

# Newsletter 13

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## The Christmas Countdown Begins.

It was such a wonderful surprise to come to school on Monday and find two beautifully decorated Christmas trees adorning the school halls. We are very grateful to the members of FOMP who gave their time to decorate the trees for us and make sure the Christmas spirit was well and truly working its magic at Monkfield Park this week.

We are also very grateful to Milton Christmas Trees of 2 Cambridge Road Industrial Estate, CB24 6AZ, who very kindly donated the lovely tree in the Main Hall for the children. They have also very generously said that any orders that are placed quoting our school name, will receive free delivery to Cambridge. They can be found on Facebook or alternatively you can call 07989445726.

With best wishes  
Mrs Howell.



## Dolce Christmas Card Competition Winners

A huge well done to all those children who entered the Dolce Christmas Card competition. I am told the entries were of a very high standard and the judges had a very difficult task to select the overall winners. After much deliberation the two winning designs chosen were by Violet and Bilal. These designs have now been sent to Dolce HQ where the national winner of the competition will be chosen. A huge well done to both children for their very festive designs.

Meanwhile you will be able to see all the entries received as the kitchen staff will be using them to decorate the servery throughout the Christmas period.



## 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 tour dates are:

**Thursday 11th December at 10.00 am**

**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 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.

## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to describe the troll from The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what this week's story is all about.

Ask your Year 2 child to name some of the 3D shapes they can find around the house.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how humans use the desert.

Ask your Year 4 child to name some volcanoes and tell you in which countries and on what fault lines they can be found.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain what personification is.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how periscopes use reflection to function.

### **Don't Forget—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. Children 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.



### **Gate Security**

Although we are fully in the festive spirit in school, we still have to be aware of the day to day issues of keeping the children safe. Recently, we have discovered that the voice entry pedestrian internal gate has been left open on a number of occasions. The gate ensures that anyone wishing to access the school site during the school day must speak with the school office to establish that they have a bona fide reason for doing so.

When visiting school, once the office staff have opened the gate for you, please make sure that the gate is securely closed behind you. In addition, when leaving the site it is vitally important that for the safety of the children and staff you check that the gate is securely shut behind you. Please make sure that you listen for the gate to click which indicates that it is fully closed.

We have put up some new signs to remind everyone of the need to close the gates to keep all the children safe and we would be grateful if you could remind others of the importance of closing the gate and checking that it has locked. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

**Please keep us safe  
and shut this gate.**





## FORTHCOMING DATES Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026

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 at 10am

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

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

2nd to 6th March—International week



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

### **Christmas is Coming**

This week things have begun to get a little Christmassy at the Care and Learning Centre. The children helped to decorate the Christmas tree, which is now looking beautiful in the room, and have also enjoyed taking part in our advent calendar activity. Each day, we move our Santa peg along the numbers on the advent tree and pick out one of the children's names from a bag. The lucky person then chooses a felt decoration to stick on the tree. There is great excitement each morning, waiting to see whose name will be picked! This activity has been great practise for turn taking and patience, as well as counting up to number 24. Our story this week has been, 'Dear Santa'. The children have loved joining in the refrain in a deep, Santa voice as well as dressing up in our Santa hats!

### **Song Time**

We would like to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Wednesday 17th December at 9.15 am. Come and find out about some of the amazing learning that has taken place this half term, including songs about Diwali, Fireworks and Christmas. If your child does not normally attend pre-school on Wednesday mornings, please bring them along to join in.

### **End of Term Dates**

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

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

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager