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A Well deserved Winner

What a busy week it has been. The Year 1 children have been completing their Phonic Check; Year 6 have been engrossed in the SAW project, producing some amazing poetry and art work; we welcomed the children who will be joining Reception in September for their first 'Come and Play' session and on Wednesday we gathered for the finals of Monkfield's Got Talent. An incredible 9 years after the last champion was crowned, Poppy stole the show with her spectacular Acro gymnastics performance to be voted the winner for 2026 by the audience. Huge congratulations Poppy, your athleticism and bravery had us all holding our breath in awe. Thanks must go to all the children for their incredible performances and to Mrs O'Rourke for organising the competition. To say I was filled with pride would be a vast understatement. The children at Monkfield Park never fail to amaze me and leave me feeling completely humbled. Well done to everyone who took part.

With very best wishes

Mrs Howell

Don't Forget Your Coat

It may officially be Summer but this year we seem to be experiencing a typically British one. The rain has been firmly with us for the past two weeks and the weather forecast has been very accurate in its predictions. Unfortunately, so many children have been coming to school without a rain coat which has resulted in them getting very wet at lunchtimes. Please can you make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day and that they have a pair of wellingtons, boots or waterproof shoes in the class wellington cabinets to change into.



We would also be very happy to receive any donations of wellingtons that you no longer need and these will be gratefully received by the school office. We are currently short on bigger sizes if you have any spares hiding at home. We would also be very grateful for any spare waterproof coats and trousers you may have gathering dust at home. If you need waterproof clothing, FOMP may be able to help as they have a great supply of pre-loved clothing. They can be contacted via the QR codes which you can now find on the posters which are displayed in the classroom windows.

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Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to retell the story 'Snail Trail' to you.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the different parts of a plant.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you about the character they played in our Red Riding Hood performance.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you about a right angled turn.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a pilgrimage is and to give some examples.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between a region and a county .

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you how they can express their feelings and concerns positively.

Thank You Bag Packers

A huge well done to our Year 5 children who raised an astonishing £1020.40 helping shoppers to pack their purchases at Morrisons this week. The money raised will go towards covering the cost of the coach for the children's Year 6 residential trip in 2027.

I have received such lovely reports from members of the public who praised the children for their politeness and good manners. Well done Year 5 for being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

A big thank you must go to Morrisons for allowing us to take part in bag packing. The cost of coaches is a very expensive part of any trip now and by fundraising, the children are ensuring that our school trips remain inclusive and the financial burden on parents and carers is reduced. A big thank you to everyone who donated money to support the children.



Another Big Thank you

We are always on the look out for items to improve our OPAL provision for the children at lunchtimes. For a long time Mrs Howell has been trying to source a large pipe for the children to use as a tunnel, but sadly she kept on meeting a blank wall. However, last Friday, the wonderful Mr Richard Harries of John Davidson Pipes Ltd, who are based at Ely, took pity on us and today, an enormous 6m long pipe was delivered to school! The children have been overjoyed to have something to crawl through and over and it has already become a very exciting part of our OPAL playtimes. We are so very grateful to Mr Harries for such a kind gift and we all send him our thanks. Mr Harries has promised that he will visit us soon to see OPAL in action.



Keeping Children Safe In the Digital Age

Please can we remind parents and carers of the importance of closely monitoring children's use of messaging apps such as WhatsApp and Stars, which many children are now using as it is marketed as being safe for children to use. Unfortunately, I have had to deal with a number of issues in school this week where images have been shared inappropriately and without consent and homophobic bullying has taken place via messages on these apps.

As you will be aware, WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13+. Children under the age of 13 are only allowed to use WhatsApp if a parent or guardian sets up and manages the account for them. If your child is using social media apps please can you ensure you are checking their messages and group chats each day and that you talk to your child about respectful communications and behaviour when they are online.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2026

15th—19th June—Healthy Lifestyles Week

16th June—New Reception 2026 Come and Play

17th June—Final OPAL Audit

17th June—Catch Your Breath workshops for Year 6

18th June—Year 5 trip to Warner Brothers' Studio

19th June—Aquila Class Assembly 9.15 am

22nd June—Y5 Farm Based workshops

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24th June—Reception and KS1 Sports Day

24th June - New Reception 2026 Parents' Evening

25th June—New Reception 2026 Come and Play

25th June—Network CB23 chess completion.

26th June—Reserve Reception and KS1 Sports Day

26th June—Primary cricket tournament

30th June—Year 2 Beach Trip

1st July—KS2 Sports Day

2nd July—KS2 Reserve Sports Day

3rd July—FOMP Summer Fete

6th July—Move Up Morning

6th July—End of year reports sent to parents

Please note the change of date

7th July—Year 6 production at 6pm

9th July—Year 6 production at 6pm

14th July—Reception park trip

15th July—OPAL event

16th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 10am

17th July—Last day of the academic year.

20th July to 31st August—Summer holiday

1st September—INSET Day (school closed for children)

2nd September—INSET Day (school closed for children)

3rd September—Children return to school for Autumn term

8th September—Meet the teacher evening

28th September to 1st October—Year 6 Birkeability



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

Growing

The children have been thrilled to find that many of the seeds we planted at the end of last week are already growing! Each day we have checked the soil to see if it is dry or damp, and watered them when necessary. This week we have also planted some bean seeds as a group. We planted the beans in a transparent cup so that we are able to observe the shoot and root as the beans begin to grow. We have also learnt a rhyme about a growing seed and pretended to be growing seeds ourselves, whilst moving to music.

Read Write Inc

The children in the Rabbit Group have been learning the next set of Read Write Inc pictures and sounds this week. Look out for a video on Evidence Me to help you practise at home.

Parking

Please can we politely remind you that parking is prohibited on double yellow lines and within the yellow zig-zag lines outside school at all times; this includes stopping to set down or pick up passengers. Although the verge is not on school property we would request that parents and carers do not put our children in danger by stopping or parking in this area as it increases the likelihood of an accident. Thank you for your support and understanding in this important matter and for working with us to ensure the safety of all the children and staff at Monkfield Park.

Best wishes

Jane Turner

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