



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, thank you for your support in this very hot weather and your commitment to prioritising keeping your children in school. The heat is difficult for many staff and children alike, but we will continue to try and maintain normal school days. However, the current forecast does look like we have more hot weather on the way. With this in mind, we may have to change some arrangements next week, and if temperatures remain in the high 20s or above, we will not go ahead with any planned events in our school hall in the afternoons or evening. I am conscious that we may have to re-arrange both sports day and one of the Year 6 performances. Please keep an eye on Dojo for updates.



On a positive note, our governing body have kindly authorised the installation of air-conditioning units in some of our classrooms. This will really help to future-proof the school and make learning a better experience for our children. We hope that this work will go ahead in the next few months.

Kind regards,

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PTA disco

Thank you to all parents and staff who supported the PTA disco on Tuesday evening, the children had a wonderful time dancing and playing games with DJ Jack and the whole event raised about £700 towards resources for the school.



Medication collection

Please can ALL medication be collected from under the veranda on the last day of the summer term – Thursday 23rd July 2026. This includes all asthma inhalers and epipens.



Request for donations

If any parents are having a sort out at home and have any donations of the following Mrs Harnden and Mrs Jackson would be very grateful:

- educational Orchard games
- books that your children may have enjoyed listening to when at infant school
- Ikea Kallax units any size

Keeping cool



We have been doing our best to keep cool in this hot weather with a hose and sprinkler and lots of paddling pools and watering cans. All the staff and children have done brilliantly this week in the very hot weather.

Creative Melbourne summer workshops

Clay Creations 2

Join Creative Melbourne and the Athenaeum Hub's SEND Peer Support Group for a Summer holiday family workshop exploring the tactile sensory nature of clay modelling. This workshop is led by Nita Rao and will be outdoors (weather permitting!) in a relaxed session for parents of children with disabilities and their families in a safe and enjoyable setting.

At the Atheneum Hub, Wesley Hall, Potter Street, Melbourne, DE73 8EJ
Wednesday 29th July -from 1.00 – 3.00pm drop in or stay all afternoon!

Inspired by Nature

A sociable, playful workshop led by Jane Bevan letting your imagination run wild and creating your own imaginary insect using natural materials foraged on a short stroll around Melbourne at the start of the workshop to collect twigs, feathers, seeds and leaves and enjoy watching butterflies & bugs in their natural environment.

This workshop is for families and friends.

At the Honor Room, St. Michaels House, Melbourne Parish Church DE73 8JH and around Melbourne Pool. 19th August - from 1.30 – 3.30pm

To reserve a space on any of these workshops call 07962 430450 or email makeit-creativemelbourne@outlook.com

Free School Meals

From September 2026 all families in receipt of Universal credit will be eligible for Free School Meals in school. To check whether your child is eligible, please follow the link below:

[Free School Meal checker](#)

All Families in Receipt of Universal Credit can get Free School Meals from September 2026

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free meals.

Children in Year 3 and above may also be eligible.

Three ways to check if you qualify:

- Use the free school meals checker online - simply scan the QR code
- Contact the team by email or telephone, details overleaf
- Ask at your school for further information

Good to know:

Once registered, you don't need to reapply each year. Your eligibility is checked automatically every month.



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If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?

Eligible pupils attract Pupil Premium, additional funding for the school. This enables the school to support families in appropriate ways, for example this could include help with:

- residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- Holiday Activity Funded (HAF) Places
- music lessons

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
email: checking@derbyshire.gov.uk
telephone: 01629 536481



Melbourne Parish Council summer holiday activities at MJS

SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2026

FREE summer sessions funded by
Melbourne Parish Council

Weds 29 th July	10am-12	Play & sports mobile
Mon 3 rd August	2-4pm	Adventure & sports mobile
Thurs 13 th August	10am-12	Play & sports mobile
Fri 21 st August	1-4pm	Big Fun Friday

AT:

Melbourne Junior School, Playing Field
Pack Horse Road, Melbourne

All activities are weather dependant. Parents/carers must complete a consent form BEFORE children and young people take part in activities.

The full Summer Activities calendar can be
downloaded at www.southderbyshire.gov.uk



For further information on Active South
Derbyshire's Summer Activities please email
Active.SD@southderbyshire.gov.uk
or call 01283 595873



New school signage

Thank you to Paul Wilson and the team at Melbourne Print for the new school sign which has been fitted today.



School Choir



Miss Martin would like to invite all parents of Choir members to an "informal" Choir Concert on Monday 13th July at 9.30am in the school hall, to celebrate the beautiful work of our Choir singers, this will also include songs of the children who have been having singing lessons with Paul Marshall from Derby Cathedral. Please note that no tickets will be required for this concert.

Please also note, on week commencing, 13th July, Choir rehearsal will take place on Monday morning rather than Tuesday morning.

Cleaning vacancy

WE ARE HIRING

WHAT

School Cleaners

WHERE

Melbourne, DE73 8JE

DETAILS

2x vacancies

Mondays: 15:15 – 19:00 Tuesday – Friday: 15:15 – 18:30

Monday – Thursday: 15:15 – 17:15 Fridays: 15:15 – 17:45

APPLY

Email admin@clean-slate.co.uk
or call 01332 573555

For more information please call / email us or
visit or www.clean-slate.co.uk



Melbourne Tennis Club – Sunday 12th July 2026

OPEN DAY

Give tennis a go!

Everyone welcome!

Whether you've never picked up a racquet before or you're looking to get back on court, come along and give tennis a go in a friendly and relaxed environment.

- ✓ Try tennis for free
- ✓ All ages and abilities welcome
- ✓ Racquets and balls provided



12th July



1–3pm

Melbourne Tennis Club
Melbourne Sports Facility
Cockshut Lane
Melbourne
Derbyshire
DE73 8DG



MELBOURNE

TENNIS CLUB

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (6th – 10th July 2026) has been: 95.29%

Well done to Pinemartin class which had 97.93% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
14 th July – morning	Sports Day 9.15am – 11.15am approximately
Thursday 16 th July	9.30am and 5pm Y6 performance (if temperature is too hot for the afternoon performance, there will be a reserve date of 17 th July at 9.30am)
Monday 20 th July	Y6 trip to Staunton Harold Sailing Club
Tuesday 21 st July – morning	Reserve Sports Day 9.15 – 11.15am approximately
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
Monday 14 th September	Flu immunisation team visit
Friday 16 th October	Athlete visit to school
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween Disco
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see ‘The Railway Children’ at Derby Theatre
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Disco