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## The Best Job in the World

Over the next two weeks we are taking part in the very exciting Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025 and it's free to take part, so we would love everyone to be involved. All you need to do is encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the two week event.

The Big Walk and Wheel challenge is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routines which is so important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside school. A YouGov study has shown that children worry about air pollution near their school and that they think active travel is the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Even more exciting, there are some great prizes to be won for our school if enough children take part!

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school which is packed with helpful advice for your journey to school. Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk). Do sign up for your free school run guide and support the children in helping to change our world for the better.

Best wishes

Mrs Howell



## Holidays in Term Time

### Attendance Matters



As we approach the Easter break, I am still receiving an increasing number of requests for children to be taken out of school to visit family members or for holidays abroad. The guidance from the Local Authority and the Department for Education does not allow the school to authorise absences in term time other than in very exceptional circumstances. Further details are available in our attendance policy which is available on the school's website. Please be aware that if children are taken on holiday or leave in term time, this will be counted as an unauthorised absence. This

is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a penalty notice fine being issued or prosecution in the Magistrates Court. We would urge you to adhere to the school holiday dates when planning holidays and family events. The term dates are available on the school's website .

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day. There is still time to make a donation if you missed the bucket collection on the playgrounds. Donations can be made via the JustGiving page by simply scanning the QR code.

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum donation allowed on JustGiving is £2.



## OPAL

The return of the sunshine has seen everyone luxuriating in being able to enjoy being on the field and the return of many of the activity zones which we were unable to access due to the mud. This week the children have enjoyed scooter boards, space hoppers, dressing up, tyre construction, bubbles, football and chalk pictures in addition to small world toys and Lego.





**We're taking part  
in the Sustrans  
Big Walk and Wheel  
2025 challenge.**

Join in by walking, wheeling,  
scooting or cycling to school  
between 24 March-4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

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## FOMP's Mothers and Others Crafternoon Tea



**Mothers & Others  
Crafternoon Tea**

**MARCH | 29 | 1 - 3 PM**  
Cambourne Church

Mothers & Others will enjoy a selection of  
Sandwiches, Cream Tea & Cake!

Children will enjoy a selection of sandwiches and  
snacks plus crafts, including create your own mini  
canvas OR photo frame plus lots more!

**Adult - £10.00 Child - £2.50**

Limited Tickets Available

Scan here for tickets

## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to move like a dinosaur.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you what seeds need to make them grow.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain how Florence changed hospitals in Scutari.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe an important or famous landmark from a different country.

Ask your Year 4 child to name as many mountain ranges as they can and describe where they can be found in the world.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between perimeter and area.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you what can affect the output of a circuit.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

- 25th March—Reception performance at 10am
- 25th March—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm via zoom
- 26th March—Reception performance at 2pm
- 27th March—Year 2 Florence Nightingale WOW Day
- 27th March—Year 5 Greek WOW Day
- 31st March to 4th April—Healthy Lifestyles Week
- 1st April—Team afternoon
- 2nd April—Team afternoon
- 3rd April—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm in person
- 4th April—Break up for Easter holiday
- 7th—21st April—EASTER HOLIDAY
- 22nd April—Children return to school
- 23rd April—Year 4 Indian WOW Day
- 29th—30th April—Y4 Burwell House Residential trip
- 2nd May—Dorado Class assembly
- 5th May—May Day Bank Holiday**
- 6th to 8th May—School Council Toy Sale
- 7th May—Reception Trip to South Angle Farm
- 12th to 15th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week
- 16th May—Blue Class assembly
- 19th to 23rd May—STEM Week
- 19th May—Reception Come and Share
- 21st May—Year 5 production at 2pm
- 22nd May—Year 5 production at 6pm
- 23rd May—Lacerta Class assembly
- 26th to 30th May—Half Term
- 2nd June—INSET Day**
- 3rd June—Children return to school**
- 4th to 6th June—Empathy Week
- 4th to 6th June—Phonic Screening Check week
- 9th to 13th June—Y4 Multiplication Check period



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: [cloffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:cloffice@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

### Owl Babies

Our story this week has been 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We have talked about the characters in the story and also learnt the word 'refrain', joining in with baby Bill's repeated words, "I want my mummy!". The children have had fun using the Owl Babies story set, acting out the story with their friends.



### Parent Consultations

This week you should all have received an email from the office with details of our upcoming Parent Consultations. Please contact the office via email or phone to make an appointment to see your child's Key Person and discuss how they are getting on at Pre-School.

Best wishes

*Jane Turner*

(Pre-School Manager)