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Remembering with Gratitude

We have all been confused by the Bank Holiday this week. It was quite a shock to realise that, although my head was convinced it was Wednesday, it was Thursday and I needed to write the newsletter!

On Thursday, along with the rest of the country, we marked the eightieth anniversary of VE Day, which saw the end of war in Europe on 8th May 1945. Although our celebrations were low key, the children took part in The Great Big Live Assembly which included inspiring stories, historical insights and messages from veterans who had fought in the war. Throughout the day the children learnt about what war was like for families at that time and the huge relief felt by everyone when six years of war finally came to an end. One of the main themes was gratitude and how we should never forget the sacrifices of all those who, as young men and women, gave their lives to ensure we had the freedoms we enjoy today. I remember my own mum describing how she was nine years old when the war started and was fifteen when they carried tables and chairs into the street for the VE Day street party. As the church bells rang out for the first time in six years she remembers tucking into dripping sandwiches and carrot biscuits! I think we have much to be grateful for.

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATS tests. The children have been working so hard to prepare for these tests so I want to send them my very best wishes and tell them how immensely proud we are of them all.

Mrs Howell

Are you Ready To Break the Rules?

Wear face paint, makeup or glitter
Cover yourself in temporary tattoos
Have a wacky hairstyle
Wear a wig or a hat
Paint your nails in different colours
Wear your favourite trainers or boots
Put on colourful socks and tights
or just wear non-uniform.

**There is a 'FINE' of 50p for each rule broken
or for £2.50 you can break all the rules on
the list!**



South Angle Farm

Orange class and Yellow class had a very exciting and educational day on Wednesday when they visited South Angle Farm at Soham. The children had the opportunity to touch and feed animals such as sheep, alpacas and pigs. They loved being able to hold the guinea pigs and stroke the rabbits



and touch the 19 year old tortoises! The highlight for many was interacting with the more unusual animals, including a snake, a tenrec and a giant millipede, which brought both thrills and a



new understanding of the wildlife at South Angle Farm



2025 ECO FESTIVAL CAMVC

REPAIR CAFÉ

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17TH MAY

Cambourne Village College,
Sheepfold Lane (CB23 6FR)



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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 2025 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.

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Sentence starters

- Ask your Reception child to give you some clues about their favourite farm animal. Can you guess which animal it is?
- Ask your Year 1 child to explain how to share an amount into equal groups.
- Ask your Year 2 child to explain what a microhabitat is.
- Ask your Year 3 child to explain how the body reacts to vaccinations.
- Ask your Year 4 child what similes they might use to describe the Indian Sun.
- Ask your Year 5 child to explain the meaning of interdependence.
- Ask your Year 6 child to explain the importance of sleep in managing stressful situation.

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

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

26th to 30th May—Half Term

2nd June—INSET Day

3rd June—Children return to school

3rd June—Catch Your Breath Workshops for Year 6

4th to 6th June—Empathy Week

4th to 6th June—Phonic Screening Check week

11th June—New Reception Come and Play session at 4pm

9th to 13th June—Y4 Multiplication Check period

13th June—Class photographs

18th June—Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

20th June—Lacerta Class assembly

20th June—Reserve Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

27th June—Aquila Class assembly

1st July—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—New Reception Parents' Evening

8th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

9th July—Year 4 World War 2 WOW Day

10th July—Year 6 performance at 6pm

11th July—Move up morning

11th July—End of year reports to parents

14th to 18th July—Year 6 PGL residential trip

22nd July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am

23rd July— Last day of term

24th July to 2nd September—Summer holiday

3rd September—Children return to school for the Autumn Term

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.

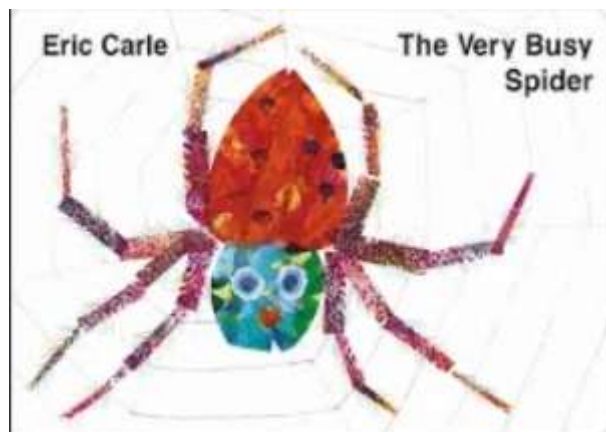
To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

The Very Busy Spider

This week, our 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, "The spider didn't answer. She was very busy spinning her web!" Lots of them went on to independently recall the refrains from other stories we have read this term. What fantastic remembering!

Later in the week, we have been finding out how many legs a spider has, as well as exploring the number of legs on other mini beasts. We have also looked around the classroom and garden to find spider's webs and of course, sang 'Insy Winsy Spider'.

If you come across a spider's web this weekend, please take a photo and send it to us via Evidence Me.



Jane Turner,
Early Years Teacher and Pre-School Manager