

# Newsletter 14

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## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.

With a week to go until we break up we really are on the countdown to Christmas now. I am reliably informed by the children that when you receive this letter on Friday afternoon we will only have 13 sleeps left until Christmas Day!

This week Year 1 and Year 2 stunned us with their Nativity Play and the coming week promises to be full of Christmas spirit as the children in Year 4 will be performing their Christmas Carol concert to their families and friends. The rehearsals are sounding wonderful so don't forget to book your tickets and join us to support your children.

Our hardworking Year 5 children are busily delivering Christmas cards to recipients each afternoon. Please can we ask that you help your child to write the recipient's full name and class on the envelope before they are posted in the correct Christmas stocking in the library.

With best wishes  
Mrs Howell.



## **Don't Forget—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

Our annual Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December. The menu options are available on the Dolce/School Grid website so please remember to book lunch for your child for that day. You can choose from either traditional roast turkey with chipolata sausages and stuffing or a vegetarian puff pastry Christmas cracker plus all the trimmings. For pudding there will be a choice of Reindeer shortbread or sticky toffee pudding with custard in addition to fresh fruit or yoghurt.

To add to the festivities, if children would like to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, instead of their school sweatshirt or cardigan, we are suggesting that they may make a voluntary donation of £1. All proceeds will be donated to our charity of the year, which is Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.



## Reception 2026 Tours



We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make. Each parent and carer is looking for a school that will make the educational experience as motivating and rewarding as possible for their child. To help you make this important decision we would like to welcome parents and carers into school to see at first hand what makes Monkfield Park such a special place to learn. We are offering a number of parent tours so that you can see the school in action and talk with the Headteacher and staff.

Please join us for one of our parent tours which can be booked by contacting the school office on 01954 273377 or by email :[office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) The final tour date before the submission deadline on 15th January is;

**Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 10.00 am**

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and hope you will join us for one of the tours. If you are unable to make this date, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.

## **Thank you FOMP**

We would like to say an enormous thank you to FOMP for the wonderful pantomime performances they arranged for the whole school today. It was a very generous and much appreciated Christmas gift. The children loved interacting with the actors and were totally enthralled by the whole performance which had us writing our own raps and poetry to enable some well known characters to get back to the stories they belong in. A wonderful Christmas treat.



## **Sentence starters**

Ask your Reception child to describe some of the animals that live in the North Pole.

Ask your Year 1 child to use a powerful adjective to describe a forest.

Ask your Year 2 child to name some of the social media platforms children should not be accessing.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you who they would like to write a letter to.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what they would do if they thought someone was being bullied.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between soluble and insoluble materials.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how World War I came to an end.

### **Dolce Christmas Card Competition Winner**

Last week we announced the winning entries to the Dolce Christmas card competition which had been chosen by the kitchen staff to go forward to the national competition at Dolce HQ. I am absolutely delighted to announce that Violet was the runner up in the national competition with her beautiful, festive design. A huge well done to Violet.



### **The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All**

The collective term for a group of angels is a 'host' and the Main Hall was packed to the rafters with many hosts of beautiful angels as the children in Year 1 and Year 2 presented their Nativity Play this week. The story was about an accident prone angel who very nearly missed the big Christmas event in Bethlehem. The children delivered their lines with gusto, sang beautifully and their dancing in the upbeat numbers was full of energy. I love watching the Nativity Play because the children always bring alive the Christmas message of peace and joy. In my 21 years at Monkfield Park I have had the pleasure to watch 43 performances of the Christmas Nativity Play and I know it is one of the things I will miss terribly. Thank you to the children and staff for bringing Christmas into all our lives with their performance.



## FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026

15th December—FOMP Christmas Raffle draw

16th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm

17th December—Y4 Christmas Carol Concert at 5.30pm

18th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—Christmas Jumper Day

**19th December—School breaks up for Christmas.**

5th January—INSET Day (school closed for children)

**6th January—Children return for Spring term**

8th January—Team afternoon

13th January—Weekly swimming lessons begin for Year 4

23rd January—Columba Class assembly

28th January—Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

28th January—Y6 English Challenge

30th January—Y3 Bikeability Level 1.

4th February—Y4 WOW Day

5th February—Y1 WOW Day

5th February—Network CB23 Maths Challenge for Y3 and Y4

6th February—NSPCC Number Day

6th February—FOMP School Discos

9th to 13th February—Children's Mental Health Week

10th February—Reception vision screening

11th February—Y3 WOW Day

13th February—School breaks up for half term

**16th to 20th February—Half Term**

23rd February—Children return to school

26th February—Y5 WOW Day

2nd to 6th March—International week

6th March—Mid term reports to parents

6th March—Cygnus Class assembly

13th March—Violet Class assembly

16th March—Y2 WOW Day



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

### **The Nativity Story**

This week, at Together Time, we have been reading The Nativity story, about the birth of baby Jesus. The children have been amazing at retaining so many of the details from the story as well as new vocabulary such as 'stable' and 'manger'. I wonder if they can explain to you what these words mean or tell you about the story at home? The children have also enjoyed re-enacting the story during their play, using our wooden nativity set. We have been busy learning some songs which reflect the Nativity story, ready to share with you at our Song Time next week. We do hope that you will be able to join us at 9.15 am, next Wednesday 17th December. All welcome!

### **End of Term Dates**

Wednesday 17th December - Song Time for Parents and Carers, 9.15 am

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner

Friday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 6th January - Start of Spring Term