

# Newsletter 36

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## Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot!

Goodness what a week it has been! When we were predicting hot weather this week, we could not have imagined that we would be breaking records with temperatures of 36.7C!

I am sorry that we had to re-schedule so many events due to the heat wave and I must apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused as the decisions had to be made at short notice. My priority when making decisions is always the safeguarding and health and safety of the children and staff.

The weather is predicted to be cooler next week and so we have been able to re-schedule all the cancelled events. The Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day will now be taking place next Thursday, 2nd July at 9.30 am.

The New Reception Parents' Evening for the children who will be joining us in September will now be taking place on Wednesday 1st July at 5.00 pm. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for these events.

Thank you for all your support and understanding throughout this week and for helping to make the voluntary, early collections work so smoothly.

Please remember that next Friday, 3rd July The Friends of Monkfield Park (FOMP) will be holding the annual Summer fete. As always this promises to be a fantastic event with something for everyone in the family—the range of activities is incredible and the members of FOMP have been working so hard to make this an unforgettable occasion.

With very best wishes,

*Mrs Howell*

## Don't Forget Your Hat!

According to the weather forecast, the sunshine is set to remain with us next week but the temperatures are predicted to be nearer to seasonal norms. Please can you make sure that your child brings a named,



re-fillable water bottle to school each day as it is very important that they keep hydrated. It is particularly important that your child brings a sun hat and sun cream to school each day. We are unable to apply sun cream for your child so please apply some before coming to school in the morning and encourage your child to practise applying it themselves on exposed skin.

Sun cream can contain nut oils so please can we ask that you check the ingredients before sending creams into school.

# Farm workshops

Farm workshops

Year 5 enjoyed a day on the farm this week courtesy of the Sweet Pea Organic Market Garden at Caxton. Throughout the morning the children had the opportunity to learn more about what is grown and how fertiliser is used on the farm. This was followed by a workshop where the children made items using clay from the farm, and examined some old images from the local area including Caxton Gibbett. In the afternoon they made some tree rubbings and explored the woodland including some den making.

## Staying Cool

As a school, we pride ourselves on being creative, quick thinking and able to adapt to any situation. The extreme temperatures and humidity have proved to be quite a challenge for us but, as ever, we have risen to that challenge and our staff have come up with some wonderful ways to keep the children safe and cool. We thought you would like to see how we have managed to keep everyone learning.

Ask your Reception child to explain how they can keep their bodies clean and healthy.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the month's of the year in order.

Ask your Year 2 child to name any poetic devices you can find in a poem.

Ask your Year 3 child to name as many 3D shapes as they can.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what a line of symmetry is and show you some examples.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how organic farmers are using worms to create fertiliser.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2026

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30th June—Year 2 Beach Trip

1st July—KS2 Sports Day

**1st July—New Reception 2026 Parents' Evening**

**2nd July—KS1 and Reception 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 Bikeability

## STAFF NEWS

As the end of the school year approaches we will be saying a fond farewell to a dedicated member of staff. Miss Santamaria has taken the decision to move nearer to her family and will be taking up a position at a school in Bristol. We send Miss Santamaria many good wishes and heartfelt thanks for her dedication to our school and for all that she has done to support our children .

We are very excited to welcome Miss Lowe as a new member of the Monkfield Park team. Miss Lowe will be taking up her teaching post in September, but her current school has agreed to release her to be with us for Move Up Morning on July 6th. This will give Miss Lowe the opportunity to meet her class. I am sure you will welcome Miss Lowe to the Monkfield Park family.

Mrs Lennon will also be with us for Move Up Morning so that she can meet her new class. Mrs Lennon will be returning to us from her secondment on 1st September.

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

### We are All Different

This week we have been celebrating our differences! We have looked at a book called 'We are all Different' and talked about each of our various hair, eye and skin colourings, as well as some of the differences we may have in our families - such as who we live with, languages and festivals. We discussed that, even though we may be different in some ways, in others we are the same, and that we can all be friends. At Together Time, we looked in a mirror and then described ourselves to our friends. We have also looked closely at our eyes and learnt the new vocabulary 'eyebrow', 'eyelash', 'pupil' and 'iris'. Next, we will be drawing our self portraits, thinking about the colours and features we have talked about together this week.

Best wishes

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager

