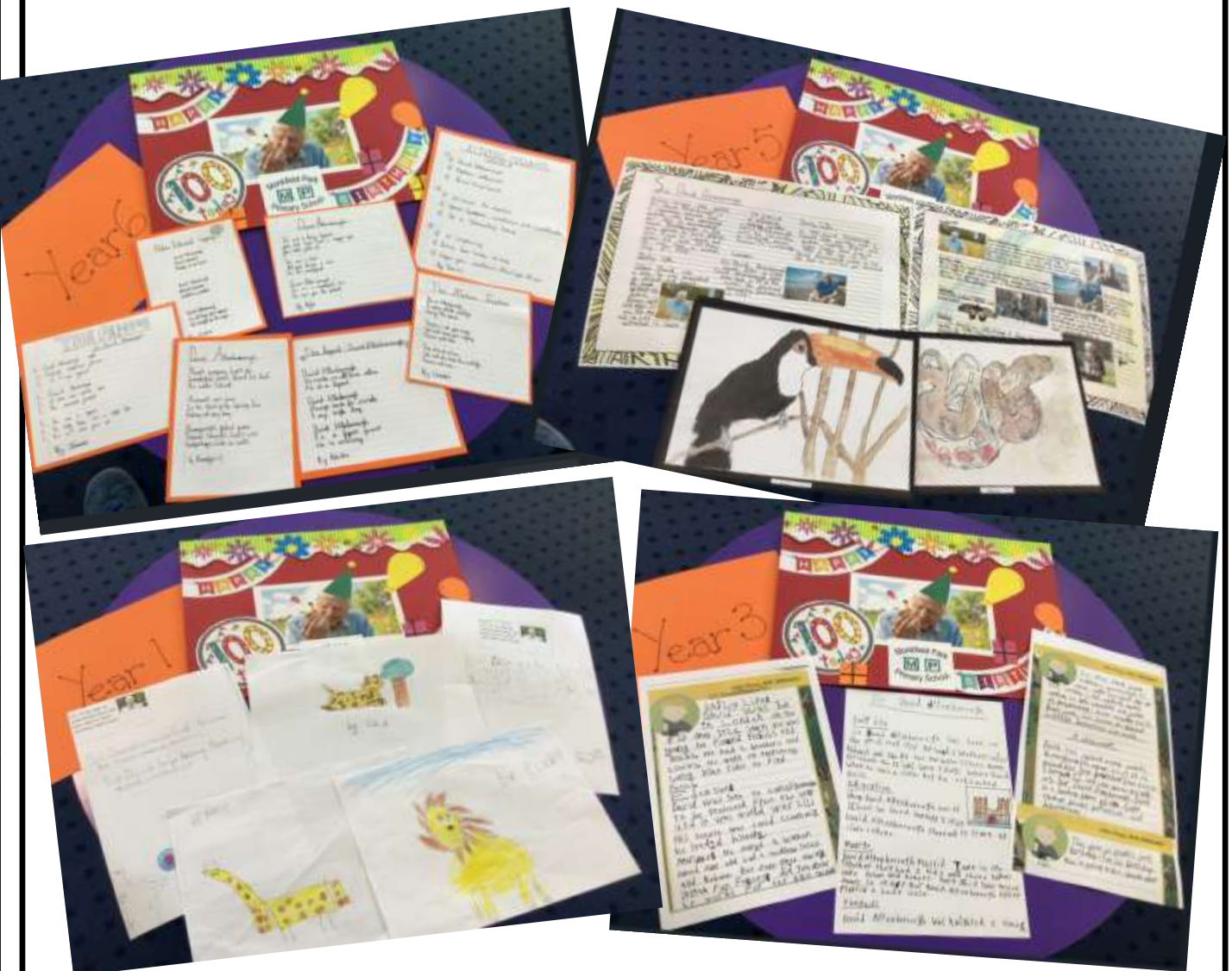
NO BROKEN OR CRACKED ITEMS PLEASE – Ask yourself - 'Is it safe enough for my child to play with it?'

Thank you for your ongoing support with our OPAL journey.



## A Special Birthday Message

In celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100 years on planet earth the children have been working on producing some incredible pieces of work to honour his ground-breaking career at the forefront of natural history storytelling which has captivated us all. The children wanted to do something special to mark Sir David's inspirational century of exploration and discovery by producing a wide range of written pieces, letters, biographies and art work. Mrs Dutton gathered all the work together into a special book which we have sent to Sir David as a special birthday gift from the children of Monkfield Park.





## BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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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A caring and nurturing learning environment

Visits welcome. COME AND DISCOVER THE MONKFIELD WAY.

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## Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to tell you about the millipede they met at South Angle Farm.
- Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how to share objects into equal groups.
- Ask your Year 2 child to talk about different ways we can look after our wellbeing.
- Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about where Sikhs go to worship.
- Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between north and south Indian food.
- Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to make a coil pot out of clay.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain what the '5 ks' are in Sikhism and why they are important.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2026

### **11th to 14th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week**

13th May—Reception Come and Share pm

15th May—FOMP Break the Rules Day

18th May—Relationships and Sex Education evening for Year 5 and Year 6

20th—22nd May—Year 6 PGL residential trip

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

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

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

For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto: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

### Ladybird Maths



After reading the story, 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle, the children have been playing some ladybird maths games this week. At Together Time, the Rabbit Group have played an addition game, adding up the spots on each of a ladybird's wings, finding out how many altogether. To choose the number for each wing, we rolled a dice and then counted out that number of spots. The children were amazing at remembering the dice dot patterns that we have been practising recently.



### Cocoons

When we arrived at Pre-School on Tuesday morning, everyone was really excited to find all 5 of our caterpillars had transformed into cocoons! Ms Turner has now carefully transferred the cocoons into a net as we wait, with great anticipation, for the butterflies to emerge in a week or so.

### 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.

Jane Turner,  
Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager