Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the inter-schools Cross Country competition at Linton Primary School on Thursday. A particular well done to Winter, Gracie, Nico and Jenson who secured first or second place in their races. Year 3 and 4 children, and year 5 and 6 boys qualified for the county finals. Well done to everyone! Thank you to all parents who provided lifts, this is so helpful and enables us to enter this type of competition.

As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, we are trying to recruit some new members to our PTA. If you are interested in supporting us to raise funds as a school and create opportunities for the children, please contact Kirstie Ryley in the school office. This year, the funds that we raise through the PTA will go towards renovating our ball court. We are trying to raise in excess of £20,000 towards this over the next two years.

On Tuesday 24th November, local family support charity, Children First, will be holding a drop-in coffee morning at Melbourne Junior School for parents of children with additional needs. This will be an informal opportunity for parents to meet support workers and ask questions about SEND, additional needs and support available within Derbyshire. There is no need to book for this event, and all are welcome.

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

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Melbourne Junior School open day



Student Christmas dinner day

The school Christmas dinner will be taking place on Tuesday 15th December.

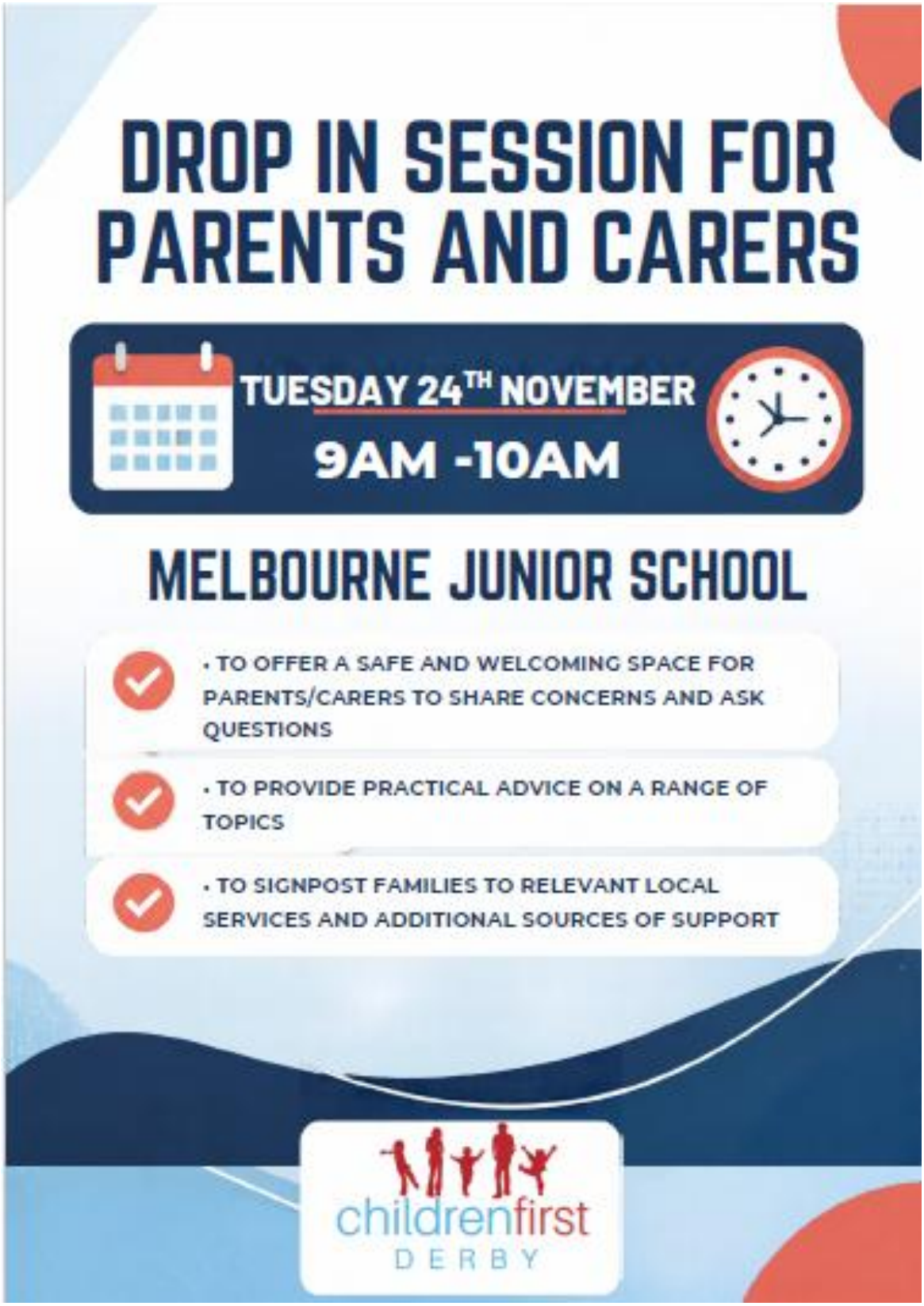
The school kitchen has to pre-order the food by **Thursday 12th November 2026** due to the large numbers of meals that they must prepare on the day.

Please can we ask that ALL parents complete the form below to pre-order the Christmas dinner or confirm that their child will be bringing a packed lunch on that day.

If a meal has not been pre-ordered for the Christmas dinner day, you will be called to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

School Christmas dinner - pre-order

Children First – drop in session for parents



SEND sessions for parents





A Choir'd Taste concert




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BLAST OFF!
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YOUR MUSICAL ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!
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Try different instruments to find the one that suits your child.
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6PM – 7PM
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JOIN US AND START YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY!
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MAKE MUSIC. MAKE FRIENDS. BE AMAZING!
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
£4 per session (Tuesdays)
£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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Melbourne Junior School

9th October 2026

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (5th – 9th October 2026) has been: 95.45%

Well done to Eagle class which has 98.93% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	Event
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)
Tuesday 24th November	Children First drop-in session
Tuesday 1st December	New pupil open day 10am/ 12 noon
Wednesday 2nd December	Carol Service 2pm
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December	Year 4 residential trip to Lea Green
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Disco - £6 payable on Parentpay
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre - £17.85 payable on Parentpay