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Stars in the Making

It is quite strange to hear yourself described as 'The Simon Cowell of Monkfield Park', but hardly surprising as we have been holding auditions for the much anticipated return of Monkfield's Got Talent this week! It is hard to believe that the last time we held Monkfield's Got Talent was nine years ago in 2017. Together with my co-panel members, Mrs Ray and Mrs O'Rourke, I spent the whole day on Tuesday being blown away by the talent on display as children from across the school stepped up to showcase their unique skills, creativity and courage. From singing and dancing to magic tricks, martial arts demonstrations, musical performances and some very funny jokes, our children demonstrated the wonderful range of talents within our school community. It was truly inspiring to see children of all ages taking the opportunity to express themselves and share what they're passionate about.

It was a very difficult task selecting the acts for the show on 10th June and we are incredibly proud of every single child who took part, regardless of whether they progress to the final show.

Sending you many good wishes for a sunny and warm Bank Holiday.

With best wishes,
Mrs Howell

Please Keep our Playground Safe

Our playgrounds are extremely busy at morning drop off and again when collecting children at the end of the school day. It is very important that for their safety, all children stay with their accompanying adult and do not wander off to the school field or other areas at these times. I appreciate that our beautiful field is very enticing for the children, but the children should not be accessing it or the equipment without a school adult being present.

Please could we also politely remind all adults and children that they should dismount from their scooters and cycles at the gates before they enter the school grounds, to avoid the possibility of collisions with parents, carers and other family members. I witnessed a near miss on the playground this week when a child on a scooter narrowly missed running into an adult with a small child. It is of paramount importance that we ensure the safety of all those who access the school site at these busy times.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Please dismount
your bike or
scooter when
entering the
school grounds**

Year 2 Out and About in Cambourne

This week Year 2 made the most of the beautiful Spring sunshine to walk to our local nature reserve here in Cambourne. The children have been learning about habitats and they were eager to use their enquiry skills and curiosity to explore a wide variety of habitats so close to our school. They also took time to reflect on how the environment made them feel and to consider how important it is in supporting both our wellbeing and our understanding of the world around us. This enjoyable activity sparked everyone's geographical and scientific thinking and the children have told me that they are now looking forward to using their experiences as inspiration for their writing as they begin to create re-counts in their English lessons.



FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026

4th May—May Day Holiday

5th May—Reception trip to South Angle Farm

6th May—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

8th May—Dorado Class assembly—please note the change of date

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



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 2024 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

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Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about odd and even Numberblocks.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the wildlife they found on the school field .

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what a habitat is and how it is different from a micro habitat.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain the difference between natural and artificial light sources.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you about some strategies they might use in a risky situation.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between an acute and obtuse angle.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the difference between the simple past, past progressive and past perfect tenses.

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

Minibeast Hunting

This week, we have been looking at some information books about minibeasts. The children are now able to identify many of them, including a praying mantis!! This has inspired the children to go bug hunting with magnifying glasses around the garden, ticking off the bugs they have found on a record sheet. We have also talked about how important it is to always be gentle when handling minibeasts, so as not to harm them.

The Very Busy Spider

This week, our special story has been 'The Very Busy Spider', another book written and illustrated by Eric Carle. We looked at a photograph of Eric Carle and talked about the various other books he has written. The children soon spotted the refrain in the story and joined in, "The spider didn't answer. She was very busy spinning her web!" Later in the week, we have been counting and finding out how many legs a spider has, as well as exploring the number of legs on other minibeasts. We have also, of course, sung the nurse-ry rhyme 'Insy Winsy Spider'!

Big Fat Caterpillars!

Our five live caterpillars have got extremely big and fat this week and have now started to hang down from the top of the pot. We are waiting with great anticipation for them to form their cocoons over the next day or two. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager