Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our art exhibition on Tuesday 29th September. Children have created artwork inspired by the Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane. Their work has been professionally framed, and parents can buy if they would like to. As a school we are not making any profit from the exhibition but want the children to experience having their artwork displayed and celebrated. The exhibition will be open to parents from 3.15pm to 4.30pm in the school hall. Mrs. Green and the Arts Ambassadors will be selling teas and coffees during this time.

Over the next few weeks, we are hoping to recruit a PTA to support fundraising activities for the school. If any parents are interested in volunteering to be part of this, please contact Kirstie Ryley in the school office or email info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Parents will be aware that there have been changes to the number of children eligible for free school meals. Children in receipt of this benefit now fall into two groups: Targeted and Expanded. The school office will contact parents directly who are eligible for either expanded or targeted free school meals, or in receipt of the pupil premium grant, to explain the benefits that these groups can bring.

Kind regards,

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Secondary School applications

Secondary school: Parents of children in Year 6 have until 31st 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.

PTA Halloween disco



The next school disco is taking place on Thursday 22nd October, please make a payment via Parentpay to confirm your child's place.

If you are able to help out at either of the discos, please would you email the school office: info@melbourne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

There will also be a pumpkin carving competition and display. Please bring your pumpkins to school on Monday 19th October and make a £1 donation via Parentpay,

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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

INSET day dates for 2027-28

The INSET days for the next academic year have been agreed:

Monday 6th September 2027
Monday 1st November 2027
Monday 29th Feb 2028
Monday 5th June 2028
Monday 24th July 2028

October half-term holiday club – Melbourne Infant School



Spanish lunchtime club

Introducing Kidslingo to Melbourne Junior School!

We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Wednesday Lunchtime Spanish Club from Monday 9th November 2026 for all year groups.
To enrol your child, please follow the link below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity.



At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun. We use stories, games, songs, role play and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.

Class details:

- **30 minute classes on Mondays 12.20pm-12.50pm.**
- **Starting on Monday 9th November 2026 with a maximum of 15 children.** Please note that the club with only run if there is sufficient demand.
- **£5.50 per class, payable in half term blocks. 2% handling fee applies to all bookings. Existing customers will have priority booking at the renewal for the next half term.**
- **We will provide worksheets related to the class activities**
- **You will receive FREE access to the Kidslingo games website with over 250 games**

To register your child, please go to the following link and scroll to 'school age classes' and click 'enrol now' for the Melbourne Junior School class. **Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-southderbyshire/

If you have any questions, please visit www.kidslingo.co.uk/faqs/ or email nicola.roseby@kidslingo.co.uk if you have any problems with registering. All Kidslingo teachers are fully trained, insured and holds an enhanced DBS / PVG certificate.

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice

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Parent Carer Workshop: Emotional Regulation

Date: Wednesday 28th October
Time: 10am - 11am
Location: Online via Microsoft Teams
Facilitator: Kirsty Struthers, DCC Educational Psychologist

Join us for a relaxed and informative online workshop exploring how children experience and express emotions. We'll discuss why emotional regulation can be particularly challenging for some children and how their responses often reflect underlying needs.
This session will provide practical strategies you can use at home to support your child's emotional wellbeing. Our aim is to empower parents and carers with tools that:

- Honour each child's individuality
- Nurture connection
- Promote wellbeing



For more information and to book your place please visit
https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/

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Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (21st – 25th September 2026) has been: 97.54%

Well done to Hedgehog class which had 98.75% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
Tues 29th September	Mini-Master artworks – parents to view artwork display from 3.15 – 4.30pm
Wed 30th September	Y4 parents meeting about Lea Green residential trip
Friday 2nd October	Individual class photos. Sibling family groups available before school from 8.15am, turn up and queue.
Friday 16th October	Athlete visit to school
Monday 19th October	Pumpkin carving drop off day
Tue 20th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd October	Halloween Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay
Friday 23rd October	Padley Centre to collect harvest festival donations
Thursday 5th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 12th November	Pudsey Ramble (reserve date Friday 13th November)
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre - £17.85 payable on Parentpay
Tuesday 1st December	New pupil open day 10am/ 12 noon
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December	Year 4 residential trip to Lea Green
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay