

# Newsletter 15

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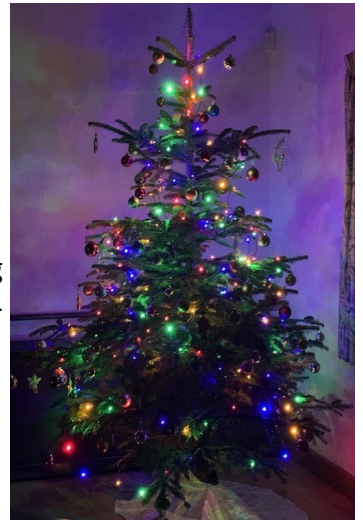
## A Merry Christmas To You All.

I am sure you will agree that at times it seemed as if the end of term would never come, but it has now well and truly arrived and everyone can look forward to some much needed 'down' time. If you celebrate Christmas, I hope you have a wonderful time enjoying the festivities with family and friends. For those members of the Monkfield Park Family who do not celebrate Christmas, I hope you enjoy the luxury of some time to relax and re-charge.

With the end of the year fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to you, our parents and families, our incredible volunteers and our amazing staff for everything you do to support our school and the children. Your support is appreciated and does not go un-noticed.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your very generous gifts, cards and your kind words, they are much appreciated. It just remains for me to send you all many good wishes for a joyful Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2026.

With best wishes  
Mrs Howell.



## Spreading Christmas Cheer

The choir visited Cavendish Court this week to sing carols for the residents and send them Christmas greetings from us all at Monkfield Park. The children were delighted to perform some much loved Christmas numbers and the residents were such a kind and appreciative audience.

## 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 final tour date before the submission dead-

### **Staff News**

Mrs Sheldon, Orange Class teacher and our EYFS Leader, has taken the decision to reduce her working hours to four days per week. From 1st January 2026, Mrs Sheldon will be working from Tuesday to Friday each week. We are very fortunate that Mrs Wilkinson, who is Yellow Class teacher on Fridays, has agreed to teach Orange Class on Mondays. Mrs Wilkinson is already know to many of you and knows the children well.

## **Sentence starters**

Ask your Reception child to sing you the Christmas pudding song.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how to make Christmas biscuit houses.

Ask your Year 2 child to re-tell the story of the Polar Express.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you who they would like to write a letter to.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe a mechanism used in their volcano pop up book and explain how it works.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the rule for adding fractions with different denominators.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain one of the methods for dividing fractions by a whole number.

### **Year 4 Christmas Concert**

This week saw our very talented musicians from Year 4 take to the stage to present their Christmas concert to their families and friends. Year 4 certainly know how to wow an audience and we were all so impressed as their mellifluous voices enraptured the audience and filled the hall with joyous, festive music and songs. Their spirited musical programme included several familiar seasonal pieces and some fine, traditional carol singing, wonderful solo performances from some of the very talented piano and violin players, as well as clear and confident readings. We were so proud of the children who brought home the true meaning of Christmas to us through their brilliant performance. Thank you for bringing Christmas alive for us Year 4.

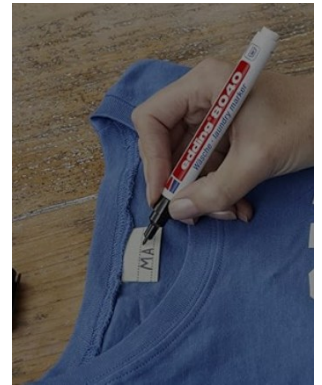
## Head Lice!

Sadly head lice don't know that it is Christmas and we have already been informed of a number of cases of head lice in school this week. As a mum, I appreciate what a scourge they are and how frustratingly difficult it is to break the cycle and banish these unwelcome visitors. We would appreciate your co-operation in managing this by thoroughly checking your child's hair each week and treating where necessary. There is no need to buy expensive treatments, as it is just as effective to apply conditioner to wet hair and use a lice comb to remove any live lice and eggs. Please don't forget that the whole family needs to be checked at the same time and that bedding should be thoroughly washed. More information and support can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## PLEASE NAME YOUR UNIFORM

Please, in preparation for the start of the new term in January, can you ensure that all items of school uniform and equipment that your child needs for school, including coats and wellington boots, are clearly named. This does not have to be a sewn in name tape and can simply be your child's name written in pen on the label or inside the boot. It makes it almost impossible to reunite lost/misplaced items with their owners without this. We already have a enormous pile of sweatshirts, cardigans, gloves, hats, coats and other items which we cannot reunite with their owners as they are not named.



## After School Clubs

Throughout the year we offer a wide range of extra curricular clubs for the children. Some take place before and after school, with others being held during the school day at lunchtimes. Many of the clubs are run by external providers whereas others are run by our dedicated staff. If you would like information about the clubs the school office will be happy to provide you with all the details. The photograph here shows some of our talented artists who attend our weekly art club with Mrs Flack. The children have been using a range of media across the weeks but this week the children had a festive theme and made their own Santa Claus decorations.

## FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026

**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

26th February—Y5 WOW Day

2nd to 6th March—International week

6th March—Mid term reports to parents

6th March—Cygnus Class assembly

13th March—Violet Class assembly

16th March—Y2 WOW Day

17th March—Parent Consultation Evening

19th March—Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby tournament

19th to 24th March— Book Fair in Main Hall

20th March—Green Class assembly

26th March—Parent Consultation evening



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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](mailto:clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01954 273377.

### **Song Time**

The children performed beautifully on Wednesday morning when we had our Song Time for parents and carers. We sang songs about Winter, Santa Claus and the Nativity Story, and everyone did so well at joining in and remembering so many words and actions.

We would like to wish all of the children and their families a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all back again on Tuesday 6th January for more Care and Learning Centre fun!

Best wishes

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager