

# Newsletter 28

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## Another Busy Week

We always like to be busy at Monkfield Park and I am pleased to report that it has been another very exciting week in school. We started with a thrilling visit from the Skipping Ninja who had us all jumping and hopping for our mental and physical health. Now as I settle down to write the newsletter I am very excited to be writing to you from Burwell House where I have joined Year 4 for their residential trip.

We have been coming to Burwell House for many years and it is always a pleasure to be in these beautiful surroundings and to see the children enjoying the adventure. School isn't just about learning, it is also about opportunities to develop resilience and independence, having the confidence to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new challenges whilst making some very special memories. I hope you enjoy reading about their adventures as much as we enjoyed being a part of them.

We have finished the week with Year 1 decked out in red, white and blue as the children celebrated all that is amazing and worth celebrating about our capital city on what is traditionally Saint George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Howell

## A Polite Reminder About Jewellery and Nail Varnish



**NO JEWELLERY**

We have seen an increase in the number of children wearing bracelets and other items of jewellery, together with nail varnish, in school over the last few weeks. For health and safety reasons jewellery and elaborate hair ornaments should not be worn to school. The only exceptions are items of religious significance, watches and small studs for pierced ears. The Health and Safety Guidance states that all jewellery items, including 'fitbits' and smart watches, MUST be removed during PE lessons and hair must be tied back to prevent injury. Children should remove their own earrings and store them safely or parents should remove them before the start of the school day. The Local Authority Health and Safety guidance no longer permits the taping of pierced ears during PE lessons. Staff cannot remove earrings for children or be responsible for storing them. As an alternative, silicone studs may be worn during PE lessons. Please can you check that all bracelets, bangles and necklaces are removed before your child comes to school each day and that nail varnish is removed following the weekend. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## The Skipping Ninja

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Monday we were delighted to welcome Pete Thompson, aka 'The Skipping Ninja'. Pete thrilled and delighted us with his incredible demonstration that took skipping as we know it to a whole new level. Following his performance Pete held workshops for the children where he taught them how to master some very tricky skipping steps and techniques, which not only benefit physical health but mental well-being too. Everyone now has the skipping bug and is working on 'climbing the Ninja mountain' and trying to beat Mr Yate's record!



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Sunday 26th April 2026

Holiday Inn Cambourne  
10am until 4pm



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## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to show you how to share an amount equally e.g. 6 grapes between 2 people.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how to make scones.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you how many centimetres (cm) make a metre (m).

Ask your Year 3 child to describe their menu for the Iron Giant.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe some of the geographical features found in India.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain some of the differences between Athens and Sparta.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the different climatic zones found in North America.

### **Burwell House—A Report from Mrs Tranter**

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Burwell House this week!

They explored the extensive house grounds in the glorious Spring sunshine whilst honing their orienteering skills in the snail game. They then had a delicious pizza lunch before creating some natural and in some cases frighteningly accurate portraits of their teachers using twigs, leaves and other objects found around the grounds. They then worked in groups to create larger sculptures of Indian animals linked to our India topic. The children then made up their own beds before enjoying the evening meal. It's important to note that the children cleared up after themselves independently after every meal. Mr Meredith and Mrs Tranter were very impressed! They rounded off an exciting first day by singing songs and playing games around the camp fire before settling down in the lounge before bed. Day 2 started bright and early and the children were taken on a Burwell Village walk in which they learnt about the fascinating local history of the Fens and visited some intriguing historical buildings such as the village gaol. The Burwell Fox was next, in which the children had to become foxes and use all of their guile and cunning to find and answer questions around the house grounds whilst trying to evade the attention of the grumpy local farmers (teachers). The children then enjoyed a well-earned BBQ lunch in the garden before returning to school.

**FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026**

28th April—Year 2 Nature Reserve visit

28th April—National Dental Epidemiology Programme for selected pupils in Reception and Y1

**4th May—May Day Holiday**

5th May—Reception trip to South Angle Farm

6th May—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

**8th May—Dorado Class assembly**

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

12th 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

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

### Wriggly Caterpillars

This week, the children have been thrilled by the arrival of our five live caterpillars. When they first arrived last Friday, they were really tiny, but each day they have grown visibly bigger. We have been observing them carefully at 'Together Time', making sure to be really gentle when handling the pot. The children tried to think of words to describe the caterpillars and came up with, 'black', 'white spots', 'wriggly', 'spiky' and 'bigger'!

We are looking forward to watching the life-cycle progress over the next few weeks - observing the caterpillars form their cocoons and then change into butterflies. We will then release the butterflies into the pre-school garden.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager

