Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Mini Masterpieces art exhibition. I hope you enjoyed seeing the children's work. You may also have noticed that we purchased some pieces as a school. You can see work by Emma (Year 6), Finn (Year 4), Finn (Year 3), Aria (Year 5) and Matilda (Year 5) displayed in our entrance foyer.

Well done to our wonderful Kitchen staff. They have again achieved a 5-star rating in their Environmental Health inspection.



As autumn rolls on, the children are learning about Harvest Festival. This teaches them about Article 27 of the UNCRC: the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live. Again, we will be supporting the Padley Centre in Derby and would welcome donations of food and toiletries, please see the Padley Centre wishlist later in the newsletter. Please only give what you can afford - we will be collecting items from Monday 12th of October ready to be sent on Friday 23rd.

Kind regards,

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Parent Governor vacancy

There are currently two vacancies for the position of parent governor at Melbourne Junior School. If you are interested in volunteering to support the school and can commit to giving 2-4 hours a month, please contact Kirstie Ryley in the school office for more information.

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,

Padley Centre Harvest wishlist

The Harvest Festival collection is for the Padley Centre in Derby. We will be collecting donations in school from Monday 12th October 2026.

Our Harvest Wishlist:

- ☐ Instant noodles/noodle pots
- ☐ Rice pots
- ☐ Microwave rice
- ☐ Tuna snack pots
- ☐ Tinned tuna
- ☐ Cereal (up to 700g boxes)
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ UHT milk
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Custard
- ☐ Tinned fruit
- ☐ Baked beans
- ☐ Tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
- ☐ Tinned potatoes
- ☐ Tinned tomatoes
- ☐ Brown sauce
- ☐ Tinned meat meals
- ☐ Tinned soup
- ☐ Cooking sauces (jars)
- ☐ Snack pot porridge
- ☐ Kitchen roll
- ☐ Toilet roll
- ☐ Washing powder / gel
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Self-raising flour
- ☐ Golden syrup

There are some items we don't need / cannot accept

- ✗ Fresh veg
- ✗ Bags of Dry Pasta
- ✗ Bags of Dry Rice
- ✗ Household cleaning products
- ✗ Medical products
- ✗ Tinned lentils and pulses
- ✗ Used toiletries

Get in touch

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Scan to visit our website

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.

Melbourne Junior School

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Inter-House running event





Mini-Masterpieces art exhibition






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A BAND FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS
BLAST OFF!
LEARN THE BASICS OF WOODWIND OR BRASS INSTRUMENTS IN A FUN, FRIENDLY GROUP!
YOUR MUSICAL ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!
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Try different instruments to find the one that suits your child.
WE CAN LOAN YOU INSTRUMENTS!
No need to buy – we can even loan you instruments.
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Make new friends, learn together and grow in confidence!
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TUESDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY)
6PM – 7PM
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JOIN US AND START YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY!
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CLUB BAND
READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?
If you can already play a few notes, Club Band is the perfect place to develop your skills, make friends and have fun making music together.
JOIN THE FUN!
BUILD CONFIDENCE
Develop your skills and grow as a musician.
LEARN NEW MUSIC
Play exciting music and take on new challenges.
PLAY TOGETHER
Experience the fun of playing in a real band.
MAKE FRIENDS
Be part of a friendly and supportive group.
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FUN CHOIR
Make new friends and have fun singing!
DEVELOP YOUR VOICE
Build confidence and improve your singing skills.
PERFORM AT CONCERTS
Take to the stage and be part of amaziing performances!
Y2 – Y6
THE PINGLE ACADEMY SWADLINCOTE
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MUSIC FOR EVERYONE!
JOIN ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY GROUPS TODAY!
OUR GROUPS
TUESDAYS – THE PINGLE ACADEMY
KINDER CHOIR (RECEPTION & YEAR 1) 5:10pm – 5:55pm
JUNIOR CHOIR (YEARS 2–6) 5:10pm – 6:00pm
YOUTH CHOIR (YEARS 7–13) 5:10pm – 6:00pm
DOUBLE REED CHOIR 5:30pm – 6:00pm
BLAST OFF! (STARTER BAND) 6:10pm – 7:00pm
CLUB BAND 6:10pm – 7:00pm
JUNIOR BAND 6:10pm – 7:00pm
FAMILY BRASS BAND (GRADE 4 STANDARD OR ABOVE) 7:15pm – 8:15pm
THURSDAYS – ETWALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
BLOW YOUR HEART OUT (SATELLITE BAND) 4:30pm – 5:15pm
Students from local schools welcome!
FRIDAYS – THE PINGLE ACADEMY
SENIOR ENSEMBLES (BRASS, HORN CHOIR, WOODWIND, PERCUSSION) 6:00pm – 6:45pm
CONCERT WIND BAND 7:00pm – 8:00pm
MAKE FRIENDS
Be part of a welcoming and supportive music community.
DEVELOP SKILLS
Build confidence, improve your playing and enjoy making music together.
HAVE FUN
Great music, great people and lots of fun at every rehearsal and concert!
WHEN?
Term time only (Derbyshire term dates)
WHERE?
The Pingle Academy Swadlincote DE11 0QA
(Except Thursdays – Etwall Primary School)
COST
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£6 per week (Fridays only)
Paid at the beginning of each half term.
NEW MEMBERS
Try your first 2 sessions FREE!
ALL WELCOME
Come and be part of the music!
READY TO JOIN?
COME ALONG AND BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING!
MORE INFO
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Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (28th September – 2nd October 2026) has been: 96.95%

Well done to Hedgehog class which had 99.69% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
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/ 2pm
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December	Year 4 residential trip to Lea Green
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay