Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the parent appointments on Tuesday. While most people were able to book appointments, I know some people have struggled to do so. If you are still having difficulties with this, please contact Kirstie Ryley in the school office.

As you may be aware, schools are now required to have a 'mobile phone' policy that sets out expectations for use of phones by children and other members of the school community. I know that for most of our children, having a mobile phone is something for the future, but we do see increasing numbers of children in Year 6 bringing their phones to school. Please can we remind parents that if your child wishes to bring a phone to school, they must hand it in to their class teacher on arrival and it must remain switched off at all times while on the school premises.

Next week, we have our discos and our pumpkin competition, both of which raise money for our PTA. Then - a well deserved half term break!

Please remember to check Dojo and key dates on this newsletter; next term is a busy one.

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the harvest collection so far, all donations are being collected in the school office. The Harvest Festival collection is for the Padley Centre in Derby. We will be collecting donations in school from Monday 12th October 2026.



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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.

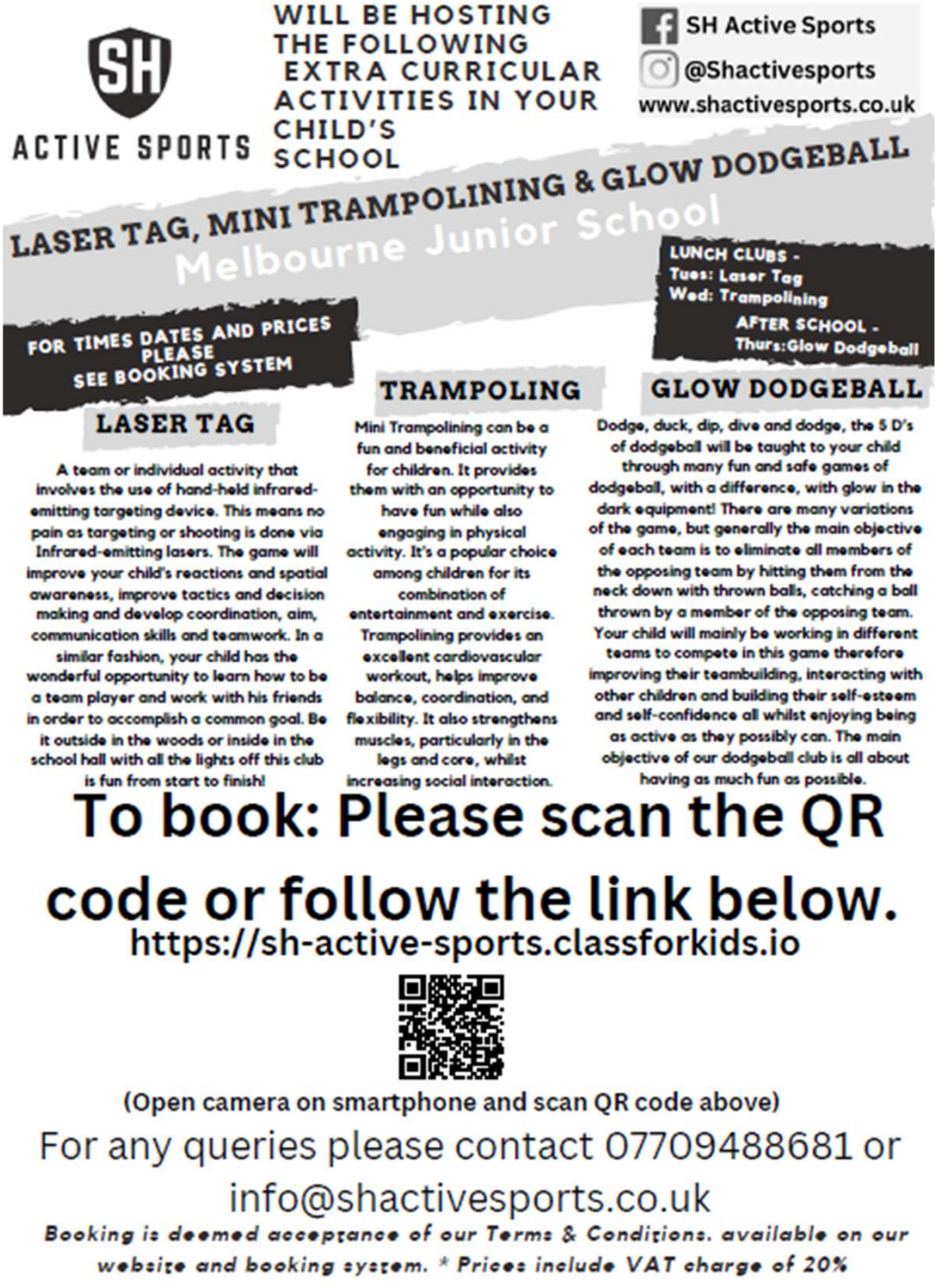
Please can we ask that ALL parents complete the form below to pre-order the Christmas dinner or confirm that their child will be bringing a packed lunch on that day.

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

SH Active clubs

After the success of the nerf and archery lunchtime clubs, SH Active are offering laser tag and mini trampolining lunchtime clubs after the October half-term holiday and Glow in the Dark dodgeball after school on Thursdays. If you child would like to take part in any of these clubs, please follow the booking link below:



[Booking link for SH Active clubs at Melbourne Junior 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**

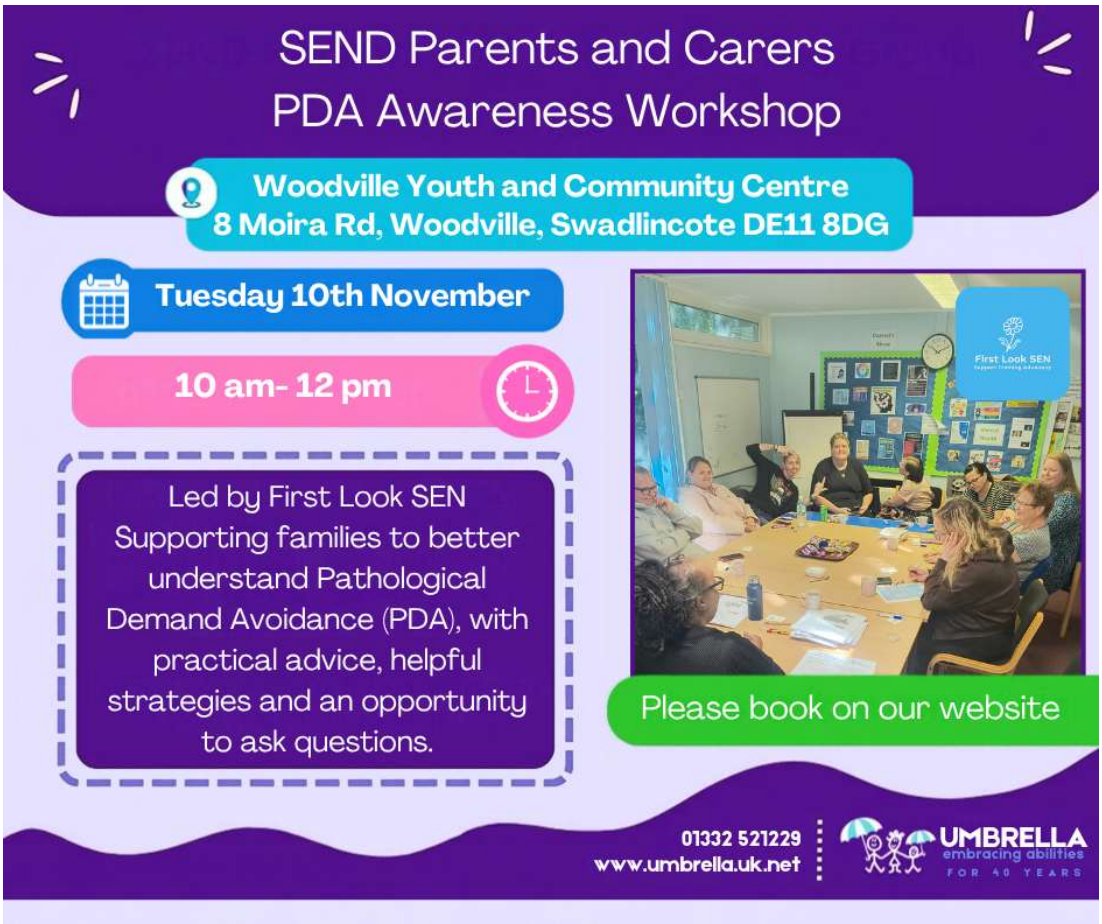
To register your child, please go to the following link and scroll to 'school age classes' and click 'enrol now' for the Melbourne Junior School class. **Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

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.

SEND sessions for parents

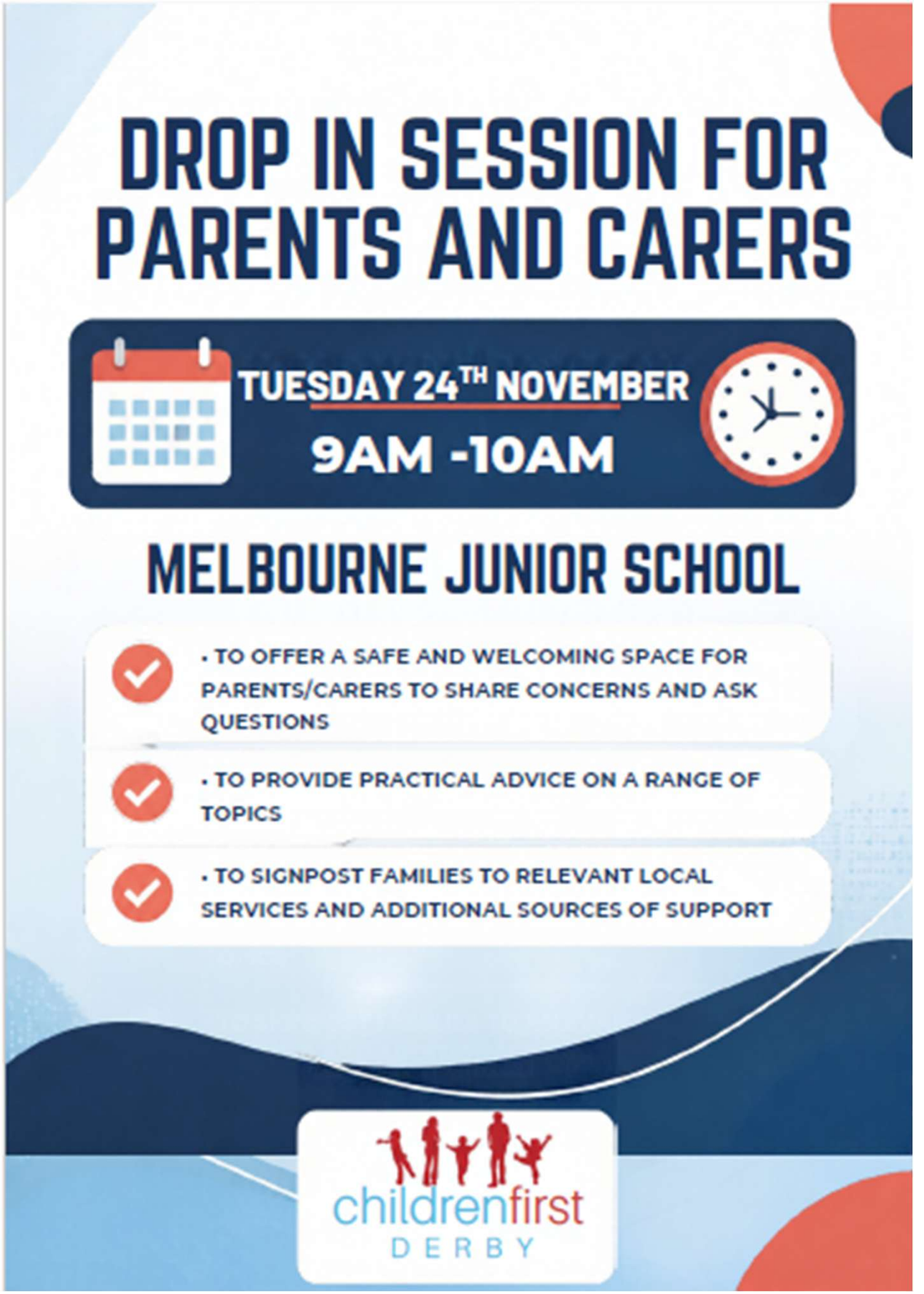




Emerging musical talent 2026



Children First – drop in session for parents



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Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (12th – 16th October 2026) has been: 97.23%

Well done to Hedgehog class which has 98.44% 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