



Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their national end of Key Stage 2 assessments. I know everyone will join me in wishing them every success for the week. If possible, please could calls and drop-ins to the office during the mornings be minimised; all staff are involved in supporting the test administration process.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls who took part in a school's netball competition on Wednesday. They came 3rd and Miss Pritchard was very impressed with their conduct and skill on the court. Thank you also to all families who offered lifts and helped the children to enjoy this opportunity.

We are really keen to be able to offer our children a glimpse of life in the working world and would like to be able to inspire them to think about the different paths their future careers might take. We would like to ask parents and friends of the school to come and contribute to this learning. Please get in touch if you would be willing to spend a short time talking to a class group either in person or on Teams about your working life. All different types of jobs and careers would be interesting to the children, so it doesn't matter what the job is if you are passionate about it! Please get in touch if you think you could help. We would like every class to have some time learning about careers between 22nd and 26th of June.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Kind regards,

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School Choir

On Friday 22nd May, the choir have been invited to sing at the Parish Church Flower festival.

The children will be performing at 2.15pm. They will walk to and from the church with Miss Martin and Mrs. Worthington. Parents are welcome to come and listen, but children will return to school for pick up at the normal time. If you would like to accompany us as a parent volunteer, please contact the school office.

On Tuesday 19th May, our normal choir rehearsal will take place at the Parish church. The children will be walked down from school and will return to school afterwards. Please ensure children are dropped promptly at 8.25, so that we can maximise rehearsal time. Again, parent volunteers are welcome to join us.

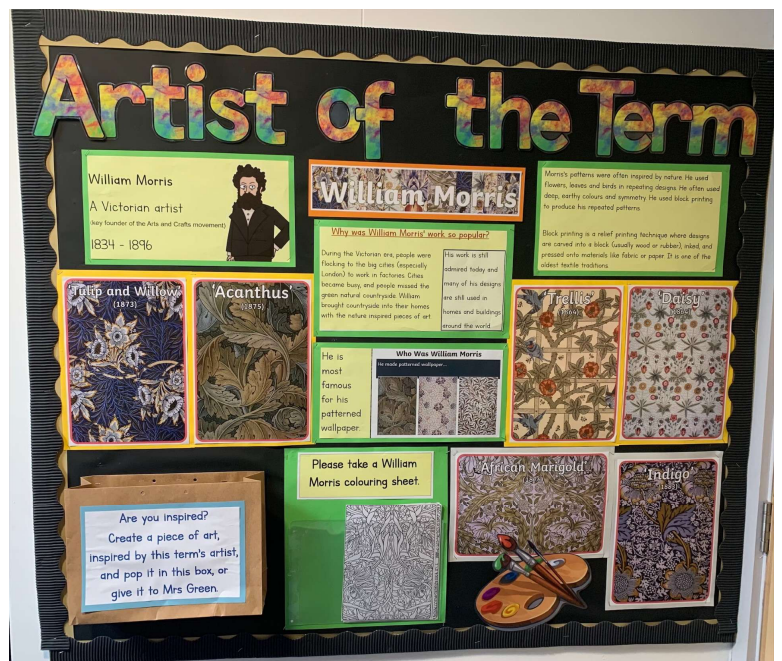
Online safety

I just want to remind everyone of the four Cs of on-line safety: Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce. It is important to have these conversations with your children. For further information, please visit the NSPCC website:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2023/september/4-cs-of-online-safety>

Artist of the term

This term, the artist is William Morris. Children are invited to create a piece of art inspired by his work. The Art Ambassadors will choose a winner.



School Attendance

Sickness Absence and Attendance:

If your child is unwell, please contact the school using the absence message line by calling the school by telephone (01332 862344) before 8.55am. Please do not inform us of your child(ren)'s absence by using Class Dojo.

Please note that exclusion periods will apply to certain illnesses.

Attendance, Appointments and Leave of Absence requests:

Our attendance policy, which can be found on the school website, sets out our approach to attendance at school. Every school day counts for your child and missed time means missed learning and opportunities. There are 365 days each year; of these 190 are school days which leaves 175 non school days for holidays, family time and appointments.

Requests for leave of absence will only be authorised for rare and exceptional circumstances.

Requests for leave of absence for holidays are only likely to be agreed for the most extenuating of circumstances. The majority of requests are likely to attract a penalty notice.

When children are away from school, or being collected early from school, they almost always tell us exactly what they have been up to, or where they are going – and it goes without saying that we love hearing about their adventures! Sometimes, what we hear from the children doesn't quite match the reason that school have been given about the absence; putting children, and school staff, in a difficult position. In the spirit of openness, we ask that parents/carers share with school the reason for any absence and understand why school will request written proof of appointments when they take place during school time.

School Holiday dates and INSET days:

All the school holiday dates and INSET days for 2026 – 27 academic year are available to view on the school website:

<https://www.melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk/school-holiday-dates-and-inset-days>

May half-term holiday club

Premier Education will be running a May half-term holiday club at Melbourne Infant School for children aged 5 – 11. If you would like to book your child onto the holiday club, please use the QR code on the poster below or follow the link to the website: [May half-term holiday club](#)

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MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles, during the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

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08:30 - 15:30
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Ages 5 - 11

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Including music from
Phantom of the Opera
Karl Jenkins' Requiem
Gershwin, Jerome Kern

at Melbourne Assembly Rooms
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026
SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2026
Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start

Tickets £12
from *wegottickets*
or choir members

Friday 8th May
Saturday 9th May

Friday 8th May:
<https://wegottickets.com/event/694905>

Saturday 9th May:
<https://wegottickets.com/event/694907>

There is a flyer attached with the newsletter about the spring programme of workshops for the new Humanity, Nature and Creativity project through Creative Melbourne which are taking place in May 2026.

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (4th – 8th May 2026) has been: 96.4%

Well done to Squirrel class which had 99.46% attendance this week.

Diary dates

| Date | What's On |
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| 18 th May 2026 | Wonderdome planetarium in school for all years |
| 20 th May 2026 | 5pm Year 4 parent meeting about the Multiplication Table Check |
| 21 st May 2026 | Year 5 production "Porridge" at 1.45pm and 5pm |
| Monday 1 st June 2026 | INSET day |
| 3 rd June 2026 | 10am Year 2 show round 4pm RSHE Parent drop-in |
| 16 th June 2026 | Y4 trip to Derby Museum and Derby Cathedral |
| 22 nd June 2026 | Y5 trip to Cadbury World |
| 30 th June 2026 | Year 2 new parents meeting |
| 7 th July 2026 | Disco night |
| 8 th and 9 th July 2026 | Transition days |
| 14 th July – morning | Sports Day |
| Monday 20 th July | Y6 trip to Staunton Harold Sailing Club |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | 9.15am Year Leavers Assembly Afternoon – Year 6 Leavers party |
| Friday 4 th September 2026 | INSET day |
| Monday 7 th September | Start of autumn term |
| Wednesday 16 th December | Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre |