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Almost December!

I apologise if this seems a little early to be mentioning the festive season, but it will be December on Monday and I am reliably told that it is only 26 more sleeps until Christmas and 15 school days until we break up for the Christmas holiday! That all seems a little terrifying when we still have so much to fit into the term. The Advent Calendar is all set to be opened on Monday, rehearsals for the Year 4 Christmas concert and the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play are well under way, and at every turn someone is singing a Christmas melody. From Monday the traditional Christmas post stockings will be hanging in the school library. If children wish to post Christmas cards to their friends in school they can pop their cards into the stockings and our eager team of Year 5 'posties' will deliver the cards to classes each day. To ensure each card reaches the intended recipient please help your child to write the recipient's first name, last name and, if possible, their class clearly on the envelope. The final day for posting cards will be Wednesday 17th December to ensure delivery before we break up for Christmas.

With best wishes
Mrs Howell.



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 The tour dates are:

Friday 5th December at 10am

Thursday 11th December at 10am

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 any of these dates, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient date for you to visit the school and meet Mrs Howell, the Headteacher.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

This year our annual Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December. The menu options are now available on the Dolce/School Grid website so please remember to book lunch for your child for that day. There will be traditional roast turkey with chipolata sausages and stuffing or a puff pastry, vegetarian Christmas cracker plus all the trimmings to choose from. 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 which we will donate to our charity of the year, which is the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust .

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you what the gingerbread man says as he runs away.

Ask your Year 1 child to find and identify some 3D shapes.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you which materials different household objects are made from.

Ask your Year 3 child to name some of the bones in the human body.

Ask your Year 4 child to answer your questions on facts from the 6 and 9 times tables.

Ask your Year 5 child to describe the difference between an improper and a mixed number fraction.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain what Humanism is and what Humanists believe.

FORTHCOMING DATES

3rd December—Computers Down day

5th December— Reception 2026 parent tour at 10am

5th December— Reception 2026 parent tour at 2pm FULL

9th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

10th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 9.30am

11th December—Reception tour for Reception 2026

11th December—Y1 and Y2 Christmas production at 2pm

12th December—Pantomime performance in school

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

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

23rd February—Children return to school

Illustrating Stories

The focus for our 'pop up' art gallery this year was 'illustrating stories'. Each year group was given the task of illustrating a book they had read as part of their topic work or re-telling the story through their illustrations. Using a range of media to reflect the themes of the stories the children produced work of an exceptional standard. Having spoken to many of you when you visited the gallery, I think we all agree that the standard of art work has increased year on year and the children's skills and creativity was very impressive. A huge thank you to Mrs Flack and all the staff for making this event such a huge success.



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Care and Learning Centre

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

Frost and Ice

The children have loved being out in the garden exploring the icy weather recently. They were thrilled to see that the grass, leaves and toys were all covered in a white frost and also to discover that the rain water that had been our tuff tray was frozen solid! After investigating the freezing, slippery ice with our hands, we smashed it up into pieces and took some of it inside to investigate further. We put the ice into a tray and observed as it start to drip and melt. We have been practising lots of new vocabulary such as, 'frost', 'frozen' and 'melting'. I wonder if any of the children can show you the makaton sign for 'ice'?

During our singing time we have been learning the ring song, 'Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush On A Cold And Frosty Morning' as well as a song about putting on our coats, hats and boots called 'Pop, Pop, Pop Go Your Poppers!' Poppers'

Best wishes,
Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager