



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely, settled second week back at school. We are in the process of selecting our pupil representatives for our Gladiators, Arts Ambassadors and Book Worms. All these groups help us to fulfil our commitment to Article 12 of the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). This article is about giving young people the chance to speak up about issues that matter to them. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children to make applications to become part of one of these groups.

On Monday, we are looking forward to welcoming families in as part of our Open Classrooms event. Classroom doors will be open between 3.25pm and 4pm for parents to pop in.

Kind regards,

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## **Secondary School applications**

Secondary school: Parents of children in Year 6 have until 31<sup>st</sup> October to apply for a school place for their child. Please be aware that it is prudent to apply for the local area school (Chellaston Academy) even if you have made applications to other schools, including independent schools. This also includes parents who may be considering a home-schooling model. Chellaston Academy becomes very over subscribed and if plans change, there is no guarantee of securing a place after applications have closed. In the past this has led to children being allocated schools a long way away.

## **Choir and Singing lessons**

Choir starts again on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.30am. This is a free club open to all year groups.

Singing lessons will also start again on 21<sup>st</sup> of September. These cost £21 for a half hour session. If parents are interested, they should contact the school office.

## **After School club - Gymnastics**

There are a few places available for the after-school gymnastics which is on Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30pm, if your child would like to attend, please follow the link below:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6278/?location=Melbourne%20Junior%20School&distance=0.0&distance=0.0>

## **Lunchtime clubs – nerf and archery**

The nerf and archery lunchtime clubs started this week. The nerf is proving so popular that a second lunchtime club has been set up starting on Monday. If your child would like to take part, please follow the link below to book and pay for a space:

<https://sh-active-sports.classforkids.io/venue/185/melbourne-junior-school>

## Wraparound Care

If you require wraparound care for your child, there is a breakfast club run by Premier Education at Melbourne Infant School from 7.30 – 9am. Please follow the link below if you would like to book a place for your child:

[Premier Education Breakfast Club](#)

Progressive Kids run an after-school club at Melbourne Junior School from 3.30 – 5.30pm each day. There is a flyer attached to the general weekly email and the link to their website is below if you would like to book a place for your child:

[Progressive Kids after-school club](#)

## Activities in Melbourne

**MELBOURNE DYNAMO U12 GIRLS**

**UNATTACHED PLAYERS WANTED** 2026/27 SEASON

**PLAYING AT TIER 6**

- GOALKEEPER NEEDED
- MATCHES ON SATURDAYS IN THE OGIL
- TRAINING MONDAY EVENINGS ON 3G PITCH
- UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES
- FANTASTIC CLUBHOUSE & TRAINING FACILITIES
- CLEAR DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY INTO SENIOR WOMEN'S FOOTBALL PLAYING AT TIER 6
- FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITH PLENTY OF PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

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**PLEASE CONTACT LAURA: 07891 731886**

# Magical Mayhem



Friday  
25<sup>th</sup> September

## Magic Show

5 – 6pm

for children age 5 - 18  
Come and enjoy the magic!  
Laugh at the brilliant illusions!



## Marvellous Balloons

6:30 – 7:30pm

for young people age 8 – 18  
Create a super-hero costume!  
Not to be missed!

at *Melbourne Parish Church*

Adults and under two's free

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Tickets £3 from Rachel 07752 686000 [rachel@coupe.me.uk](mailto:rachel@coupe.me.uk)  
or the Church Vestry or The Gallery on Church Street  
or on the door, if space available

**Weekly attendance**

Whole school attendance for this week (14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026) has been: 97.77%

Well done to Otter class which had 98.39% attendance this week.

**Diary dates**

| Date                                | Event                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September   | Open classrooms 3.30 – 4pm                                                                     |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September  | First Choir session 8.15am in school hall                                                      |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> September     | Mini-Master artworks                                                                           |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> September      | Y4 parents meeting about Lea Green residential trip                                            |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October     | Athlete visit to school                                                                        |
| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> October        | Parents Evening                                                                                |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   | Halloween Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay                                                      |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November   | Parents Evening                                                                                |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November  | Pudsey Ramble (reserve date Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November)                                  |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre - £17.85 payable on Parentpay |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay                                                      |