



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year. A huge thank you to you all from myself and my leadership team, Mrs. van Rooyen and Mrs. Missin, for all the support you have offered our team and your children over this year.

This week, we have been entertained and delighted by Year 6's fantastic performance of 'I'm an 11-year-old get me out of here!'. What a highlight! It was wonderful to see so many of the children really excelling on stage.

I very much hope you all enjoyed Sports Day. Due to the heat, we had slightly scaled back our competitive element, but judging by everyone's enthusiasm we will be able to have even more opportunities for racing next year.

Looking ahead to September, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to our first whole school art exhibition organised by Mini - Master Works. This will take place on the afternoon of 29th September. Parents and friends will have the chance to come in to school to see and, if they would like to, buy art-work that the children create as part of our 'Start Right' activities.



Finally, we must say goodbye and send our best wishes to Mrs. Cavanagh as she leaves us at the end of term. Mrs. Cavanagh, thank you for the ten years you have spent with us!

Kind regards,

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Sports Day

The results were very close on Sports Day but here is a picture of the Year 6 members of Strutt house who were the winners in 2026.



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



Summer holidays 2026



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free
**ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLSKids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026**BREWDOG**

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTERKids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026**HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYSKids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)**THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERYKids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026**TURTLE BAY**

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

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 epi-pens.



Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (13th – 17th July 2026) has been: 94.2%

Well done to Bee class which had 96.55% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
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
Tues 29 th September	Mini-Master artworks
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